

Squaw Creek Township Trustee Meeting

September 19th, 2019

Sheri Jandik called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.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, August 11th, 2019. Motion by Willis, second by Jandik. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Memorandum of Understanding for Smith Cemetery access

- MoU was approved at the Warren County Board of Supervisors meeting on 9/3/2019.
- Jandik to pick up signed copy of the MoU from Board for signing by Trustees at next meeting.
- Reminder: The MoU does not commit the county or the Township to any activities, but does grant the authority.
- Next Steps: Schedule township meeting at the Medora Methodist Church and invite Mr. Carpenter to discuss the MoU and future activities at the Smith Cemetery.

Review/Discuss and Potential Action Cemetery Rules

- Tabled

Discuss Flag Poles

- Upon determination of proposed flag pole for the Eagle Scout Project at Mt. Tabor, the Township anticipates the purchase of two additional flagpoles for Smith and Indian Valley.

Discuss Tree Trimming

- Continued progress has been on-going at Mt. Tabor with minor fencing clean-up still needed.
- Jandik would like to ask property owners to the East (Lawyer) and North (Evans) if she is able to clean outside the fence boundaries. Lawyer granted permission.
 - Discussion occurred to determine if it makes sense to re-fence inside the boundary lines to allow for land outside the fencing.
 - Future actions and discussions to occur, including surveys and a visit to Mt. Tabor by the Trustees to determine future plans.

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

- Lawyer to reach out to Brent Baughman to further discussions regarding the future relationship between the Virginia Fire Department and Squaw Creek Township.
- Lawyer to reach out to the New Virginia City Council attorney, Stuyvesant.
- Lawyer to try to obtain dispatch statistics for Squaw Creek Township residents.

New Business:

Discuss Pioneer Cemetery Status for Pioneer Cemeteries

- Pioneer signs for our cemeteries may allude that our cemeteries are ‘abandoned’; however, that is not the case. The signs were input and designed in order to reflect the burials of actual Iowa Pioneers on the grounds. There are no legal concerns.

Presentation of Eagle Scout Project by Sam Lawyer

- Presentation was tabled, however a preview was discussed. Sam Lawyer discussed the company he found and types of flag poles that they carry as well as approximate prices.
- Presentation to occur at next scheduled meeting.

Annual Financial Report

- Due to Auditor by 9/30/2019.
- Clerk to complete and to be presented at next scheduled meeting for approvals.

Township Trustee & Clerk Reference Manual

- Per Trustees, look at the publication date. This was previously purchased several years before.

Next meeting set for Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. by Jandik, second by Lawyer. Unanimously approved.

Minutes approved by:

Sheri Jandik, Trustee

Steve Lawyer, Trustee

William E. Willis, Trustee