

Squaw Creek Township Trustee Meeting

August 11th, 2019

William Willis called the meeting to order at 11:10 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, April 1st, 2019. Motion by Willis, second by Jandik. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Financials: Reviewed and approved financial report by Jandik. Motion by Lawyer, second by Jandik. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Memorandum of Understanding for Smith Cemetery access

- Steve Lawyer provided draft of MoU. Minor updates were made upon review by Trustees.
- Motion by Jandik to approve drafted MoU, second by Willis. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.
- Approved MoU sent to Crystal McIntyre.
- Next Steps: MoU approved by Warren County Board of Supervisors, Approach Carpenter with go-forward plan and if non-negotiable will consider legal action to attain property.

Review/Discuss and Potential Action Cemetery Rules

- Reviewed Draft of Cemetery Rules
- Upon Review Trustees requested the following:
 - Add a provision for pre-placement of stones with payment in advance
 - Add a provision for exceptions to due dates
 - Update/Add Article 4 – Requirements for Burials
 - Minor language updates
- Upon further revisions by Lawyer, will re-submit for final review.

Discuss Flag Poles

- Sam Lawyer has discussed project with Scout Master and is able to move forward, by writing a proposal and present at next township meeting.

Discuss Tree Trimming

- In progress at Indian Valley and Mt. Tabor.
- Indian Valley – large trees require trimming, fencing updates, and benches around trees. Want to consider removing a few larger trees.

- Mt. Tabor – Ditch has been cleared. Will need Clarke Electric to finish remainder of ditch and will plan for a future controlled burn. The front fence line is cleared, and half of the East fence line.
- Lawyer proposed future opportunity to donate more land to the Mt. Tabor Cemetery to prevent similar issues at Smith Cemetery.
- Time and Expenses to be tracked for documentation.

Discuss Emergency Services contract with Virginia Township with Fire Department moving under accountability of New Virginia City Council

- Howe reached out to Brent Baughman, the New Virginia City Council Clerk. Brent did not have a copy of the Virginia Township Fire Department and Squaw Creek Township agreement. Additionally, New Virginia Fire Department, with the New Virginia City Council will be planning a meeting with all townships they hold agreements with to contract new arrangements.
- Warren County Emergency Services stated they do not have a copy of the agreement between Indianola Fire Department and Squaw Creek Township for EMS coverage; however there is an existing 28E that covers all of Warren County.
- Next Steps:
 - Lawyer to contact Brent Baughman.
 - Howe to continue to try to obtain dispatch statistics
 - Consider an arrangement with Lacona FD/EMS as back-up

New Business:

Sign Mowing Contract –

- Mowing Contract signed by all Trustees

Next meeting set for Sunday, August 18th, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn at 12:28 by Jandik, second by Lawyer. Unanimously approved.

Minutes approved by:

Sheri Jandik, Trustee

Steve Lawyer, Trustee

William E. Willis, Trustee