

EAST HAVEN OLD CEMETERY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES JULY 29, 2021

The Old Cemetery Board held a special meeting on Thursday, July 29, 2021 virtually and transacted the following:

- Chairperson Melanie Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
- **Roll call** was taken and a quorum was present.
Present: Commissioners Barbara Buonome, Marcia Federico, Arlene Hackbarth, Melanie Johnson, Judy Ruggiero. Absent: Commissioner Robert Sand
- **Approval of Minutes:** Tabled as minutes from June 24, 2021 were not available at time of meeting
- **Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Judy Ruggiero gave the report, paid a total \$1,550.00 to Garden of Eden for landscaping on the following dates: May 11, 2021; May 28, 2021; June 16, 2021, June 29, 2021. Reimbursed Commissioner Arlene Hackbarth \$23.96 for the purchase of geraniums which were planted in the decorative urns. Balance in checking account after all payments was \$12,825.81. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to accept report, Commissioner Buonome seconded motion. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion carried.
- **Old Business:** Commissioner Ruggiero stated she was in contact with Town of East Haven Finance Director James Keeley concerning the Town signing the 5-year extension of the contract with Mr. Faulkner at the current price the Board is being charged. Mr. Faulkner contracted runs until 2022. This contract will be put into writing and presented to the Town Council. Also, Commissioner Ruggiero mailed a letter to the Finance Director requesting the budgeted stipend for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Commissioner Ruggiero stated Benny, the mason who repaired headstones, contacted her and stated he will contact Commissioner Sand to pick out the next set of stones for repair. Commissioner Sand will check along with Commissioner Ruggiero stones which were previously repaired to make sure the stones were properly filled. Other Commissioners offered to go with them to help navigate the walkway to the stones.
Chairperson Johnson stated she made copies of WPA inventory of headstones from 1934 and list from former Commissioner William Jackson from 2013. Once cooler weather comes in September, a walk-thru will be done to add and collate the lists. Chairperson Johnson stated she spent \$40.00 at Minute Man Press for the copies, Commissioner Ruggiero will re-imburse Chairperson Johnson for expenses.
- **New Business:** The geraniums put into the decorative urns by Commissioner Hackbarth and Johnson look great.
- **Adjournment:** Chairperson Johnson asked if there was any further business to be brought forth, being none, meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Gravino, Clerk