

Village of Skaneateles

Cemetery Board of Lake View Cemetery

Regular Meeting –November 17, 2020

Present: Rob Gray, Chairman
Roben Shappell, Deputy Chair
Mary Marshall, Commissioner
Pete Buehler, Commissioner
Kathleen Zapata, Trustee
Jorge Batlle, Cemetery Administrator

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

Minutes - On the motion of Comm. Buehler, seconded by Comm. Marshall, the Board approved the minutes from the August 18, 2020 meeting, upon the unanimous vote among the members present in favor of the motion, it was carried 4-0.

Vault Price Update – Chairman Gray said that the plastic sealed vaults required when an urn is not stone or marble, went up in price last month. He recommended increasing the price from \$150 to \$175. **On the motion of Comm. Marshall, seconded by Deputy Chair Shappell, it was approved to raise the cost of a plastic urn vault from \$150 to \$175, upon the unanimous vote among the members present in favor of the motion, it was carried 4-0.**

Flush Marker Request (Sec 1, Lot 179, 1N) – Chairman Gray mentioned the email sent out by DCT Karlik. The email included a request to place a 3rd grave marker on the 1st north grave, of lot 179, in section 1. Chairman Gray said that the marker would be placed in the center over the ashes. He mentioned that there is a head stone and a foot marker. Mr. Batlle questioned whether this would set a precedent. Deputy Chair Shappell commented that it has been done in the past. Chairman Gray said that there are 3 burials allowed in the old sections, and the request does not happen a lot. He commented that the grave has 3 burials, so it is now closed. He said that if there would be another burial, then he would say no, but since the lot is closed, it should not have to be opened again. Mr. Batlle asked if this would set a precedent for the new sections. Chairman Gray said that he did not think so because there are only 2 burials allowed in the new section lots. Deputy Chair Shappell commented that as long as it is a flush marker, she does not see anything wrong with it in the old section. She mentioned other options for the family. She said that they could engrave the grandson's name on the current marker, replace the current one with all 3 family member's names, or engrave his name on the family headstone. DCT Karlik mentioned that she provided these options to the family, but they would prefer to have another flush marker. **On the motion of Comm. Buehler, seconded by Comm. Marshall, it was approved to allow a third flush marker on the center of the 1st north grave, of lot 179, in section 1, upon the unanimous vote among the members present in favor of the motion, it was carried 4-0.** Chairman Gray asked DCT Karlik to contact the company.

Cemetery Administrator – Mr. Batlle said that it has been very quiet, and there has only been 1 sale. He said that he has taken a few people up there, but they said that they would like to go back and discuss it with family.

Town Owned Monument Update – Trustee Zapata said that the Town is most definitely the owner of the monument, and they have been in charge of the repairs. Town Supervisor Aaron had stated that

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Viau Construction did a great job. Mr. Battle said that he got some good pictures of the process, and he will send them to the Board. Trustee Zapata said that Supervisor Aaron had said that the Town has an idea to promote the monument more, and it would be a good idea to have the Village and Town form a committee to address the monument. She said that a lot of people know about Shotwell park, but not the monument. Chairman Gray said that a lot of people ask about the monument, and he commented that the guys did a great job. He asked whether Viau Construction would be interested in the chapel repairs. Trustee Zapata said that she has tried to get ahold of Chris Kozub, but she has not been able to yet. Chairman Gray said that he doesn't want to miss out on the grant opportunity. Trustee Zapata said that it won't be missed out on, and when it is approved, we will have to go out to bid, and hopefully Viau Construction will be interested. Mr. Battle suggested a rededication ceremony for the monument, and he mentioned the article that he wrote for the press. Trustee Zapata commented that it is quiet in the Village, and the water project is over. She advised that people take note on what the Town and Village are discussing about the SVFD project. Mr. Battle asked if anything will be done about fixing Fuller St., and Trustee Zapata said that there has been a delay with asphalt, but she said it will be fixed. She commented that the Village has been facing a lot of delays for construction materials.

Transactions –

- Delmonico, Christine M. – Section 11B, Lot 515, 2 graves, monumented

Other Business –

- Chairman Gray commented that there was another large branch lost that hit a smaller tree at the West driveway on Genesee. He said that the SVFD took care of it, and Bartlett will be going in to see what they can do with the small tree and the large pine. Chairman Gray commented that we will not be charged for the cleanup.
- Chairman Gray said that a crane was brought in last year in the old section to clean up a tree, but the crane broke down and they could not get the top of the tree. He said that they will continue there this winter.
- Chairman Gray said that there were only 2 workers in the cemetery this summer, but in the last month there has been no one. He suggested getting seasonal workers who will stay longer.

Next Meeting – The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2020 at 9:00 am.

On the motion of Comm. Marshall, seconded by Deputy Chair Shappell, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kierstin Karlik
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer