

Fremont Cemetery Trustee Meeting Minutes August 13, 2019 Approved: 9/17/2019

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Matthew Thomas at 4:05 pm in the basement meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall. Present were: Cemetery Trustees: Matthew Thomas, Jeanne Nygren and Michael Nygren, Cemetery Sexton: Shawn Perreault, Superintendent Bruce White.

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the July 9, 2019 meeting minutes with no changes needed. Mr. Nygren seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Superintendent Report – Mr. White stated there was nothing special going on. Mr. White wanted to meet with Mr. Thomas regarding the headstones that have fallen in Leavitt. He would like Mr. Thomas' help in determining if Mr. White can fix any of them. Mr. Thomas agreed and they are going to pick a Sunday sometime soon to meet. The cost for his time can be taken from the Superintendent line if needed. Mr. White stated that the mowing is slowing down and he would fix the stones in between mowing. Mr. White also stated that due to the slow down in grass growth, both cemeteries should be caught up in mowing/weed whacking by this Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Budget Review - Mr. White stated that in the past all equipment that we have purchased has been on an as need basis. He suggested buying another push mower with a stronger motor if there is money in the equipment line at the end of the season. Mr. White will have more the status of the all the equipment at September's meeting. The Trustees questioned if they should add money to the Sexton position for next year's budget.

Project Wish List – The Trustees agreed that it was hard to come up with a wish list for next years budget until they know the outcome of the Leavitt Clearing of C/D RFP. Next year's projects would depend on what we were able to get cleared. Mr. Nygren wondered if it would make sense to clear everything, if price is right, to stop the cost of clearing going up in the future. Then we would have to increase the hours and money for mowing. Mr. Nygren suggested if we did that, the mowing on the unused sections might be able to be mowed less. Mr. Thomas stated he would like to see C & D cleared and the tree on the other side removed, than the rest cleared as needed. He feels that the mowing to maintain all the land would cost more in the long run than waiting to clear as needed.

Leavitt Cemetery Clearing of C/D RFP – We are changing the due date to September 17<sup>th</sup>'s meeting. Everything else was good, but Mrs. Perreault is going to go over it with Mrs. Carlson.

New Part-time help – The Trustees were given a letter of interest that was sent to Mrs. Carlson for Mr. Scott Cook. Mrs. Perreault informed the board that Mrs. Carlson would like to move forward with Mr. Cook and feels he would be a great fit. Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve Mr. Cook as the new hire and have Mrs. Carlson move forward on the hiring process. Mr. Nygren seconded the motion and it was approved. The Trustees would like to meet him at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. White stated he as



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not met him, but his experience looks great. Mr. White would work with Mr. Cook to show him how we do things and such. Mr. Thomas asked Mr. White if he knew if we would still have Lloyd when Mr. White left. Mr. White stated yes. That Lloyd is a good, hard and dependable worker that does about 10-12 hours a week. Mr. White stated that he will probably be leaving around October, but will give the Trustees a more specific date as soon as he knows. The Trustees wondered where the money to train Mr. Cook would come from and reviewed the remaining money in each budget line. There was only about 700.00 left in mowing, but after further review the Trustees noted there were other areas that could be pulled from if need be.

## **New Business:**

Downing Base – Mrs. Perreault brought up a request from the Downing family at approve a piece of granite that went outside the listed measurement under the ordinance. Mrs. Perreault presented a picture of the granite with the measurements for the Trustees to look at. The ordinance was reviewed in relationship to the request. After discussion and review, Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the base stone. Mr. Nygren seconded the motion and it was passed. Mr. White will help the monument company where needed.

Next meeting was scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

Motion made by Mrs. Nygren to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Nygren. Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Perreault Cemetery Sexton