

Cemetery Trustee Minutes for July 12, 2012

Meeting was held at the DPW Facility at 6:00 PM.

Attending were: Mary Quintana, Chairperson, Richard Henderson, David Stewart, Trustees and Norman Ruell, Sexton's Assistant.

Will Shoemaker was absent due to other commitments and delegated Norm Ruel to take his place, with instructions to provide the trustees with an update on the operations of the Cemetery Department.

Norm began with a detailed discussion concerning the acquisition of the new Kioti tractor and its capabilities. He noted that this machine far exceeded the expectations as formerly believed. A thorough test was made of its capabilities and it would easily ascend the steep slopes of the Lockhaven and Town cemeteries as well as traverse the perimeter of both with no thoughts of instability in any instance. This was the primary use of this machine as previous work had to be manually completed which created many hours of back breaking labor and time consumed.

The above noted test was accomplished with the Kioti in two wheel drive, although it has four wheel drive capabilities.

Norm described in detail of work that was performed at the Purmort Cemetery during this short period and said that the load carrying capacity exceeded the noted specifications of the Machine. The hydraulic lift worked perfectly which saved an enormous amount of hand labor unloading materials from the tractor. The cost saving was over 80 % of the time that that was originally planned for this specific job of filling and leveling low spots at the Purmort Cemetery and other work involved.

Norm also gave a full report on work accomplished at other cemeteries, including, Paddleford, at which all the Vinyl fencing was power washed to remove mold which had accumulated; and also cleaning of fencing at Purmort. At Countryside, the brush and other debris was removed from the right side of the entrance.

He noted that every Monday would be considered "Cemetery Day" and that all four cemetery workers would concentrate on a specific cemetery. This will continue until November first at which time the Cemetery Dept. will switch to winter activities.

The Trustees noted their great pleasure on the acquisition of the new Kioti tractor which will decrease the labor in the cemetery maintenance there for

allowing considerable more work to be accomplished in the same time period.

Under "Old Business" it was noted that the trustees have not received any feedback concerning trust funds from Cy Pres, nor reply from Town Mgr. Schneider concerning the leaning tree problem at the small Shaker cemetery. Dave Stewart will contact Mgr. Schneider in regards to this.

The meeting closed at 7:00 P.M. with the thanking of Norm Ruel for his lengthy report on the cemetery activities.

Respectively Submitted
Richard M. Henderson, Secretary