



CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2024 9:00 A.M.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairperson Dedoe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Dedoe, Travis, Bates, Smith, Neruda

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Member Dedoe, supported by Member Travis to approve the July 10, 2024 minutes. Vote: 5-0. Motion Carried.

Public Comments:

None

Correspondence:

None

Sexton News:

7 burials, 8 foundations, fixed a headstone, replaced a foundation and found another headstone, graded and sprayed driveways. Discussion held.

Old Business:

a. Unused Gravesites Update

Did some field work. Information found on computer matched the cemetery. Discussion held.

Motion by Member Bates, supported by Member Dedoe to take the unused grave report to the Board for their opinion and to have the lawyer find out if it's feasible to be able to sell those properties. Vote 5-0. **Motion carried.**

New Business:

a. Cemetery Programs

Member Dedoe presented a list of other townships on what they used for cemetery programs. Discussion held. Decided to look at BS&A program at Fort Gratiot Township to see what it's like.

b. Cremation Section – Ruby Cemetery

Member Travis submitted some ideas to dress up the cremation section. Discussion held.

Decided to get more ideas, measurements and cost. Do some low maintenance and add grass seed for now.

Member Travis brought up the rotted poles at the entrance and the red poles do something nicer. Discussion held.

Member Neruda left at 10:01 a.m.

c. Letter to Monument Companies and Funeral Directors that Sell Headstones
Monument companies taking orders for foundations that we do not have a location for. Member Dedoe devised a letter to send. Discussion held.

Decided to send letter to monument company.

d. Michigan Cemetery Association

Membership dues are \$300.00 a year to belong. They have seminars and can advise us on issues with the cemetery. Discussion held.

Decided to look into it further and bring back more information to the November meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion by Member Dedoe, supported by Member Travis to adjourn meeting at 10:28 a.m. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

Stacey Smith, Township Clerk