

Minutes of the Oswego Township Cemetery

REGULAR MEETING

July 6, 2021

The meeting of the Oswego Township Cemetery Board was called to order at 3:30 pm by President Michael Lamonica. The meeting was held at 99 Boulder Hill Pass, Montgomery, Illinois. The pledge of allegiance to the U.S flag was given by all in attendance.

Cemetery officials in attendance in person were: President Michael Lamonica, Trustee Shane Wade and Trustee John Hodgson. Deputy Clerk Donna Stanley, Supervisor Joe West, Diane Selmer, Donna Sawicki and Claude Ainsworth were also present physically.

President Lamonica presented the following bills from 4-1-21 thru 6-30-21 for approval:

Cemetery Fund (Non-Payroll) \$ 11,148.30

Motion to approve the bills made by Trustee Hodgson, second by Trustee Wade. A roll call vote was held with all voting in favor. Motion passed.

President Lamonica opened up public comment session. With no one wishing to address the board, President Lamonica closed the public comment section of the meeting.

President Lamonica asked for approval of the April 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion by President LaMonica to approve the minutes. Second by Trustee Wade. Trustees Hodgson, Wade and President Lamonica voted to approve the minutes of 4-13-21. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report:

Mark Gilmour was not physically present. He submitted a summary of work completed to date and currently in progress. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Old Business:

- Discussion was held on the subject of salary increases for the Cemetery staff. Salary increases have not been given for over 2 years. All agreed that the Cemeteries have never looked better. Superintendent Gilmour has proven to be a well-qualified, hard working employee, as well as his assistant, Mark Karl. Trustee Hodgson motioned to increase the Superintendent's salary from \$15.00/hr to \$17.00/hr. The Assistant Superintendent's salary will increase from \$15.00/hr to \$15.75/hr. This increase will be retroactive to 4/1/21. Second was made by Shane Wade. All voted in favor, motion passed.
- The current Cemetery Rules and Regulations were reviewed by the board with several updates made. The Cemetery burial policy as well as the Cemetery buy-back policy will now be included in the updated Rules and Regulations. A copy is



attached to these minutes. A Motion to approve the Rules and Regulations update was made by President LaMonica, Second by Shane Wade. All voted in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

- Discussion was held on the IDOT land acquisition for Cowdrey Cemetery to widen State Route 71. Attorney Kurt Asprooth is working with IDOT to resolve the ownership/title issues. Previous deeds were never filed with the County to establish Township ownership.
- Details were discussed regarding the donation of a new flag pole for the Oswego Main Street Cemetery. The new flag pole will replace the older leaning pole and will fly the POW/MIA flag. The Cemetery fund will purchase Solar lighting for the American Flag.
- The Eagle Scout volunteer program was discussed and the proposed project outlined. The Scouts will perform fundraising to purchase another flag pole and supplies needed to install an additional flag pole at the back of the Cemetery. This will be the future location of the Memorial Day Parade ceremonies. Motion was made by Michael LaMonica to approve the Eagle Scout Volunteer Program, Second by John Hodgson. All voted in favor, motioned passed.

There was not a reason to go into closed session.

President LaMonica motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Hodgson. Meeting adjourned at 4:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:


John Hodgson

Cemetery Board Secretary