

EAST HAVEN OLD CEMETERY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2021

The Old Cemetery Board held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 28, 2021 virtually and transacted the following:

- Chairperson Melanie Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.
- **Roll call** was taken and a quorum was present.
Present: Commissioners Barbara Buonome, Melanie Johnson, Judy Ruggiero, Arlene Hackbarth, Robert Sand, Marcia Federico.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
Chairperson Johnson asked if there were any corrections or omissions from the September 30, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. Commissioner Arlene Hackbarth stated she was absent from the but the minutes do not reflect it. Also, Commissioner Judy Ruggiero stated under old business it should state "when Benny calls".
Chairperson Johnson asked for a motion to accept September 30, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. Commissioner Sand made a motion to accept minutes, Commissioner Federico seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion carried. September 30, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes accepted.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Ruggiero gave the report, paid a total of \$775.00 to Garden of Eden for landscaping on the following dates: September 17, 2021 and September 29, 2021. Commissioner Ruggiero received \$10.00 from Fall Festival Raffle, Commissioner Ruggiero put in \$10.00, Carl Ruggiero put in \$10.00, and \$25.00 was given from Ruggiero family. The balance is \$15,815.81.
Commissioner Johnson made a motion to accept treasurer's report as read, Commissioner Sand mad a motion to accept Treasurer's Report as read, Commissioner Buonome seconded motion. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion carried. Treasurer's Report accepted as read.
- **Old Business:** Commissioner Sand stated Benny did a beautiful job with repair of the stones and contacted Commissioners Sand and Ruggiero concerning them. The repairs from 2018 still have not been completed. Benny was supposed to meet with Commissioners Sand and Ruggiero to discuss the filing of the excel concrete from the back of the stones. It was not Benny's work; it was work done by a person needed community service. The agreement between Benny and the Commission was if the work done by the person needing community service was not done to the Commission's satisfaction, Benny would fix the issues.

Commissioner Ruggiero stated Sal Maltese completed the audit on October 16, 2021, all was in order. Commissioner Ruggiero stated she received a letter from Mr. Tuttle who stated he was satisfied with the information concerning location of his grave. Commissioner Ruggiero received Paul Houde's Birth Certificate so his cremains can be buried with his mother in Old Cemetery. Mr. Savino contacted East Lawn Cemetery to bury the cremains.

Commissioner Ruggiero reached out Judge Michael Albis due to fact he was Town Attorney in the 1990s when the Town Council was approached concerning selling Old Cemetery property. Judge Albis stated the land was in a trust so it couldn't be sold. Commissioner Ruggiero asked for more information concerning this as it would be important to know.

Chairperson Johnson spoke with Mayor Carfora and Public Service Superintendent Coyle asked for the name of the advisory group who was accompanying them on the walk-thru and any information stemming from walk-thru.

- **New Business:** Chairperson Johnson stated during a walk-thru of the Old Cemetery, she saw that an abutting property owner put up a stockade fence. When the property owner was asked why, they stated it was due to the fact they were tired of people who hang out on back portion and throw their trash into their yard. Chairperson Johnson contacted Public Service Superintendent Coyle who will investigate what has been occurring.

- **Adjournment:** Chairperson Johnson asked if there was any further business to be brought forth, being none, she adjourned meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Gravino, Clerk