

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH PERRYSBURG CITY
COUNCIL AND PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGARDING JOINT CEMETERY
JUNE 16, 2020**

Council President Jonathan Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present in Council Chambers were City Council members Deborah Born, Cory Kuhlman, Jim Matuszak, Tim McCarthy, Jonathan Smith, and Barry VanHoozen. Jan Materni was present via tele-conferencing. Township Trustees present in Council Chambers were Gary Britten, Robert Mack, and Joe Schaller (10). Also present were Laura Alkire, Law Director, and David Creps, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting as written and to dispense with their reading. Mr. Matuszak seconded the motion. Ms. Born said that it was her recollection that during the discussion about the cemetery fence, Mr. Mack said that we need to keep our heritage and she thinks that she be included in the minutes. Mr. Mack moved to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Ms. Born. Ayes: (10). Nays: (0).

DISCUSSION OF 2021 BUDGET

Bob Warnimont gave an update on current operations at the cemetery including measures implemented to protect the staff during the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Smith stated that the staff at the cemetery has done an exemplary job during the pandemic. Mr. Smith said that a change was made to the initial budget to remove a potential cold storage unit at least for the short term. Mr. Matuszak asked if the cemetery qualified for any Covid-19 relief funds. Mr. Smith said he does not believe so, but Mr. Warnimont said he will pursue it. Mr. Britten moved to approve the 2021 budget for the cemetery as presented. Mr. Matuszak seconded. Ayes: (10). Nays: (0).

APPOINTMENT OF CEMETERY BOARD MEMBER

Mr. McCarthy moved to appoint Mr. Smith to the Cemetery Board for another term. Seconded by Mr. Matuszak. Ayes: (10). Nays: (0).

CEMETERY TAX LEVY

Mr. Smith stated that there are no changes with the proposed millage. Mr. Matuszak asked if this millage is in the 2021 budget that was just approved. Mr. Smith said it is. Mr. Smith made a motion to renew the .32 millage for the purpose of operating the cemetery. Mr. Matuszak seconded the motion. Ayes: (10). Nays: (0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith stated that the Board discussed the cemetery fence at their last meeting and they were hoping to get some direction at this meeting. He summarized the fence issue and the conflict with the City's Planning and Zoning Code. He stated that the entire fence could not be removed and replaced with chain link, and they would be limited to replacing 10% per year to have it be considered maintenance instead of replacement. Ms. Born said that she is against replacing the fence because it will look like Disneyland, and we need to keep our heritage. Mr. Matuszak asked Mr. McCarthy if there is an avenue the cemetery can take to get a variance or allowance regarding the fence. Mr. McCarthy said that they code do a code amendment, and Mr. Smith pointed out that a code amendment would affect all properties with the same zoning classification. There was additional discussion and the general sentiment was that the fence should be replaced incrementally as the cemetery can afford it.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.