

MINUTES
SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Date: 11/23/2022

Time: 11:00 a.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Sheri Jandik motioned to open and call to order the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Second by Steven Lawyer. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL Present for the Chairperson's roll call were Trustees Sheri Jandik, Steven Lawyer, and Kimberly Smith. The Clerk arrived at 11:10 a.m. No public was present.

ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE Chairperson Sheri Jandik administered the Oath of Office Kimberly Smith who was elected to serve as Trustee during the remaining term vacated by the death of William "Bill" Willis III. Smith's term will end December 31, 2024. Then Jandik administered the Oath of Office to Steven Lawyer who was re-elected to serve as Trustee from January 2023 – December 31, 2026. Afterwards, Jandik administered the Oath of Office to Misti Kosman, Township Clerk, who was elected to serve January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. October 26, 2022 meeting minutes – Motion by Lawyer to approve the October 26, 2022 meeting minutes. Second by Jandik. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. October 2022 checking, savings, and certificate of deposit reconciliation – Motion by Smith to approve the reconciliation reports for the People's Bank October 2022 checking, savings, and certificate of deposit accounts. Second by Jandik. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tree Trimming – Smith reported that a tree has fallen from the neighboring property onto Indian Valley Cemetery fence and that the adjacent property owner had been removing trees near the cemetery. Smith will contact the neighbor to cleanup his tree from the cemetery.
2. Headstone Maintenance - Jandik shared that Indianola Memorial Works is still working on the headstones. Jandik will contact McCall Monument again about timing of the placement of headstone at Indian Valley Cemetery for the Thomas family and coordinate with Lawyer to ensure proper placement. Discussion followed regarding timing of the meeting/headstone placement.
3. Smith Cemetery access – Lawyer confirmed that he had not heard from Elcock. After discussion, motion by Lawyer to dismiss the services of Attorney Elcock and to retain as council for the eminent domain action, Maria Brownell, Ahlers &

Cooney Law Firm. Brownell's fee is \$255 per hour and there are no conflict issues. Second by Jandik. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

4. William "Bill" Willis II memorial marker – Lawyer will follow up to determine if it is ready to be installed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mowing bid for 2024 – Trustees discussed the form and specifications and directed the Clerk to make minor changes. After further discussion, motion by Jandik to place an ad in the Tri-Corner Express, New Virginia, Iowa, and the Indianola Record Herald; also post on the Township Facebook page and website. Second by Lawyer. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM TRUSTEES AND CLERK – Jandik shared that Jake Zuercher, Fire Chief, New Virginia Fire Department, had shared that there will be a meeting December 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Warren County Administration Building with the Board of Supervisors to discuss creating a centralized Fire/EMS system which could possibly mean the demise of our local volunteer Fire/EMS departments. Jandik encouraged all to attend to gather more information.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING – December 21, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Smith to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Second by Jandik. Ayes: All. Motion approved.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

Sheri Jandik, Trustee

Steven Lawyer, Trustee

Kimberly Smith, Trustee

ATTEST:

Misti Kosman, Clerk