

MINUTES
SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Date: 06/24/2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER: Steven Lawyer opened and called to order the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL: Present for Clerk's roll call were Sheri Jandik, Steven Lawyer & Kimberly Smith.

PUBLIC ROLL CALL: Cheryl Quinn and Bebe Bird.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. April 29, 2026 - Motion by Smith and second by Lawyer to approve the minutes. Ayes: all. Motion approved

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. April and May 2026 Peoples Bank Reconciliations - Motion by Smith, second by Lawyer to approve the financial reports. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Tree Trimming – Lawyer reported that Mt. Tabor Cemetery trees are ok with one dead branch that should not pose a problem to the headstones should the wind or storm bring it down. Jandik noted that there are trees and vines growing in the fence at Mt. Tabor and Indian Valley Cemeteries. Lawyer will remove and spray the vines at both cemeteries. Smith reported that at Smith Cemetery a large tree on the abutting property had been taken/blown down and is being removed by the property owner. Smith also noted that a bit of maintenance trimming needs to be done but no major tree issues exist.
- b. Fence and entrance archways – Lawyer talked with Bortell Welding regarding the archways and scrolling concerns. Bortell will provide samples of the scrolls to trustees for final approval. Trustee then discussed the fencing “leftovers” from the project noting that a few pieces had been retained for future repair is needed and that the remainder had been removed by Clanton Creek Fencing, which was part of the fencing agreement.
- c. Squaw Creek logo – Lawyer presented ideas for the township logo and it was discussed in detail with changes being applied. Trustees will review again at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution adjusting date/time of meetings – Motion by Jandik, second by Smith to approve a resolution adjusting the date/time to the 4th Wednesday at 9 a.m. every other month commencing June 24, 2026. Ayes: all. Motion approved.
- b. Gravel for Smith Cemetery – Trustees discussed in depth the need for gravel at Smith Cemetery. Trustees noted that delivery trucks use the parking area as a turn around and come very close to the fence which is killing the grass and has potential to harm the fencing. Discussion followed with ideas of how to protect the fence with landscaping, possible need for signage “no delivery trucks allowed”. Item tabled for the next meeting.
- c. Discussion 108th Avenue – Lawyer reported that he did contact the Warren County Attorney regarding the disposition of 108th Avenue that dead-ends at Smith Cemetery and concerns about illegal parking along the narrow road impeding traffic referencing Iowa Code Chapter 318. Discussion followed. Lawyer will contact Warren County and report at the next meeting.
- d. New Virginia Hometown Pride – Motion by Smith, second by Jandik to approve a donation of \$250 to New Virginia Hometown Pride for a township history booth at the September 20, 2026 End of Summer Social at Hickory Hills County Park. Ayes: all. Motion approved.
- e. Trustees reviewed timesheets and signed approvals. Clerk will deliver to Warren County for processing.
- f. Cemetery plantings – Jandik shared that Jane McCord asked if she could plant lilies near a headstone and that according to Cemetery Rule 4.12 this is prohibited due to the maintenance of plantings. Motion by Lawyer to deny the request pursuant to Cemetery Rule 4.12, second by Smith. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

- g. Certificate of Deposit Maturing - Clerk reported the Certificate of Deposit that the Trustees invested will mature on 7/14/2026. After discussion, motion by Lawyer, second by Jandik to direct the Clerk to invest the Certificate of Deposit at the best rate for an 11-month period or the best scenario for the township. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM TRUSTEES AND CLERK – Trustees did not have any comment. Clerk shared that she did not meet the deadline for the election ballot due to family events but will be running as a write-in at the November election.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION – August 26, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Smith, second by Jandik to adjourn at 9:59 a.m. Ayes: All. Motion approved.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

Sheri Jandik, Trustee

Steven Lawyer, Trustee

Kimberly Smith, Trustee

ATTEST: _____
Misti Kosman, Clerk