

MINUTES  
SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Date: May 22, 2024

Time: 1:15 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Steven Lawyer call the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL - Present for the Clerk's roll call were Trustees Sheri Jandik, Steven Lawyer, and Kimberly Smith. Public in attendance were Misti's brother David from Colorado and Bebe Bird.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 24, 2024 meeting minutes – Motion by Lawyer to approve the minutes. Second by Jandik. Ayes: All present Nays: none. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. May 2024 People's Bank account reconciliations – Motion by Smith to approve the minutes. Second by Jandik. Ayes: All present Nays: none. Motion approved.
2. Invoices – Motion by Lawyer to have clerk pay the Invoice from Jeff Turner for Mowing. Second by Jandik. Ayes: All present Nays: none. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review/Action: Tree trimming for all cemeteries
  - a. Spruce trees in Mt. Tabor were discussed. They are all still alive, however, one has been pecked by woodpeckers. Lawyer will contact Annette Nature Center to see if they suggest removing the tree.
2. Review/Action: Headstone Maintenance/Purchases – Discussion took place regarding a few of the headstones and whether names should be placed on a couple without knowing which side of the mother they are on. Discussion also took place regarding wording for the Native American. Lawyer will wordsmith something for approval at the next meeting.
  - a. Indian Valley Cemetery
  - b. Mt. Tabor Cemetery
  - c. Smith Cemetery
3. Review/Action: Smith Cemetery Access
  - a. Road and Property revitalization update – Jandik reported that the road was completed and Robbie Enquist, the Secondary Roads Supervisor for Warren County confirmed we only need to pay for the rock for the portion we own and the county will cover 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Jandik will contact Zoning Department for placement of address sign and Engineer Department for 108<sup>th</sup> Ave street sign. Lawyer made a motion to have clerk order another Pioneer cemetery sign, not exceeding \$150, to be attached

to the 108<sup>th</sup> Ave street sign post. Second by Jandik. Ayes: All present Nays: none. Motion approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Review/Action: Squaw Creek Township Cemeteries Veterans' Graves / Burials – Jandik reported that she did have conversations with the Veteran's Affairs Office. They had no records of us having any Veterans in our cemeteries, hence the reason we receive no monies from the Veteran's Affairs Office. Sheri provided them with a list for each cemetery based on information she knew. Based on the current rules, that won't change anything, but they are working on getting the rules written in 2012 changed.
  - a. Mark Blackford from Warren County Veteran's Affairs Office – Mr. Blackford was not in attendance but was followed up with after the meeting. He will be providing us information regarding the care of Veterans in cemeteries.
2. Review/Action: Resolution for transfer of funds for purchase of headstones - Lawyer made a motion to create a resolution for clerk to have the CD coming due in June be transferred into the checking account for payment of headstones. After all expenses are complete, a new CD will then be purchased. Second by Jandik. Ayes: All present Nays: none. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Note: Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. Trustee action will not be taken due to the requirements of the Open Meetings Law. Trustees may add the item to a future agenda.

1. PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM TRUSTEES AND CLERK – Jandik will be attending the EMS Advisory Board meeting May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm. Celebration at Smith Cemetery sometime in October. Planning will start in August. Replacement of Flags for Memorial Day – Lawyer motioned that he purchases three 5x8 flags for the cost of \$60/each pre-tax with a total of \$187.41. Sam Lawyer will install at each of the cemeteries prior to Memorial Day. Second by Jandik. Ayes: All present Nays: none. Motion approved.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION – June 26, 2024 at 1:15pm at Lawyer Residence, 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa.

ADJOURNMENT – Lawyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:31PM. Second by Jandik. Ayes: All present Nays: none. Motion approved.

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

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Sheri Jandik

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Steven Lawyer

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Kimberly Smith

ATTEST:

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