

**RIDGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - 12:00 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 400 E Military

1. Call the Meeting to Order
  - a. Roll call vote.
  - b. Public meeting law posted.
  - c. Meeting notice publicized December 7, 2019 in Fremont Tribune.
2. Secretary Report – Kim Beam minutes of September 11, 2019 Meeting.
3. Treasurer’s Report-Norma Jeanne Keisler-McGillick
4. Old Business
  - a. Phone App for finding graves
  - b. Small stone straightening project
5. New Business
  - a. Keno Grant – Koski submitted a KENO grant application on behalf of the Ridge Cemetery Association for \$5,000 to continue the stone/monument straightening project at Ridge Cemetery. The Ridge Cemetery Association was awarded \$3,500. The Board needs to decide if they want to accept this award and match amount.
  - b. Number of burials in a single plot – Jeff Hively
6. Jeff Hively Report
  - a. Grave/Niche Sales
  - b. Funerals/Burials
  - c. Turf Maintenance
  - d. New Roof for Shop
  - e. Future grave development
7. Kim Koski Report
  - a. Capital Improvement Items
  - b. Future meeting dates: March 11, June 10, Sept 9, Dec 8, 2020
8. Adjourn Meeting

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020, AT 12:00 NOON 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, 400 E MILITARY AVENUE.

***Agenda posted at the Municipal Building and distributed to the Mayor, City Council and Ridge Cemetery Board on December 6, 2019. The official current copy is available at City Hall, 400 E Military, Parks and Recreation Office. A copy of the Open Meeting Law is posted for review by the public.***

RIDGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

ROLL CALL PRESENT: NORMA JEANNE MCGILLICK  
JIM MANHART  
KIM BEAM  
JOANNE THIETJE  
NICK LAMME  
PAUL MARSH  
  
JEFF HIVELY  
KEVIN BLOEMKER  
NATE SCHWANKE FOR KIM KOSKI  
BRIAN NEWTON

ABSENT: DIAN HILLIS

The Ridge Cemetery Association Board met on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at Noon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room at 400 E. Military, Fremont, NE. Nick Lamme, President, presiding. Public meeting notice was placed and posted in the paper by Kim Koski.

The minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting were approved today and received by email by some members. Thietje made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Manhart. Manhart, Thietje, McGillick, Beam and Lamme voted yes to approve the minutes. Marsh did not vote.

McGillick presented the Treasurer's Report. As of September 11, 2019, the Ridge Cemetery Association bank balance was \$14,891.14. Interest of \$12.73 was received. Report will be filed.

OLD BUSINESS

**Boy Scout Headstone Straightening Project status.** Jeff had contacted the new leader and it was left that they know we are looking for help. McGillick mentioned that we need a commitment. Beam suggested that we move on and contact St. Pat's for their summer project month that is hosted every year. Beam will follow up with St. Pat's.

**Fremont Monument Headstone Straightening Project status.** Bloemker sent a letter to Kim Koski asking for \$10,000 payment from Keno fund. Bloemker provided before and after photos of the headstones. Koski replied that the City needs an invoice. Bloemker will provide an invoice and in the future will provide digital photos. Marsh made a motion to provide a check to the City for \$5,000 matching funds. Thietje seconded. Manhart, Thietje, McGillick, Beam, Lamme and Marsh voted yes to provide the funding. McGillick to write a check to the City for \$5,000.

Bloemker provided photos and information on broken stones at the cemetery. Fremont Monument repaired a marble stone. There are several others that need repaired. Bloemker asked the Board for \$1,000 to fix these stones during the winter months. Thietje made a motion to provide up to \$1,000 to Fremont Monument for repairing broken stones, McGillick seconded. All in favor and voting yes were Manhart, Thietje, McGillick, Beam, Lamme and Marsh.

**Cemetery directories/funds for kiosk.** No additional information was provided by Beam, however, Newton mentioned that Koski had put \$40,000 in the budget for a kiosk and it was approved at the City Council meeting. Marsh made note it may be better to have an app on a smart phone rather than a physical piece of equipment that will require maintenance and repairs. Newton/Koski to research further and provide information at our December meeting.

**Cemetery office.** Capital budget was approved last night for the 2021-2022 to demo the house and build a new office.

Lamme's office has paid the Nebraska Secretary of State filing fee. McGillick to write a check for \$23 to reimburse Lamme's office. This is a bi-annual fee.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Election of Officers. This is supposed to be held in May per bylaws, however we do not meet in May. The following officers were elected:

President	Jim Manhart
V. President	Kim Beam
Secretary	Kim Koski
Treasurer	Norma Jeanne McGillick

Joanne made a motion to elect the above officers. Marsh seconded. Manhart, Thietje, McGillick, Beam, Lamme and Marsh voted yes to approve.

### **JEFF HIVELY REPORT**

Hively reported there were 9 funerals, 7 full and 2 ashes and six 8' grave sales.

September/October he will be fertilizing the cemetery. Working on 6 small areas where it was 100% weeds. Sprayed round-up and burned it off. Will plant seed soon and hope it works. Did not use sprinklers much this year.

Jeff will attend Cemetery Association conference in Kearney in October.

Cemetery looks great! Still issues with moles.

**Kim Koski Report by Nate Schwanke**

Keno application due October 1, 2019. Budget approved for the following:

2019-2020	Roof (Shop)
2020-2021	Kiosk (\$40,000)
2021-2022	New Office (\$170,000)

Bloemker would still like to purchase several "family" lots in the new section. Hively to get with the Engineers on roads, irrigation and budget for this section. Bloemker suggested to open a portion of this area close to the existing roads. Memorial cemetery is expanding.

Manhart motioned to adjourn the meeting, Marsh seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.

Submitted by,

Kim Beam  
Secretary