

**TOWN OF LUDLOW
BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

6:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Herbert VanGuilder, Chair
Nataile Gruber, Vice Chair
Brett Sanderson, Commissioner
John Paige, Commissioner

Staff Present:

James Farquhar, Sexton
Eugene Dean, Assistant Sexton

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Herbert VanGuilder. Herbert VanGuilder noted that Ludwig Gabranski had called and asked to be excused from tonight's meeting as he was not feeling well. Herbert VanGuilder stated that he was excused and ordered him to stay at home where he would be more comfortable.

Approve Minutes:

John Paige made a motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 2009 as presented. Motion was seconded by Nataile Gruber. So voted.

Sexton's Report:

- Sexton Jamie Farquhar reported that all equipment has been put away for the season and there is no staff on duty unless a burial is required, which can be provided up until the ground is snow covered.
- All flags have been picked up for the season and delivered back to the American Legion.
- Jason Barrows has removed the diseased trees by the lower building.

Old Business:

No old business to discuss.

New Business:

After review of our current 2010 budget, John Paige noted that the Cemetery Dept. appeared to be in fine shape except for the labor expense. John Paige also noted that when the Spring opening date is scheduled, that we keep in mind the amount of money left in our budget for labor.

Herbert VanGuilder noted that he felt that some of the work completed on various projects did not get properly allocated to those line items causing the labor budget to be used up faster.

Nataile Gruber noted that in her opinion, it won't be long before we may need four employees to tend to the cemetery needs.

Review of the budget needs for 2011, the bottom line appears to be around \$168,800.00. Three articles were reviewed for town warning. Chairman Herbert VanGuilder will call another meeting if he feels the need.

Adjourn:

Nataile Gruber made a motion to adjourn. Second by John Paige. So voted.
Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert VanGuilder
Clerk (Acting)

Herbert VanGuilder, Chairman

Nataile Gruber, Vice Chair & Flowers Chair

Ludwig Gabranski, Clerk

John Paige

Brett Sanderson