

CEMETERY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2019 8:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joel B. Day. Present were members Mark Wideman, Tim Halter, Service Director Ron McAbier, Rich Geib, Jim Exley and Superintendent Kelly Herron. Excused was Dave Frantz.

Minutes from the September 12 meeting were approved on a motion by Ron McAbier and seconded by Tim Halter. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Herron reported on the new cemetery land. He stated Buckeye Career Center's Adult Education has the roads cut in. The base stone is down and has been rolled with the help of Watson Construction offering their roller. The top coat of stone will be distributed in the spring as well as the final grading and paving. Mr. Herron reported he has plenty of seed and fertilizer left to complete this. Mr. McAbier is working with Schoenbrunn Landscaping on the start of tree planting keeping in mind new trees will be planted each year. It was decided that an additional stall to the garage will be added to the original plan for two, with the hope of completion in March or April. Materials for the office and garage is around \$26,000.

The first phase of construction will include the office and garage and will offer a columbarium and full burials. A veterans section is included in the master plan but not until the third or fourth phase but can be juggled around to be included earlier. Discussion with Mr. Demuth may have more land graded in the spring to be part of the first phase. This would include land from the power poles forward. A 9' catch basin has been installed.

Mr. Herron said with the help of John Deere and the local business, the cemetery's new gator will have a rebuilt engine at a decent cost. This year's revenue was reported at \$76,000 through the end of October.

Rich Geib suggested to devise a marketing strategy between now and the projected start date of August, 2020 for burials and cremations. Board members agreed to do some research and come back with ideas at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The idea of giving a name to the cemetery was then discussed. Those in attendance were asked to do some research and come back with ideas of names.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m. on a motion from Ron McAbier, seconded by Tim Halter.

Mary Ann Otte Administrative Assistant