

# Minutes of the Oswego Township Cemetery Board

## REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2019

APPROVED 1-28-2020

The meeting of the Oswego Township Cemetery Board was called to order at 10:00 A.M by President Michael Lamonica. The pledge of allegiance to the U.S flag was given by all in attendance.

Township officials in attendance were: Supervisor Brian LeClercq. There were 3 Oswego Township residents in attendance including staff member Donna Stanley. Marcus de la fleur was present to give a scatter garden presentation.

President Lamonica opened the public comment section of the meeting: No one in the audience wished to speak, so President Lamonica closed the public comment section of the meeting.

President Lamonica presented Cemetery bills for approval- \$48,210.22

Motion to approve the bills made by Trustee Hodgson, second by Trustee Wade. A roll call vote was held, all voted yes to approve. Motion passed.

President Lamonica asked for approval of the July 31, 2018 and January 29, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion by Trustee Wade to approve the minutes. Second by Trustee Hodgson. All Trustees present voted to approve the meeting minutes of 7-31-18 and 1-29-19. Motion passed.

### Old Business –

- Scatter Garden Update with Marcus de la fleur. Drawing and renderings illustrating possible design was presented. Marcus de la fleur was hired to organize and design a public forum for resident input. Scatter garden will have no underground burials other than cremains. Plan is to build in phases using donations and by marketing memorial structures. Estimated cost will vary on types of materials used.

### New Business

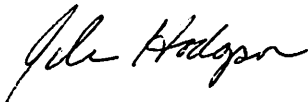
- Seal Coating cost will be looked at for 2020/2021 budget
- President Lamonica made a motion to approve \$500 fee for locating ComEd lines at Main Street Cemetery. A second was made by Trustee Hodgson. All trustees voted to approve the payment for locating lines. Motion passed.
- Discussion was held on damaged Pearce Cemetery fence. Board agreed it was best to replace fence on entire section as it was starting to fail at posts. Motion was made by Trustee Hodgson to replace entire section of fence at an additional

cost of \$4380.53. Insurance to cover \$3419.47. Second was made by Trustee Wade. All trustees voted in favor. Motion passed.

- Discussion was had on need for additional tree trimming at all cemeteries. Busted Knuckles is under contract for Township Highway tree trimming work. Motion was made by Trustee Hodgson to approve tree trimming by Busted Knuckles not to exceed \$30,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Wade. All trustees voted in favor. Motion passed.
- Cemetery Superintendent stipends were discussed and motion was made by President Lamonica to increase the Superintendent's Use of Vehicle Stipend to \$100 per month. During the mowing months from 4/1 thru 10/31, the Superintendent will also be allowed to fill his personal vehicle with gas two times per month. Motion seconded by Trustee Hodgson. All voted in favor, motion passed.
- Supervisor LeClercq informed the board that the Township Board would like to receive monthly updates on the cemeteries. With their approval, he will include a verbal update to the Township board in his Supervisor's Report. All agreed.
- The 2019 Levy was discussed. Future strains on the Cemetery budget were discussed such as a need for a leaf blower, snow plowing contract with snow removal company for the cemetery roadways and the new Scatter Garden at Pearce Cemetery. A motion was made by Trustee Hodgson to increase the levy by 3% for the upcoming fiscal year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wade. President Lamonica and Trustee Hodgson voted yes, Trustee Wade voted No. Motion passed.
- Meeting dates were discussed for the upcoming year. All board members agreed on 4/14/20, 9/8/20 and 1/12/21. The board agreed that 3 meetings per year would suffice.

ADJOURNMENT- The Cemetery Board having no further business heard a motion to adjourn by President Lamonica. Second by Trustee Hodgson. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.

Respectfully submitted by:



John Hodgson,  
Cemetery Board Secretary