

**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES
February 11, 2015**

Members present: Trace, White, Carr
Also present: Arnold, Brockway, Himes, Mayor Brick, Steve Patton (Council President)

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

EXPANSION

There was discussion regarding the fact there are only approximately 100 in-ground graves available for sale. This means that the cemetery will be at capacity for full burials in three years or less. Mr. Himes said they did an expansion study in 2000 and the estimate was \$175,000. If you apply inflation the estimate today would be about \$250,000. There are many projects that need to be done throughout the village but there is no capital improvement money to fund them. There was discussion regarding eliminating the cul-de-sac in Section 53 to create approximately 100 in-ground graves. Mr. Trace said that would not be a good idea. Mayor Brick said he would like to ask a CT Consultant engineer if there are any low cost expansion opportunities that would not be inconsistent with future expansion. Mr. Himes said that is basically what the study was from 2000. Going forward with the expansion, in phases, was discussed.

TAX LEVY

Mr. Himes said the last levy for the cemetery was in 1946. Mrs. White said if they put a levy on the ballot and it fails then people can't complain when they can't bury their families here. Mayor Brick said in a sense they have already made that statement because the cemetery was in the calculations when they proposed the levy in November, 2014 that failed. Mr. Patton said he does not think it should be a separate levy; they can't even get a street levy passed. Mr. Himes said we are obligated to maintain the roads, we are not obligated to provide residents with burial space. In that sense, cemeteries are certainly a lower priority than roads are.

Mrs. White said she is still interested in how much it costs to run the cemetery annually to propose a millage on the ballot. If it generated \$200,000 a year then you have \$130,000 towards the operating costs and \$70,000 towards an expansion. Mr. Himes said you would more likely have to generate \$250,000 to \$300,000 a year.

CIVIL WAR MONUMENT

There was discussion regarding the restoration project.

JEKUTIS BENCH

Mrs. White said this is the bench that was put in (Section 12A, Lot 4, Grave 2) but was not the bench that the board approved. They agreed to follow up with the Jekutis family so that they can resolve this.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Arnold mentioned that he sold another bench; there are still two available.

Mr. Trace said costs and fees will be discussed in the near future.

MEETING NOTICE

Mr. Trace announced a meeting for Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Larry Trace, Chairman
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