

MINUTES
SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Date: 08/28/2024

Time: 1:15 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER – Trustee Kimberly Smith called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

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 along with public consisting of Joel Dingman, Director along with Mark Blackford, Board Commissioner of Warren County Veterans Affairs. As well as Stephanie Briggs representing New Virginia Hometown Pride.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 26, 2024 meeting minutes – Motion by Jandik and second by Lawyer to approve the minutes. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. June and July 2024 People's Bank account reconciliations – Motion by Jandik and second by Smith to approve the account reconciliation reports. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.
2. Invoices – Jandik mentioned Dream Host for the township's website renewed with the Clerk confirming the amount of \$16.06.
3. Fy2024 Annual Financial Report – Motion by Smith and second by Lawyer to approve the Fy2024 Annual Financial Report. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree Trimming – Smith said she had completed some tree trimming at Smith Cemetery and that the flag was still in good condition. Jandik said she had not looked at Indian Valley but will report at the next meeting if there are any issues. Lawyer noted that he had not been able to contact Warren County Conservation about the diseased trees at Mt. Tabor but would soon and report back.
2. Headstone Maintenance/Purchases – Jandik reported that the first payment had been completed for the unknown headstones and would report back when everything is completed. It was noted that the second half will be due at the time of installation, which was included in the price.
3. Smith Cemetery Access – Lawyer noted that the trail cam is not operational yet and that he was having a difficult time contacting Bushnell but would try to determine if it is the age of the equipment or something fixable. Lawyer briefly reviewed Iowa Code 169c regarding trespassing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Virginia Hometown Pride Event September 29, 2024 - Stephanie Briggs of New Virginia Hometown Pride presented information for the September 29, 2024 End of Summer Social to be held at Hickory Hills in conjunction with the Warren County Conservation Board. It will be a family event with music, games, food, and something for all age groups. The idea is a spinoff of the early 1980's

Hickory Hills Hoedown that brought the rural and city communities together for the same great time. Briggs asked if Squaw Creek Township would like to be a part of the event and donate money, time, and talent. Trustees discussed their options and decided the township would provide a donation and set a up an information table where township residents can learn about the history of 3 pioneer cemeteries as well as what the upkeep and process is for maintaining them. The Trustees suggested that New Virginia Hometown Pride ask that New Virginia EMS attend and provide “standby” service at the event and a few fun things for the kids to do, like try on a fireman’s helmet and boots. Briggs said that they will advertise online, in the Tri,-Corner Express and Indianola Record Herald. Motion by Lawyer and second by Smith to approve \$250 to New Virginia Hometown Pride for the September 29, 2024 End of Summer Social and that the township will provide a booth for cemetery education and history. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mark Blackford and Joel Dingman of Warren County Veteran’s Affairs spoke extensively regarding their departments purpose and duties to veterans. Discussion centered around locating and updating veteran’s graves and planning a meeting for all townships to attend and learn about the Warren County Veteran’s Affairs department.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM TRUSTEES AND CLERK – Jandik said she had received a call from Bret Corrigan regarding the fence viewing order from 2023. Discussion followed with Lawyer saying he would reach out to Corrigan to answer his questions.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING – September 25, 2024 at 1:15 p.m. at 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Jandik to adjourn at 2:45 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