

MINUTES OF THE EVERGREEN MEMORIAL CEMETERY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
July 08, 2024

The Board of Trustees for the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery met in the Cemetery office located at 302 E. Miller St., at 6:00 P.M.

Trustee Gibson directed the Cemetery Manager to call the roll and the following members of the Board answered present:

Trustees: Joseph Gibson, President, Garrett Thalgott, Vice President and Brad Williams, Secretary/Treasurer.

Staff and Elected Official: Misty Porter, Cemetery Manager, Kyle Durlinger, Ground Supervisor, and Deb Skillrud, Township Supervisor.

“Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes of the June 10, 2024, Board Meeting as submitted by Staff. (Recommend that the Minutes of the June 10, 2024, Meeting be approved as presented.)
- B. Approval of Anticipated Expenditures as presented for the month July 2024. (Recommend that the Anticipated Expenditures be approved as presented.)

Motion by Trustee Thalgott, seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Trustee Gibson directed the Cemetery Manager to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Trustees Gibson, Thalgott, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Approval by Board of Monthly Cemetery Audit for June 2024.

Motion by Trustee Thalgott, seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the Monthly Cemetery Audit for June 2024 as presented and forward on to Township Board for action and approval at their July 22, 2024, meeting.

Trustee Gibson directed the Cemetery Manager to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Trustees Gibson, Thalgott, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Discussion on how the unhoused in the area are affecting the cemetery.

Discussion took place: Trustee Gibson started by saying that all 3 trustees have seen the unhoused area near the cemetery. The Grounds Supervisor said that he received a call from a customer who was visiting their fathers' grave and witnessed an unhoused person throwing up right next to her fathers' grave. The cemetery Manager said the unhoused people on the trail could be asked to move back to the church parking lot and not be on the public trail that is used by children, teens, elderly, and the everyday bike rider. She said that ever since the first tent was allowed to stay many others from the church parking lot have moved over. Trustee Gibson said the main concern is safety for staff and customers. The township Supervisor said there is going to be a work session on Friday July 12, 2024, at 7:30 AM in the cemetery office so that the Mayor and City Manager can put eyes on the situation.

2024 Year to Date Burials: Evergreen Memorial Cemetery - 37
East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery - 36
Park Hill Cemetery - 20
Evergreen Memorial Pet Cemetery - 0

Comments: The Township Supervisor said the Auditor will be presenting the budget at the upcoming July meeting. Cemetery Manager said that 2 large branches fell over the weekend. The Grounds Supervisor said that only 4 trees are left to be planted. Trustee Gibson said he saw the story on PBS about Dorothy.

Public Comments: No one came forward to address the Board.

Motion by Trustee Thalgott, seconded by Trustee Williams to adjourn. Time: 6:37PM

Trustee Gibson directed the Cemetery Manager to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Trustees Gibson, Thalgott, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Gibson, President

Garrett Thalgott, Vice President

Brad Williams, Secretary/Treasurer

Passed and approved this 12th day of August 2024.

Attest: _____ President

_____ Vice President

_____ Secretary/Treasurer

MDP