

MINUTES OF THE EVERGREEN MEMORIAL CEMETERY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 14, 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: Misty Porter, Cemetery Manager

Islamic Center of McLean County on purchasing multiple plots.

Comments: Jamal Mohammed started the discussion. He stated that the Islamic Center of McLean County has purchased several spaces in the cemetery since 2006. Jamal said ICMC needed to expand the current dedicated area. Misty said there weren't enough spaces left in that section to accommodate the number of spaces desired. Jamal said they would be interested in purchasing 50 spaces in another section near by in the early part of 2025. Jamal asked if ICMC could prepay opening/closing fees as well in order to lower future burial costs. The Cemetery Manager said yes, the cemetery does allow you to prepay opening/closing fees. Jamal said he would contact the cemetery in the near future to move forward with the future expansion.

“Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes of the September 09, 2024, Board Meeting as submitted by Staff. (Recommend that the Minutes of the September 09, 2024, Meeting be approved as presented.)
- B. Approval of Anticipated Expenditures as presented for the month October 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 September 2024.

Motion by Trustee Thalgott, seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the Monthly Cemetery Audit for September 2024 as presented and forward on to Township Board for action and approval at their October 28, 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.

Approval by Board to transfer \$200,000.00 from Reserve Account (7782) to Business Checking Account (7774).

Motion by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Thalgott to approve a transfer of \$200,000.00 from Reserve Account (7782) to Business Checking Account (7774).

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 and approval of Preliminary Fiscal Year 2025 Levy for Tax Year 2024.

Discussion took place: Misty said the Fiscal Year 2025 Levy would remain the same as Fiscal Year 2024.

Motion by Trustee Thalgott, seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2025 Levy in the amount of \$600,000.00 and forward on to Township Board for action and approval at their October 28, 2024, meeting.

Ayes: Trustees Gibson, Thalgott, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Discussion and approval of dates for Cemetery Board of Trustees meeting for the 2025 calendar year. (Recommend that the dates for the Cemetery Board meetings for 2025 calendar year be approved.)

Motion by Trustee Thalgott and seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the dates for Cemetery Board of Trustees meeting for the 2025 calendar year.

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 and approval of Holiday dates for the Cemetery for the 2025 calendar year. (Recommend that the Holiday dates for the Cemetery for 2025 calendar year be approved.)

Motion by Trustee Thalgott and seconded by Trustee Gibson to approve the Holiday dates for the Cemetery for the 2025 calendar year.

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.

2024 Year to Date Burials: Evergreen Memorial Cemetery - 65
 East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery - 55
 Park Hill Cemetery - 33
 Evergreen Memorial Pet Cemetery - 1

Comments: Misty said the concrete work for the mausoleum began on Monday, October 14, 2024. The Cemetery Manager stated the walk had a very good turnout. There were 3470 people attend the walk this year. Misty said according to Candace Summers with the Mclean County Museum of History the walk hadn't topped 3,000 attendees since before covid. Misty also reminded Trustees about the cemetery upcoming holiday luncheon.

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

Motion by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Thalgott to adjourn. Time: 6:35 PM

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 4th day of November 2024.

Attest: _____ President

_____ Vice President

_____ Secretary/Treasurer

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