

**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS  
BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES  
May 14, 2014**

Members present: Trace, White, Carr  
Also present: Arnold, Brockway, Buddenhagen, Jamieson

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Larry Trace.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Carr that the minutes of the meetings held March 12, 2014 and April 9, 2014 be approved. Carried. Ayes: Trace, White, Carr. Nays: None.

**CEMETERY MAINTENANCE**

Bernice Hartman read a letter of dissatisfaction regarding the poor maintenance of Evergreen Hill Cemetery for the past few years. (Attached)

The Board brought to Mr. Jamieson's attention that there are approximately 100 head stones that need to be straightened, adjusted, pinned, or reset. They are requesting that this is done before Memorial Day. They also advised that because foundations have not been poured Sheffield Monuments is not able to put headstones in and they would like to be able to do this before Memorial Day. Mr. Jamieson said they have been delayed due to the wet weather. He said he can only afford to have two employees in the cemetery this week and next week. They will go through the cemetery and see what needs to be done and they will do as much as they can. He mentioned that he attended a budget meeting last night and all of the departments are being asked to show how they can cut 10% from each line item in the budget, including the cemetery. Mr. Brockway said they will probably be able to pour the foundations on Monday or Tuesday.

**BENCH REQUESTS**

Two bench requests were presented to the Board. The Board advised that in order for them to consider the benches they have to have plans and drawings from a monument company.

**RULES, REGULATIONS, & PROCEDURES**

The Board addressed increasing the cost of an infant casket burial, amending #6 under Grave Markers, and adding "payment is due upon the scheduling of the burial" under Burial Procedures & Costs. Moved by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Carr to approve the amendments. Carried. Ayes: Trace, White, Carr. Nays: None.

## **BIOS URN AND SPIRIT TREE**

Mrs. White mentioned that she received an email from a resident inquiring about the Bios Urn and if they are permitted in Evergreen Hill Cemetery. After discussion, a motion was placed on the floor by Mrs. Carr and it was seconded by Mrs. White that Bios Urns and Spirit Trees are not permitted because they will encroach on other grave sites and they are not a reasonable choice for Evergreen Hill Cemetery. Carried. Ayes: Trace, White, Carr. Nays: None.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Arnold mentioned that there is an article about Evergreen Hill Cemetery in the Ohio Cemetery Association Journal April volume. (Attached)

Mr. Arnold also mentioned that the Chagrin Valley Jaycees are paying for the chairs that are needed for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the cemetery.

Mr. Trace mentioned that there was an article in the Chagrin Valley Times regarding how the Veterans struggle every year to raise the funds needed for the Memorial Day Ceremony. (Attached)

Mr. Brockway advised that H&M Landscaping will be cutting the grass on Monday next week **and** on Thursday or Friday.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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Larry Trace, Chairman  
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