

MINUTES  
SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Date: 2/23/2022

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chairperson Sheri Jandik requested a motion to open and call to order the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Motion by Steven Lawyer to open the meeting. Second by William Willis. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

**TRUSTEE ROLL CALL** Present for the Clerk's roll call were Trustees Sheri Jandik, Steven Lawyer. William Willis joined by phone.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Motion by Jandik to approve the January 19, 2022 meeting minutes. Second by Lawyer. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

1. January 19, 2022 meeting minutes

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS** - Motion by Lawyer to approve the January 2022 People's Bank checking reconciliation. Second by Jandik. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

1. January 2022 People's Bank checking reconciliation

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Open public hearing regarding Fy2023 Squaw Creek Township Budget - Chairperson Jandik opened the public hearing for the FY2023 Squaw Creek Township Budget
  - a. Chairperson calls for oral comments - Jandik called for public comment. No public was in attendance.
  - b. Chairperson asks Clerk for written comments - Jandik asked the Clerk if there were any written comments submitted. Clerk stated there were no written comments.
2. Close public hearing regarding Fy2023 Squaw Creek Township Budget - Chairperson Jandik closed the public hearing with a motion by Lawyer. Second by Jandik. Ayes: all. Motion approved.
3. Review/Action: Resolution approving the Fy2023 Squaw Creek Township Budget and directing the Clerk to submit to the Warren County Auditor and State of Iowa Department of Management - After review, motion by Lawyer to approve the Resolution approving the FY2023 Squaw Creek Township Budget, Warren County, Iowa and directing the Clerk to make the necessary filings with Warren County and the Iowa Department of Management. Second by Jandik. Ayes: all. Motion approved. Discussion continued regarding levy fund balances to which the Clerk will report at the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Review/Action: Tree Trimming for all cemeteries - Jandik shared that she had completed a portion of tree trimming at Mt. Tabor and Indian Valley Cemeteries during the month of December 2021 due to the December Derecho. Jandik will contact the new owner of the property to the North of Mt. Tabor when it is time to start looking at removing some of the more precarious trees.
2. Review/Action: Mowing bid for all cemeteries - Clerk emailed an extension agreement to Josh Kieliger for the same price as the current contract. This item was tabled to the next meeting.
3. Review/Action: Flag replacement for all cemeteries - Trustees reviewed bids for cemetery flag replacements. Motion by Lawyer to approve the purchase of three nylon 4X6 American Flags for \$26 each plus shipping not to exceed \$100. Second by Jandik. Ayes: all. Motion approved.
4. Review/Action: Headstone Maintenance - Jandik stated that estimates for cleaning of the cemetery headstones had not yet been received. Jandik also shared that she had been in contact with the Nicholson family and had not heard back regarding placement of stones for the two Nicholsons who do not have a permanent marker. She has also been in contact with a member of the Thorn family. He was willing to provide a stone for his brother, but she had enlightened him on his family history and he was not sure who the other people that needed stones were. No other family members exist that Mr. Thorn knew of to help with placement of stones. Jandik reported she had contacted Indianola Memorial Works to establish pricing if stone replacement becomes necessary. Jandik said for a single person stone sized 5" x 10" with name, date of birth and date of death installed was \$495 plus tax. A two person stone sized 10" x 20" name, date of birth and date of death installed is \$795 plus tax. Discussion continued with the Trustees considering a deposit fee increase for all cemeteries due to the cost of the basic headstones should it be necessary to purchase them through the Township. This item will be discussed at the next meeting and may include an update to the cemetery rules. Jandik will also check with Indianola Memorial Works regarding cost of etching after setting of stones so we can add a deposit for stones that exist but need updated.
  - a. Smith Cemetery
  - b. Indian Valley Cemetery
  - c. Mt. Tabor Cemetery

NOTE: At 1:32 p.m. let the record show that William Willis left the meeting due to extenuating circumstances.

5. Update: Smith Cemetery access - Lawyer stated he had talked with the Warren County Attorney regarding eminent domain and the possibility of hiring legal counsel. Jandik to contact a company that does nothing but eminent domain. Lawyer to contact an attorney who may be of assistance. This item is continued to the next meeting agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS - None**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *Note: Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. No Trustee action will be taken due to the requirements of the Open Meetings Law. Trustees may add the item to a future agenda.*

There was no public in attendance and there were no remarks from Trustees or Clerk.

## **PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM TRUSTEES AND CLERK**

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Lawyer to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. Second by Jandik. Ayes: Lawyer and Jandik. Nays: none. Absent: Willis. Motion approved.

**APPROVAL DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Sheri Jandik, Trustee

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Steven Lawyer, Trustee

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Absent  
William Willis, Trustee

**ATTEST:** I, Misti Kosman, Squaw Creek Township Clerk, hereby acknowledges that the foregoing instrument was duly passed and approved by the Squaw Creek Township Trustees on the aforementioned date.

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Misti Kosman, Clerk