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Ms. Kimpton called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Roll Call: Marcianne Kimpton-present, Newell Beaumier-present, Charles Boehnlein-present

Visitors: Edward Hale

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the August 24, 2011 meeting minutes and Mr. Beaumier seconded. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Mr. Hale commended the Cemetery Board on the beautiful restoration of stones that has been done at the Cemetery. Mr. Hale looked into the company that completed the work and said he was surprised at how busy they are with this type of work. Ms. Dahlhausen said Stonehugger Monument Restoration will be sending the books of the stones that were cleaned and repaired this year and last year.

The “stay off ledge” signs for the Veterans Memorial were put up last week. The application for the historic plaque for the cemetery is due next week and the wording is drafted. Ms. Dahlhausen is working diligently to make the deadline.

The Board reviewed the foundation and open/close prices for 2011, which didn't increase. Mr. Gingerich added a 20% charge to the open/close cost for an urn that is larger than the basic urn size. Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the open/close prices quoted by Gingerich Excavating for 2012 and Mr. Beaumier seconded. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the foundation prices quoted by Jim Szuszkiewicz for 2012 and Mr. Beaumier seconded. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to add a \$15 surcharge every year to all open/close and foundation prices and Mr. Beaumier seconded. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Ms. Dahlhausen stated that Mr. Friihauf would like to pour his own foundation for his monument. The Village Solicitor, Mr. Hicks, has advised against this request. All Board members strongly felt it's a bad idea to allow anyone to dig in our cemetery and denied the request.

Ms. Dahlhausen presented some wording for an addition to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations: *Sandstone monuments are not permitted in Welton Cemetery.* Mr. Boehnlein moved to recommend the addition to the Cemetery Rules to the Village Council and Mr. Beaumier seconded. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

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Ms. Kimpton would like the myrtle that is growing under the sign and near the exit drive removed. There are weeds growing in it and it would look better with grass. She also stated that Ms. Dahlhausen may have determined where the “mystery” child Bobby stone may go. Ms. Dahlhausen stated that she has to do some additional investigating.

Ms. Kimpton said there are many small metal markers in the old section that almost look like the Veteran Markers, but we aren’t sure of their purpose. They are rusted she would like them removed if they are for a religion, etc. It was suggested to ask the Fire Department if they have any markers that they maintain first. If not, they will be pulled and stored at the Street Department.

The 2012 budget was discussed. Ms. Dahlhausen brought attention to the Cemetery Capital Improvement Plan and stated that there are plans in the future to put a retention wall on the curve on Goodwin Ave and extend the sidewalk to the houses by the American Legion. The plans might include removing the east pillar, so it was suggested against a new fence until this project is complete. Since they will not be installing a new fence, the Board would like to obtain quotes to refurbish the existing front fence and would like to budget for extra tree removal in the new section for 2012 that they were planning on completing in 2013. The Cemetery Board is requesting \$33,901 for their 2012 budget.

Mr. Boehnlein made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Beaumier seconded. The Welton Cemetery meeting adjourned at 4:49 PM.

Board President

Cemetery Clerk