

# WILLIAMSTOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

September 26, 2024 \* \* Minutes - Draft

**Present:** Matt Couillard CH, Susan Lyons, Daphne Herwig, Matt Walker, Orvil Lasell , Joe Mangan  
**Guest:**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Office.

**Minutes:** Minutes from August 22, 2024 were reviewed. Motion made by Orvil L to accept as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan L. All approved and Motion passed.

**Budget Status Report:** Budget Status Report dated Sept, 26, 2024 was presented.

**Warrants:** Kirkyard Services, LLC – Sept. Mowing contract Inv. 2088- \$5,125.00; Kirkyard Services, LLC – Invoice #2043 - \$421.00 – 2 sets Corner Posts + \$350.00 – 1 Burial/R Owen. Refund for overpayment - \$50.00. Kirkyard Inv. #2077 – 3 Grass Markers installed - \$120.00 (2/C. & D.Robar, 1/Covell) + 2 sets corner posts installed - \$160.00 (Robinson & Lamberton)  
Total paid out - \$6,226.00

**Income:** \$800.00/2 Burials (R Owen & R Robar) + 2 grass markers installed \$250.00 (Covell & R. Robar). Total Rec'd - \$1,050.00

## New Business:

Matt C. Looking over the Budget Status Report - - looks o.k.  
We will be working on our Proposed Budget for next year.  
Joe's Report on the cemeteries.

Joe M. Concerning the Burrell stones in the Village Cemetery - - I picked up the two damaged stones and Joe's Custom is replacing them. They should be ready soon. I hope to get to take care of the stone by the shed in the Village Cemetery. I did receive the email for Steve Bailey's burial for Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Susan L. Question regarding the Warrant for the cleaning of the 80 stones in the Village Cemetery as well as raising 80 grass markers and cleaning them. John Perkins used to mark the rows and count the stones to be cleaned. The numbers don't match up with the stones cleaned in the first two rows.

Joe M. We went into the upper old part and raised and cleaned grass markers there.

Susan L. Thank you for the explanation, we will re-issue the Warrant.

Matt W. I just wanted to mention that the Seivwright stone fell off the base. The base is clearly tipped. I did take a picture.  
Discussion on who is responsible for fixing this. There is family around. No decision made.

Susan L. There were two more stones in the upper section that will need to be taken care of. I have pictures of those also. Added to the ones that were down from the last meeting - - 4 need to be taken care of. Asked Joe if he was interested in doing these? I can send the pictures.

Joe M. Yes - - send me the pictures.

Susan L. Sharing an e-mail that I received regarding a presentation of natural burials. Anyone interested in attending? The group decision was that we are not interested in handling natural burials in our cemeteries.

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Matt C. I had a conversation with Larry Wiggins regarding his family's stones in West Hill. There is an Ash tree growing up around the two stones there. Can it be removed?  
Also - - the neighbor Greg Lancey wanted to know who was responsible for cleaning up the tree branches on his side of the driveway.  
(Will need to look into this.)  
There are also tree branches hanging over some stones in the Village Cemetery and the road going into the East Hill Cemetery.

Susan L. I'll see if I can get Clarence to help with cutting these two branches. I also had a complaint from the landowner by the turn around on Henry Road. They are driving over her lawn and ran over and broke one of their markers. Not happy.

Joe M. I will talk to my guys about this.

Matt C. I checked with Bobby Molinaro doing work on the lower road in the Village Cemetery and the hill. He gave me a quote of \$2,350.  
Discussion followed - - we have the money in the Cemetery Project Reserve Fund that can be used.

Susan L. I'll make the Motion to accept the quote of \$2,350 and take the money from the Cemetery Project Reserve Fund. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daphne H. All agreed and Motion passed.

Susan L. We received a check from Virtus in the amount of \$184.11. The current balance in this account is \$47,318.41. The check was mailed to Gary Storrs on 9-27-24.

Orvil L. Can you check with our treasurer – Jennifer – to make sure he got this check and also the one from the year end Lot Sales.

Susan L. I can check on these.  
Regarding the two Locust trees in the Village Cem. - - Matt and I met, and he tagged the trees to be cut down and I also took a picture of them. I haven't gotten any quotes yet.  
Discussion followed and a question was raised about trimming the branches of the Maple tree by the Flagpole. Good idea to take care of this at the same time.

**Other/Old Business:**

Susan L. We will be working on our next year's budget and asked Joe about his prices for next year.

Joe M. I hope that they will remain the same.

Susan L. You might want to add the \$50.00 charge for picking up corner posts or grass markers back in.

Matt C. Joe – we will be working on our budget for next year so you don't have to stay for that.

We all went over the figures and came up with a total of \$59,873.20. Susan will type the new figures up to look over again at the Oct. meeting for approval.

Matt C. Anything else? No - -

Daphne H. I'll make the Motion to adjourn – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan L. All approved.

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