

January 15, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Cemetery Trustees of Michigan City was called to order by President Duane Mertl on January 15, 2009 at 3:30 P.M. at the cemetery office of Swan Lake Memorial Gardens, 5700 E. U.S. 20, Michigan City, Indiana.

The following members responded to roll call:

Duane Mertl	Dan Rooney - Absent
Melinda Kintzele	Virginia Nichols
John White - Absent	Louis Hapke
Marianne Milcarek	Supt. Mark A. Tomscheck

Minutes of December 11, 2008 as received through the mail were approved as presented.

Election of Officers for 2009: Mr. Mertl was nominated for president by Marianne Milcarek. Second by Virginia Nichols. Mr. Hapke was nominated for vice president by Virginia Nichols. Second by Marianne Milcarek. Mrs. Nichols was nominated for secretary by Marianne Milcarek. Second by Melinda Kintzele. Vote was unanimous to retain officers.

Committee Appointments for 2009: Finance, Negotiating, Rules and Regulations, Planning and Operations stand the same as 2008.

Financial report of December 2008 as received through the mail was accepted upon a motion by Louis Hapke. Second by Virginia Nichols. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for payment. Upon a motion by Virginia Nichols. Second by Louis Hapke. Approval was given for payment. Motion carried.

Superintendent Report

1. Superintendent Tomscheck passed out Proposed Board Meetings for 2009.
2. Tax forms for 2009 were passed out to Board Members for their signatures.
3. Due to weather conditions the Christus Garden Drainage Project work has stopped for now.
4. Weather conditions have also stopped the work around the pond until Spring.
5. Superintendent Tomscheck talked to the City Attorney John Espar concerning the fence at Greenwood. He referred the Superintendent to contact the new City Attorney appointee.
6. Enter and Exit signs have arrived from Weber Sign. Signs will be installed as soon as the weather permits.

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7. Sales Contract was presented for approval, no changes to contract for 2009, same as previous contracts. A motion by Marianne Milcarek. Second by Virginia Nichols. Approved by all board members present, to accept sales contract as presented by Superintendent.
8. Superintendent passed out changes in Tardy and Late times.
9. Mayor requested a 10% reduction in the budget to be turned in Friday, January 16, 2009.

Old Business

1. Mr. Hapke would like to have on record that Ron Pitman of Post #37 helped and the Exchange Club is paying for the "U.S. Veteran" grave marker decals. "As noted in the minutes of the December meeting, Mark placed the decal on a sample marker and also on granite. Superintendent Tomsheck reported they seem to be holding up very good on the granite base. Mr. Hapke was given by Ron Pitman an American Legion magazine showing a nice 1" "U.S. Veteran" grave marker decal. The Board reviewed this picture and agreed it would be satisfactory to obtain. The cost for 1500 will be \$ 180.00 plus \$ 12.95 for shipping, total \$ 192.95 with our submitting a letter showing our Tax Exempt number. The cost will be paid as a donation gift from the Exchange Club of Michigan City.
2. Superintendent Tomsheck discussed with the board on making some improvements on the front of the old mausoleum. Suggesting new doors will look into the cost. Superintendent Tomsheck will contact Matthews Inc. for more ideas.
3. No word on etching the dedication date of November 11, 2008 on the Veteran Monument.

New Business

1. Mayor requested pictures of the new entrance and the Veterans Monument at Swan Lake for the State of the City Address, which will be Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Next meeting will be held at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens at 3:30 P.M. on FEBRUARY 12, 2009.



Duane Mertl-President



Virginia Nichols-Secretary



Roxanne DeRolf-Recorder