

MINUTES
SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Date: 06/26/2024

Time: 1:15 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Steven Lawyer called the meeting to order at 1:24 p.m. upon a motion by Jandik and second by Smith. Ayes: All. Motion approved.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL - Present for the Clerk's roll call were Trustees Sheri Jandik, Steven Lawyer, and Kimberly Smith. Bebe Bird was also in attendance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 22, 2024 meeting minutes – Motion by Lawyer and second by Smith to approve the minutes. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. May 2024 People's Bank account reconciliations – Motion by Smith and second by Jandik to approve the account reconciliation reports. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.
2. Invoices – none to approve.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree Trimming – Smith reported that she and her family had been picking up limbs at the cemeteries and will be looking into tree trimming as necessary. Lawyer will contact Annette Nature Center regarding the Mt. Tabor Cemetery's diseased trees and report at the next meeting.
2. Headstone Maintenance/Purchases – Jandik stated that she will be ordering headstones and through McCall Monument and that there will be 65 unknown stones at \$300 each this is 14 unknowns in Mt. Tabor Cemetery; 23 unknowns in Indian Valley Cemetery; and 25 in Smith Cemetery. Motion by Jandik and second by Smith to approve up to \$20,000 for unknown headstone purchases. Ayes: All present. Motion approved. Jandik stated that this will not include the Native American headstone until more research has been completed to ensure the wording represents the individual. Jandik will put out a Facebook post asking for local lore about the Native American that is buried at Smith Cemetery and report her findings at the next meeting. Lawyer will start a draft of the wording for the headstone.
3. Smith Cemetery Access – Jandik will contact Warren County to request road signs for 108th Avenue. Trustees discussed the Cemetery and expressed concerns of trespassing. Discussion followed with Lawyer citing Iowa Code 169c regarding trespassing. The discussion resulted in a motion by Lawyer and second by Jandik to subscribe at \$130 annually to the Bushnell camera application that will record various things within the cemetery to help alleviate any concerns of trespassing and tampering.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Timesheets – Trustees and Clerk reviewed timesheets and signed for submission to the Warren County Auditor for processing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – no public comments.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM TRUSTEES AND CLERK – Jandik attended the EMS Advisory Board Meeting May 29, 2024. Jandik noted that the New Virginia Fire Department is still looking for volunteers. Jandik stated that the New Virginia Fire/EMS responded to 14 Fires and 45 EMS calls. Of the EMS calls 11 were BLS Transports; 11 were ALS transports; 18 refused to go to the hospital; and 5 there was not a medic and mutual aid was received from Clarke County and St. Charles. Note regarding abbreviations. MVC = Motor Vehicle Collision. ALS = Advanced Life Support. BLS = Basic Life Support. It was also reported that both the 2011 and the 1995 Fire Pumper Trucks failed the pump testing and parts for those trucks have been discontinued.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING – August 28, 2024 at 1:15 p.m. at 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Jandik to adjourn at 3:22 p.m. Second by Smith. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

Sheri Jandik, Trustee

Steven Lawyer, Trustee

Kimberly Smith, Trustee

ATTEST:

Misti Kosman, Clerk