

# **Squaw Creek Township Trustee Meeting**

## **March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Sheri Jandik called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

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

Present: Sheri Jandik, Trustee  
Steve Lawyer, Trustee  
William Willis, Trustee  
Casey Howe, Clerk

Absent: None

Public: None

**Minutes:** Approved, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Motion by Jandik to approve minutes, second by Lawyer. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Financials:** Reviewed by Lawyer, Motion to Approve by Jandik, Second by Willis, Unanimously approved. Motion Carried.

### **Old Business:**

Smith Cemetery access

- Lawyer to make a record regarding motion made during a Trustees telephone conference on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for the purpose of approving the expenditure of \$850.00 to Warren County Abstract for the purpose of a title and easement search for all three Township Cemeteries, Smith Road, and survey for any additional properties deeded to the Squaw Creek Township between the founding of the township and 1900. The matter was put to a vote which was unanimously approved. Attendees: Jandik, Lawyer, and Jandik.
  - Lawyer requested a motion that the above telephone record was accurate. Willis so moved, unanimously approved. Motion Carried.
- The Trustees had possession of copies of deeds for Smith and Indian Valley Cemeteries that were provided to Warren County Abstract. Concerns with historical deeds to the Trustees are they are in the names of the Trustees for the Township, however, that provides challenges during research as the names of the Trustees during that time are unknown. Additionally, the Township records are not recorded by alphabetical order but by section, of which there are 36 in Squaw Creek.
- Next Steps:
  - Receive Title Search results from Warren County Abstract
  - Survey Smith Road, Mt. Tabor Cemetery, and Smith Cemetery
  - Initiate Quiet Title
  - Any additional necessary steps with Smith Cemetery Access

Review/Discuss and Potential Action Cemetery Rules

- Updates from Jandik:
  - Warren County Recorder's Office is stating that the Certificate of Internment Rights is not acceptable and the document needs to be a Cemetery Deed.

- Lawyer – According to State Law, a Certificate of Internment is allowable and is recordable. He will reach out to the Recorder's Office to have a conversation, and will locate the statutory documentation.
- Jandik – Last recorded documents were in 2017 on a Certificate of Internment Rights.
- Howe – Will bring Certificate of Internment Rights for Recording.
- The existing Internment Rights there are not 'unique' identifiers that need to be included going forward. #4, rules are not documented for opening and closing services, #6 in the rules is not included in the Internment Rights.
- Jandik to email a copy of Jasper County Rules Book to Trustees.
- Trustees to consider updating the traffic path within Indian Valley.

#### Discuss Flag Poles and Eagle Scout Project

- Tabled
- Lawyer to request update by next scheduled meeting

#### Discuss Tree Trimming

- Jandik – On hold over winter. Once ground dries will be re-initiated.

#### Discuss Emergency Services contract with Virginia Township

- No updates from New Virginia/Virginia Township
- 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Appreciation Dinner Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Breakfast for Dinner at GAMP building.

#### **New Business:**

##### Discuss Mowing Contract for 2020

- Lawyer motions to accept the mowing contract submitted by Josh Kieliger with the modifications composed at the same rate as 2019. Jandik Seconded, Unanimously approved, Motion Carried.

##### Discuss and Approve Budget

- Lawyer motions to approve and adopt the Township Budget that was posted for public review on February 25h, 2020. Jandik Seconded, Unanimously Approved, Motion Carried.

##### Facebook and Website for Township

- Jandik provided a prepared presentation and supporting materials regarding the Squaw Creek Township online presence.
- Facebook Groups exists – It is a private group, the Trustees would like it to remain Private in an effort to control the content.
- Trustees would like to register a domain name and build a website for the Township.
  - Jandik to research hosting sites and costs of building and maintaining a site.
  - Lawyer created an account at namecheap.com in order to register a website domain: squawcreektownship.com
- Howe to request a debit card for the Township from the bank for the online purchase and registration of a domain name and website maintenance.
  - Lawyer motions to approve Township Clerk to obtain a debit card for township purchases. Willis Second. Unanimously approved, motion carried.
- Township has a Gmail account: [squawcreektownship@gmail.com](mailto:squawcreektownship@gmail.com)

- Lawyer motions to approve the registration of squawcreektownship.com as a domain name to be owned and managed by the Trustees and that Jandik is authorized to research and subscribe to a service for website hosting and further that Jandik is to build website and to track any time as needed. Willis Second, Unanimously Approved. Motion Carried.

Jandik moves to adjourn at 11:34 – Second by Lawyer. Unanimously approved. Motion Carried.

Next scheduled meeting is March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes approved by:

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Sheri Jandik, Trustee

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Steve Lawyer, Trustee

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William E. Willis, Trustee