

HUDSON CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Minutes of Public Meeting

September 11, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Haefner called this meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2006, in the Community Development Meeting Room at the Hudson Town Hall.

Those persons present were as follows:

Trustees

Present: David Alukonis, Robert Haefner, and Brad Seabury.

Others

Present: None.

2. BUDGET DISCUSSION

Chairman Haefner noted that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss budget issues for the coming year, for preparation of the 2006-2007 budget. He distributed copies of the current year's budget, noting that the starting allocation had been \$5,685.00, with \$1,179.36 expended to date, leaving a balance of \$4,505.64 for the period through June 2007, with remaining expenses before the Board including a monument for the Poor Farm Cemetery, fencing for that cemetery, and repairs for damaged headstones in the other cemeteries.

Chairman Haefner reported that he had visited the Hudson Monuments firm to obtain cost estimates for a monument for the Poor Farm Cemetery, stating that the cost of a standard headstone, approximately three feet in height, would be about \$1800, while a lower rectangular headstone with a 45-degree upper surface would be about \$1400. He reported that he had told Dave Cote that the Trustees would hold up on ordering repairs of damaged headstones in the other cemeteries until other future expenditures had been determined. He then pointed out that the last-obtained cost estimate for a fence had been in the neighborhood of \$5300 to \$5400 for a post fence with vinyl-coated chain, meaning that the Trustees could not afford to get both a monument and fencing within this year's budget. He suggested that the Trustees get the monument and then attempt to get Road Agent Kevin Burns to put a temporary fence around the Poor Farm Cemetery until the Trustees could get a better one with next year's budget allocation.

Mr. Alukonis noted that an enclosure was required by state statutes but that the definition of "enclosure" was fairly flexible and could include shrubbery. Mr. Seabury stated that purchasing shrubby to delineate the entire perimeter of the Poor Farm Cemetery would also be fairly expensive. Chairman Haefner concurred, but noted that pretty much one side of the cemetery was bounded by a stone wall. Mr. Alukonis offered to contact Gate City Fencing to get an updated cost estimate, noting that the previous estimate was now out of date. Chairman Haefner said he would check with Mr. Alukonis in a week or so concerning that cost estimate. The consensus of the Trustees was to proceed with obtaining a monument, with a unanimous agreement that the lower slant-faced monument would be preferable. Discussion of the desired text ensued, with general agreement that the monument would bear the title POOR FARM CEMETERY, followed by the active dates of operation (to be determined by consultation with Kimball Webster's *History of Hudson*), followed by the text message: IN MEMORY OF THE NAMELESS.

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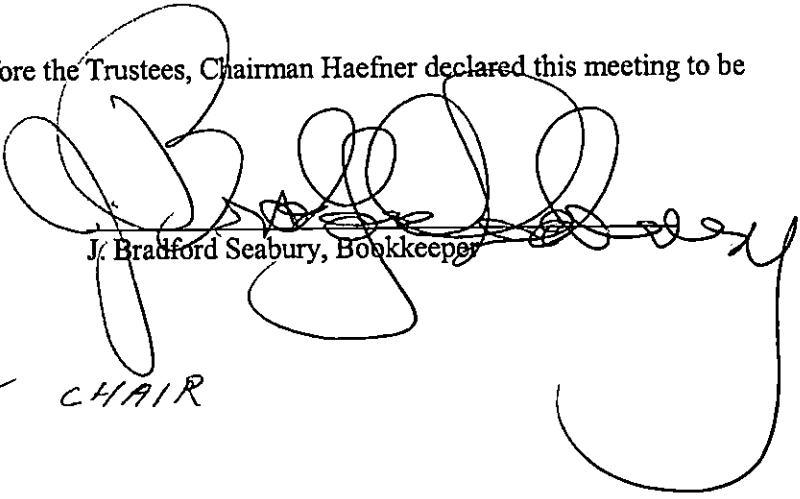
Chairman Haefner said he would get together with Dave Cody and walk the cemetery grounds to obtain a cost estimate for needed repairs, with the costs of these repairs to be borne by whatever remained in the account following purchase of the monument.

Mr. Seabury noted that the Trustees had talked earlier about opening the Tenney crypt on Kimball Hill Road and making sure that things were in order. Chairman Haefner set a date of Monday, September 25th, to do that, starting at 10:00 a.m., adding that he would contact Road Agent Burns about this project. Mr. Alukonis said he did not know who had the key to the lock, and he suggested that Mr. Seabury contact Mrs. Pat Hetzer, the previous Bookkeeper.

3. ADJOURNMENT

No other items remaining before the Trustees, Chairman Haefner declared this meeting to be adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

DATE: September 11, 2006


J. Bradford Seabury, Bookkeeper

 CHAIR