

MONMOUTH ILLINOIS

CEMETERY

720 N. 6th Street

BOARD MEETING



Date: June 25, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: 100 E. Broadway
Monmouth, Illinois

Board Members Present: President Mike Pearson and Trevor Davies **Absent:** Kelly Howerton **Also Present:** City Clerk and Board Secretary, Susan Trevor, Cemetery Sexton, Jack Hull

I. CALL to ORDER

President Mike Pearson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. ORDER of BUSINESS – possible action to be taken after consideration of issues

A. Approval of October 23, 2019 Board Minutes

It was moved by Trevor Davies and seconded by Mike Pearson to approve the October 23, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

B. Public Questions or Comments

Secretary Trevor and Sexton Hull brought to the Board's attention the comments and complaints that they had received so far this year as follows: 1) mowing too short 2) too many pot holes not repaired 3) Workers sitting around relaxing under trees all grouped together on mowers 4) Workers also sitting on and leaning against monuments 5) Cemetery looked terrible on Memorial Day weekend with weeds and long grass and lack of trimming around stones

C. Financials

1. Cemetery Fund (savings)

The Balance as of 4/30/20 is \$12,419.66.

2. Cemetery Care Fund (C.D.'s)

The Balance of 7501 (Interest Rate 1.2%) is \$21,025.00 (36 months) as of 4/30/20

“ “ of 7601 (Interest Rate .95%) is \$30,000.00 (24 months) as of 4/30/20

“ “ of 7701 (Interest Rate .65%) is \$62,834.35 (12 months) as of 4/30/20

D. Cemetery Sexton Report

1. Grave Digging

Mr. Hull reported that Mr. Jones from Jones Septic Service does an absolutely outstanding job of digging and filling the graves at our Cemetery.

2. Concerns

Mr. Hull said that his main concerns at this point are: 1) High number of stones being hit and damaged by the mowers 2) Too many breaks by mowers due to lack of supervision. 3) The lack of weed eating by the mowers who spend the majority of their time mowing. Mike and Trevor said they would set up a meeting with Public Works Director Andy Jackson to discuss the situation and try to find a solution.

E. Old Business

1. Road Maintenance

There are a number of holes and bad spots in the cemetery that are in need of gravel or some type of fill. City Clerk Trevor said that she had not checked with UCM as to the possibility of them donating some of their millings to the Cemetery.

F. New Business

1. Review of Burial Fees

Trevor brought up the fact that he feels that the Cemetery fees need to be increased due to rising costs. After discussion, City Clerk Trevor said that she would compile a sheet with the current and proposed fees to be voted on at the next meeting.

2. Cemetery Brochure

Discussion was tabled due to Kelly Howerton's absence.

3. Addition to Rules and Regulations Sign – Mid-Summer Clean-up

Due to the misunderstanding with the seasonal mowers and the rule not placed on entrance signs, the Board voted to add the following wording to the existing sign: *Additional Mid-Summer Clean-up After Father's Day.*

4. Mowing

Cemetery Sexton Hull brought up the fact the mowers are mowing too close and in some places the grass is scalped. He asked that the mowers be instructed as to the height the mowers should be set on.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none to consider.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trevor Davies and seconded by Mike Pearson to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

President Mike Pearson

Secretary Susan S. Trevor