

## Cemeter Trustees Minutes January 25, 2012

Minutes of Cemetery Trustee Meeting  
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Present: Rich Alperin, Ed Pelczar, Mike Pelczar, Mike Provost

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the September 28, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

Ed said that the Budget Committee voted to eliminate our request for \$5,000 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, for the repair of stones in the cemetery. Funds are tight and the economy is bad. It was explained that the Budget Committee felt that the Trustees have just under \$10,000 in our Capital Reserve account and that these funds could be used for that purpose. Both Mike Provost and Rich Alperin showed up at the Town Hall on Sat. Nov. 19, 2011 to explain our budget request at the Town Council/Budget Committee, Town Budget Workshop. We were on the agenda for 10 a.m. (Grants). No one was there and we were never given the opportunity to explain our request.

There was a brief discussion about a proposed gate for the Old Town Cemetery. It was felt that this should be put on hold for the present time.

Ed brought up the discussion of the Town Council voting to give the Cemetery Trustees authority over having work done in private graveyards. This came about with new Legislation passed in 2011. Ed didn't feel that we had authority in this matter since the Resolution creating the Cemetery Trustees specifically states that our authority is over the two Town cemeteries, Riverside Cemetery and the Old Town Cemetery. However the newly passed Legislation does give us authority in this matter.

There is still one position open on the Cemetery Trustees. We should look around and talk with people to see if we can find someone that would be interested.

Ed, in behalf of the Trustees of Trust Funds, mentioned that they may be placing a notice on Channel 13, to create a list of people or groups that would be interested in working in private graveyards. Work would include: raking and general cleanup in the spring and fall, clearing small brush, and cutting grass during the summer. It would not include any stone repair, since this should be done by a professional. Mike Provost made a motion to support this and Rich Alperin did a second. Unanimously passed.

There was a discussion about the Cemeteries Budget that Rick Malasky presents. It includes work done in Riverside Cemetery, Old Town Cemetery & Cheswell Cemetery.

We really need to breakdown the mowing expense in each cemetery. The Trust Funds should only pay for the Riverside mowing. We need to keep an eye on this.

Mike Provost mentioned that the plantings around the flag pole in the Old Town Cemetery were donated and planted with the assistance of Club Chameleon members. When the Veterans Memorial Committee does work there we hope they can reuse the plantings in the general area.

Next meeting on Wed. April 25, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Town Cemetery.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Pelczar