

City of Hancock

Cemetery Board of Trustees Meeting

July 14, 2020 5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Betty Boxer-Toutant, Carol Carli, Paul Nelson, Mary Pekkala, City Manager Mary Babcock

Absent: Sexton Steve Belo

Guests: John Silvon, Stephen Jukari

Items Discussed:

- * Call to order, agenda approved, minutes of October 8 2019 and April 14, 2020 meetings approved to begin our Zoom meeting.
- * No public comment.
- * Cemetery pricing was discussed using the information Betty had compiled in 2018. She will update prices have changed. A fairly lengthy discussion about Hancock's prices compared to Houghton, Chassell, Oskar, and Calumet followed. No definite price changes were made. Discussion mainly centered on Hancock having very low prices in comparison to others of similar in size. Questions about perpetual care pricing will need to be discussed at the next meeting with Steve Belo.
- * Steve Belo will update cemetery needs/concerns at the next meeting.
- * A lengthy discussion of having a columbarium installed at the cemetery took place. Mary Pekkala has been looking into the costs of having one put in. Early investigation indicates \$15,000 may be a ball park cost of a 24 section unit. Discussion centered around choosing a

place which would have extra space to put in a second one if it is warranted, how much interest there will be in people using it, how long it will take to get original cost of the columbarium back, and other issues. No decision was made on installing one in Hancock. The Church of Resurrection is still considering putting one in. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church has a columbarium and charges \$2000.00 per unit. Each unit has the remains of 2 people.

* In other business, John Silvon brought up Hancock having a section of the cemetery for green burial. Our last discussion of this was left with planning on asking Mark Dennis from O'Neil Funeral Home or/and Neil Ahola from the Memorial Chapel Funeral Home to attend one of our meetings so we could ask questions about green burial. We haven't been able to do that due to the covid 19 virus which has not allowed us to meet in person since October of 2019.

* Our next meeting will be on October 13, 2020.

* Meeting adjourned at 5:42 P.M.

Carol Carli, Member