

Staff present: April Holm, DPW Office Manager, Kaleb Rundman, - Cemetery, Bill Anderson – DPW General Foreman.

Council Liaison: Councilmember Scanlon was absent.

Present: Dr. Stephen Piereson, Tracy Magnuson and Karen Kasper (4). Absent: Christine Moffat. 1 vacant seat.

The March Cemetery Board Meeting was canceled due to low attendance.

The Ishpeming Cemetery Board meeting was held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 3p.m. by Member Piereson.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Member Magnuson, supported by Member Kasper and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of January 17, 2022 as presented.

GIS UPDATE

Bill Anderson advised the Board that we had Tri Media come in to assess the Cemetery. They are going to give us a quote on using GIS to map out the Cemetery. To control the cost of the project we are going to focus on a few blocks at a time. We will be starting with blocks 58-61. We are currently in the process of receiving a competing quote from our existing software provider Pontem. We will update everyone when we receive more information. The purpose of the upgrade would be to help everyone find their loved ones more easily.

SEASONAL PART TIME EMPLOYEES

We wanted to update the Board on the raising of the part time seasonal employee rate so that we are able to employ enough students this summer at the Cemetery.

HEATING BLANKET

We are currently looking into purchasing a heating blanket for winter burials. This process is a lot safer than the way we currently get the ground ready for burials in the winter time.

CEMETERY REPORT

Kaleb Rundman went over that we turned the water on at the Cemetery and found no leaks as of yet. There were a few spickets that we have to repair because they do not work. We updated everyone that there has been a delay on installing the plaques for the Columbarium because we have to send them away to get drilled.

We would also like to put a sign out by the Columbariums letting everyone know to place decorations/memorials on the ends of them instead of directly in the front and back. We are trying to avoid the blocking of the plaques.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Karen Kasper is going to begin her Cemetery tours starting July 1st at 3pm and then every Tuesday through the end of July.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

The next meeting will be held July 18, 2022, at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:33 p.m., a motion was made by Member Magnuson with support from Member Kasper to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

April Holm
Recording Secretary