

WELTON CEMETERY

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 29, 2025

4:00PM

Mrs. Arlene Richardson called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Roll Call: Mrs. Arlene Richardson-present / Mrs. Sally Erickson-present

Recognition of Visitors: Mrs. Lynn Arnold-present / Mrs. Megan Williams-present / Mr. David Green-present.

Mrs. Arnold mentioned she would like a new Welton Cemetery map. The current map is worn out. Mrs. Richardson made a motion to approve the purchase of a new map which was seconded by Mrs. Erickson. All in Favor? AYE! By voice vote motioned passed.

Mrs. Richardson would like to see a directory inside the sign board when you first pull into the cemetery.

Mrs. Richardson inquired if Mr. Owen Gingerich has had an opportunity to correct the water leak and the hydrant at the cemetery. Mrs. Arnold mentioned she had called Mr. Gingerich two weeks ago and inquired when he would be available to complete the leaks at the cemetery and Mr. Gingerich did not know. Mrs. Williams mentioned the water leak at the cemetery was discussed at the council meeting last evening. Council agreed if Mr. Gingerich cannot have the job completed by June 15, 2025, the project will be contracted out. Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Richardson excepted the decision and will discuss at the next meeting.

Mrs. Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes from May 15, 2025, which was seconded by Mrs. Erickson. All in Favor? AYE! By voice vote, motion passed.

Mrs. Richardson brought forward a greeting card for Mrs. Rosalie Burbridge, a member of the Cemetery Board who has resigned.

Mrs. Richardson inquired if all the bladders for the urns at the cemetery were still functioning. Mrs. Arnold stated the bladders should still be inside the urns and no problems were mentioned. Mrs. Richardson inquired if flowers had been planted in the urns by the Street Department, or if the cemetery is now responsible for this? Mrs. Arnold stated she was certain the Street Department did put flowers in the urns but will call the Street Department to verify.

Mrs. Erickson stated at the last meeting, there was a discussion on benches in the cemetery. Mrs. Erickson would like to see arm rests on the benches, especially for the elderly, as they need assistance standing up. Mrs. Arnold stated she will reach out to three companies for quotes on 6' and 8' benches with arm rests. Mrs. Arnold will make sure the information will be available by the next meeting.

Mrs. Richardson introduced a resident by the name of Mr. David Green who sent a letter of interest to the Village Hall office with a desire to become a member of the Welton Cemetery Board.

Mr. Green introduced himself and stated he has served on many cemetery boards in the past, he was a Funeral Director for over fifty years and is now retired. Mr. Green is interested in serving on the board and giving back to his community.

Mrs. Richardson made a motion to recommend to council the interest in having Mr. Green serve on the Welton Cemetery Board, seconded by Mrs. Erickson. All in Favor? AYE! By voice vote motion passed. Mrs. Williams, the council representative stated she will advise council at the next meeting June 9, 2025, of the board's decision.

Mrs. Richardson would like all members of the board to meet at the Welton Cemetery to do a "walk-through" and jot down any ideas or problems they see. Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Erickson have agreed on Wednesday June 18, 2025, at 10:00AM to meet at the cemetery.

Mrs. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mrs. Erickson. All in Favor? AYE! By voice vote motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.