

# *Welton Cemetery Meeting Minutes*

## **January 11, 2017**

Ms. Kimpton called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

**Roll Call:** Marcianne Kimpton – present; Arleen Richardson – present; Newell Beaumier -- present

**Council Representative:** Roberta Dobay – present

**Visitors:** Lisa Hernandez

**Clerks Report:**

Mrs. Kimpton made a motion to accept the minutes of November 16, 2016. Mr. Beaumier seconded. By voice vote, motion passed.

**Old Business:**

The Board discussed the bench that had been placed in the cemetery by unknown persons. No one on the board recalled being contacted by anyone seeking permission to put the bench up. Ms. Kimpton expressed concern that the Cemetery Board could be held liable if anyone was injured due to the bench being there. Ms. Dobay agreed, and felt that the family should be contacted, except that no one knows who put it there. Mr. Beaumier offered to consult legal counsel to ask if the Cemetery Board or Village would be responsible if someone suffered an injury due to the bench. Until the Board has an answer to that question, and because of safety concerns, the Board felt it would be best to have the bench removed. Ms. Kimpton made a motion to have the bench removed and Ms Richardson seconded it. By voice vote, the motion passed. If, at a later date the Board learns who placed the bench there, Ms. Richardson would like a letter sent to them, informing them that they are in violation of Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

**New Business:**

The Board decided to move their regular meeting time from 10 am to 11 am.

The Board reviewed and approved price lists of Owen Gingerich for excavation and Jim Szuskiewicz for foundations. Ms. Dobay noted that Welton Cemetery has the lowest rates in the County, and suggested that the Board consider raising prices for non-resident burial plots, at least.

Ms. Hernandez relayed a request by former Burton resident, Dale Bowman, who would like to purchase a plot in the Cemetery at resident prices, because he and his family lived in the Village for so long. The Board did not act upon his request.

Ms. Hernandez provided the Board with email correspondence from legal counsel, concerning how best to address the issue of a person (or family member) coming to the Board when they are missing their deed. This discussion stemmed from a phone call the office received, from a woman who found evidence that her father purchased 2 burial plots. One was used, the other was not., and the father has since passed away. The woman would like to sell the plot, but didn't know how to prove ownership since she had no deed. According to legal counsel Mr. Hicks, in a case like this, the optimal solution would be if the deceased person had bequeathed the cemetery plot to the individual in their will. That would suffice for proof. If there was no will, the person would have to give a sworn statement stating that there was no will, the previous owner is now deceased, and the person giving the statement is their legal heir.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Beaumier moved to adjourn and Mrs. Richardson seconded. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:41 am.

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Board President

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Cemetery Clerk