Minutes of Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board July 3, 2013

Present: Ted Seliga; Rob Arnold; Bill Takacs; 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

The minutes of the June 5, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

Top Soil Storage Bin

The board discussed the proposed top soil storage bin that will consist of concrete blocks with a hoop covering made of canvas or plastic and the location will be in the back on the freeway side. The board was in agreement to pursue this kind of storage bin.

Tree Removal

Mr. Marous reported that there are two Pine trees in Restland Cemetery that are dead and need to be removed and one of the trees is located behind the Prompt Care/Key Bank building. The board was in agreement for Mr. Marous to pursue having the trees removed and to obtain a purchase order for the work.

Pre-Paid Funerals

The board discussed pre-paid funerals and how this could affect payments to the township. The board noted that the township does not participate in pre-paid funerals and that the township's current fees must be paid at the time of burial.

OLD BUSINESS

No Dogs Allowed Signs

Mr. Marous reported that the "No Dogs Allowed" signs have been ordered.

Cemetery Management Software

Mr. Seliga reported that the final version of the software has been received and the training is in the process of being set up. He mentioned that the utility overlays still have to be done.

Green Burials

The board discussed green burials versus natural burials and types of vaults. The board was in agreement to not pursue green burials and noted that there are options for people to go somewhere else if they prefer a green burial.

Mr. Marous made a motion to recommend not permitting green burials at Restland Cemetery.

Mr. Seliga seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Liability for Damage to Headstones

It was noted that Mr. Markley sent an inquiry to the Geauga County Prosecutor's Office on this matter.

Since there was no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman Secretary to Cemetery Board