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Cemetery Board  
Approved Minutes  
October 10, 2019

The Cemetery Board meeting was called to order by President, Mike Jackson at 6:01p.m., Thursday, October 10, 2019 in the Laingsburg City Hall Council Chambers.

Members Present: Mike Jackson, Ed Rouse, Beverly Rouse, Clyde Casler and Mike Culpepper.

Members Absent: None

Also present: Dave Casler, Sexton and Paula Willoughby, Treasurer

Public Comment: Glen Smith, new to Watkins expressed appreciation for the helpful Laingsburg staff. Others were present to discuss the Cemetery rules. There was another request to post future meeting notices in a newspaper of general circulation.

A motion was made by B. Rouse and supported by E. Rouse to approve the minutes of July 11, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

President Mike Jackson opened the floor for comments from the public regarding the current rules regulating the items allowed and the placement of items on graves within the cemetery. The discussion revolved around distance that items would be allowed from the stone, the materials allowed, specifically woodchips, the placement of shepherd's hooks, solar lights and grave blankets. The cemetery board wanted to have some options presented for approval that would ease some of the restrictions put on families placing items on graves while maintaining the beauty and integrity of the cemetery without causing hardship for the sexton during maintenance and upkeep.

It was moved by Casler, and supported by Culpepper to approve the financial report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Sexton's Report: The sexton presented a proposal to remove the overgrown shrubs and bushes along the drive on the north east side of section b. The board was in favor of the suggestion and did not feel the sexton needed a motion to maintain the cemetery. The sexton also reported that the new trash cans have been placed in the cemetery.

A motion was made by Casler and supported by Culpepper to allow wreaths, tri-pods and grave blankets in the cemetery from December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> each year, if not removed by March 31<sup>st</sup> the sexton will remove and discard. All in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:00p.m. in the Laingsburg City Hall Council Chambers.

Moved by Casler, supported by Culpepper to adjourn the meeting at 7:53p.m., all in favor motion carried.

Paula Willoughby  
City Treasurer