

Minutes of  
Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board  
January 6, 2010

Present: Jeff Markley, Township Trustee; Bill Takacs; Greg Marous, Road Department and Linda Zimmerman, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 3:55 P.M. at the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery Liaison

Mr. Markley explained that there will no longer be a trustee liaison to the cemetery board because it is a committee and not a township department.

MINUTES

Mr. Takacs made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated December 2, 2009 as written.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Burial Times

The board discussed suspending burials after 2:00 P.M. in the winter months from November through April because of inclement weather and early darkness. Mr. Marous explained the problems it creates by holding burials later in the day. The board was in agreement to amend the Restland Cemetery Policy, Rules & Regulations.

Mr. Markley made a motion that "No burials will be permitted after 2:00 P.M. beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>".

Mr. Takacs seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Cemetery Expansion Area

Mr. Markley noted that the board of trustees had approved the opening of the new expansion area in Restland Cemetery.

### Restland Cemetery Address

The board discussed whether or not the cemetery has a physical post office address and it was determined that it does not. The Bainbridge Community Church address of 17751 Chillicothe Road is currently used for location purposes.

### Cemetery Fence Payment

The board discussed the final payment regarding the cemetery fence project.

### Restland Cemetery - Wrought Iron Fence

Mr. Marous reported that he is obtaining quotes for the repair of the wrought iron fence at Restland Cemetery.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Perpetual Wreaths/Plantings

Mr. Marous reported that Lowe's Greenhouse has been automatically installing wreaths at Christmas time and potted flowers for Memorial Day for several years at Restland Cemetery and then invoices the township for them. He said he discovered that it has automatically been done because of a donation received several years ago and it is only for the War Memorial and the Clinton and Worley family graves, however the costs to the township have exceeded the original donation. The board discussed whether or not this is an obligation by the township. Mr. Markley will forward this question to the county prosecutor's office from the trustees regarding this matter.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Plantings/Landscaping

The board was in agreement to discuss the proposed plantings/landscaping at a later date.

#### Waterlines

Mr. Markley reported that it is his understanding that Mr. Marous contacted the engineer and they were taking some responsibility in identifying where the waterlines are.

Mr. Marous explained the location of the waterlines and said probably what happened is they moved the driveways to make them bigger so the radiuses became bigger and he does not think anybody even thought of the impact of putting the waterline inside and they did not have it on the plans where to put them to keep them out of the way of the storm sewer lines.

Mr. Markley said since there are specific areas that are identified, the waterlines could be dug up and re-routed as opposed to giving up a dozen graves. He said this board can discuss this further at the work session scheduled for the March meeting and the graves that are affected can be highlighted on the map.

#### Columbariums

Mr. Markley said he will pursue the columbariums again.

Mr. Marous reported that Perry Township, where they were going to build some columbariums, is thinking about closing their cemetery.

#### Cemetery Fees

Mr. Markley reported that the township trustees reviewed the fees from 2009 and was in agreement to retain the 2009 fees for 2010.

#### Cemetery Re-zoning

Mr. Markley said he will ask Trustee Sass Benza, zoning liaison, to look into the re-zoning of the cemetery.

#### Landscaping/Mowing Bid

The board discussed the grass cutting and fertilization of the cemetery for this year, the proposed landscape bid and the recent grub problem at the cemetery. It was discussed having the scouts do some plantings around the vault prior to Memorial Day.

#### Plat Drawing of New Expansion Area

The board discussed completing the plat drawing to exclude the graves affected by the waterline, proposed trees and future columbarium locations.

#### Headstone Repair

Mr. Marous reported that some of the big monuments in the front section have no footers under them, all you can see are just stones and he wants to find out how much it would cost from Sheffields to take the headstones apart and set them aside so the township can install a proper footer. The board was in agreement to review this again in April.

#### Larger Sign at the Entrance to the Church

The board discussed installing a larger Restland Cemetery sign at the entrance to the Bainbridge Community Church.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held February 3, 2010 at 3:30 P.M.

Since there was no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman  
Secretary to Cemetery Board