



**Minutes of White Cloud Cemetery Committee**  
**April 21, 2022, at 2:30 p.m.**  
**12 N. Charles, White Cloud, MI 49349**

**A. Meeting Called to Order**

**1. Roll Call**

Member Kymes called the Cemetery committee meeting to order at the White Cloud City Office Building.

Attendees: Brian Miller, Don Barnhard, Mike Kymes, Curt Crandell and Herm Becker

Absent: None

Staff present: Kelli Arnold, April Storms

Public in Attendance: None

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** by Barnhard to set Agenda, **Supported** by Miller to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None **Motion Carried**

**3. Approval of December 7, 2021, Meeting minutes**

Minutes of cemetery committee meeting held on December 7, 2021, were presented for consideration.

**Motion** by Crandell **Supported** by Miller to approve the meeting minutes of December 7, 2021.

Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None **Motion Carried**

**B. Unfinished Business**

**1. Signs**

DPW is currently in the process of getting all the location signs put up at the cemetery.

**2. Dead trees**

Quality Tree Service trimmed and removed the trees that were causing concern.

**C. New Business**

**1. Fees**

Cemetery fees were last amended on 10/2/2018.

Current grave opening prices for summer are \$450.00, winter is \$600.00/ infant cost is \$250.00. West Michigan Burial Vault was contacted prior to this meeting to verify if prices would change for 2022; they will stay the same. The committee agreed to keep the fee the same for grave opening/closing.

Foundation cost is currently \$0.35 per square inch. Due to increased pricing of all materials, recommendation for approval from City Council to increase cemetery foundation cost to \$0.45 per square inch.

**Motion** by Barnhard, **Supported** by Becker to recommend to City Council the foundation cost be increased to \$0.45 per square inch.

Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None **Motion Carried**

2. Unmarked Graves

\*Discussion regarding unmarked graves that are occupied. There are many graves that have no marker on them, but records show there is a burial. Older burials did not have vaults, probing does not always verify there is a burial. State law does not require a vault in the present day, but cemetery rules do require a vault.

\*Joint burials are allowed in City cemetery, one full burial and one cremation or two cremations in a single grave. Curt Crandell will share an authorization of Joint burial form so that the city can use the form when there is more than one deceased being put in a single grave.

\*Section 18 of Cemetery Rules and Regulations "Monuments"

Recommendation to Council to add: One above ground monument per grave site, if there is a second, it must be flush to the ground.

**D. Public Comment**

None

**E. Adjournment**

Next meeting Fall 2022.

**Motion** by Barnhard, **Supported** by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None **Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted:



Kelli Arnold  
Clerk

Approved on: 1-11-2023

