

Minutes of  
Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board  
October 3, 2012

Present: Bill Takacs, Chairman; Jeff Markley, Township Trustee; Ted Seliga; Rob Arnold; Greg Marous, Road Department and Linda Zimmerman, Secretary

Mr. Takacs, Chairman called the regular meeting to order at 3:40 P.M. at the Town Hall.

MINUTES

Mr. Marous made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2012 meeting as written.

Mr. Seliga seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Indigent Burial Policy

The board held a discussion regarding the recent unclaimed body and was in agreement that a modification should be made to the township's current Indigent Burial Policy to include a provision for unclaimed bodies.

Mr. Seliga made a motion to recommend including "& UNCLAIMED BODY" in the Indigent Burial Policy title and text of the provision.

Mr. Marous seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Seliga made a motion to recommend adding the following to the Indigent & Unclaimed Body Burial Policy as new item #4 under Provisions For Indigent & Unclaimed Body Burials.

4. *The township shall make every effort to recover all fees associated with the disposition of indigent and unclaimed bodies.*

Mr. Marous seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Indigent/Unclaimed Body Burial Area

The board discussed the location and procedures for the burial of indigent and unclaimed bodies. Mr. Marous explained that there is already an area for indigent burials in Restland Cemetery and suggested that there be four burials per grave with a headstone for each burial.

The board was in agreement to establish a couple of graves in the indigent burial area to permit four indigent/unclaimed body burials each and four headstones per grave.

The board noted that the disposition costs would include the cremation fee, burial fee, footer installation and headstone.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Glass Vases for Cut Flowers

The board discussed the use of glass vases for flowers at Restland Cemetery and was in agreement that they should not be permitted for maintenance purposes and potential injuries.

Mr. Seliga made a motion to recommend amending the “Landscaping and Decorations” portion of the Restland Cemetery Policy, Rules, Regulations, Page 3, Item #3 to add the word Only at the beginning of “flush bronze vases for cut flowers are permitted within one foot on the east side of the head stone.”

Mr. Marous seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

### Equipment for Waterline Maintenance

Mr. Marous stated that he would like to request that Mr. Stanek contact the Service Director for Chagrin Falls Village to ask if the township can borrow their air compressor for blowing out the waterlines at Restland Cemetery.

### Relocation of Waterlines

Mr. Seliga reported that there is a waterline at Restand Cemetery that needs to be relocated so the graves on the corner will not be lost. The board was in agreement to proceed with the re-location.

### Maintenance of Drainage System

Mr. Seliga reported that there is a need for maintenance of the drainage system at Restland Cemetery.

### McFarland Cemetery Gate

Mr. Takacs asked if the posts at the entrance to the McFarland Cemetery can be moved forward to allow people to be able to pull in with their cars because it would be better for elderly people to be able to drive into the cemetery instead of parking and walking across the road. The board noted that this cemetery is closed for burials but open to the public. The board discussed parking at the pull-off area on Rt. 306 versus backing out into traffic and will investigate the easement for entering the cemetery.

## Monuments

Mr. Marous reported that he received a call from a monument company regarding a family who would like to install new headstones in Section 1 because the letters and numbers are wearing off of the old ones and they wanted to know if they could put a flush mounted headstone in front of the existing ones. The board was in agreement that it is not against the rules. He said they also have other graves where the headstones are becoming unreadable and they would like to put a new headstone in front of those but he doesn't think it is possible because it would be too close to the preceding graves and according to the township rules they can only be placed at the foot.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Cemetery Management Software

Mr. Seliga reported that Ramaker is continuing to work on the software and is finishing up the conversion from Plotfinder to the CIMS Software.

### Tent Rentals

Mr. Marous reported that the tent rental worked out very well.

### Pet Burials

The board discussed a proposed pet cemetery and noted that Chagrin Falls Village is pursuing one. Mr. Marous stated that the ORC does not give townships permission to sell pet related items for burials.

Since there was no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman  
Secretary to Cemetery Board