

Minutes of
Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board

March 3, 2009

Present: Jeff Markley, Township Trustee; Rob Arnold; Bill Takacs; Don Mitchell, Cemetery Sexton; Greg Marous, Road Department and Linda Zimmerman, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Mission Statement

Mr. Markley noted that the township trustees adopted the Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board Mission Statement on March 2, 2009.

Cemetery Sexton

Mr. Markley explained that the Cemetery Sexton position has been eliminated as of May 31, 2009.

Columbariums

Mr. Markley reported that according to the prosecutor's office townships have no authority to sell columbariums per the Ohio Revised Code. He said the ORC only permits townships to sell plots and unless expressly permitted, townships cannot provide columbariums. The board was in agreement to keep the designated areas of the cemetery reserved for columbariums in the event the ORC will allow them in the future.

Stroud Lawrence Funeral Home

Mr. Brian Rotenbor of Stroud Lawrence Funeral Home was in attendance to talk to the Cemetery Board Members. He stated that he is seeing more cremations than in the past and the National average is 26% and Northeast Ohio is at 37% - 43% for cremations and the average cost for a cremation burial is \$3,800 versus a full burial at \$7,800. Also discussed were columbariums and the size of the niches within them. He explained what happens when he gets a call from a family, how it involves the township, what is involved with the funeral, decisions by the family and the type of service and noted that the funeral home is available 24 hours a day. He said the most important thing is an open line of communication between everyone. Also discussed was the possibility of the township providing a tent, for a fee, to be used during cremation burials.

Scope of Work - Replacement and Addition of Chainlink Fence

The board reviewed the Scope of Work for the fence. Mr. Markley will update it to include the walk-in gate.

Scope of Work - Survey of New Plots

The board reviewed the Scope of Work for surveying the new expansion area. Mr. Marous will contact various companies and a copy of the CAD drawings will be emailed to each company interested in submitting a quote. The township will provide the markers. The board was in agreement to start selling graves only in Section 13A first.

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Mr. Takacs made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated February 4, 2009 as written.

Mr. Marous seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 1, 2009 at 3:30 P.M.

Since there was no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Cemetery Board