

MURPHYS CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of March 19, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Al Armstrong at 7:00 PM at the historic Murphys School at 65 Jones Street, Murphys, CA. Present were Trustees Jeff St. Louis, Jo Brooksher, and Al Armstrong. Absent was Trustee Louise Carniglia and Trustee Maureen Elliott. Also present caretaker Robert Yeadon.

QUORUM: A quorum of three board members was present when the meeting was called to order.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Brooksher made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was **seconded by St. Louis and passed 3/0.**

MINUTES: St. Louis moved to accept the minutes of February 19, 2014. Brooksher seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Maureen Elliott had provided the Board with a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Lawrence Wilson Jr. of February 26, 2014 regarding the removal of the dirt that had been left at his mother's grave.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Yeadon reported that Mark Wilson apologized to him for the noise at a party several years ago. Mr. Wilson also said that he would agree to have the gate remain where it is as long as the property is in his family. He would like to have that in writing. Mr. Wilson found the Kett file and he will attend the next meeting. Yeadon thought maybe a resolution from this board should be made to assure that future boards would honor the agreement with the Wilson family.
2. Yeadon suggested that the board should go out to the cemetery and hang some boards temporarily to determine the necessary height of the fence boards. The fence in question is to muffle the sounds coming from the school and tennis courts. It was decided by this board to hold the business of the new fence until Maureen is able to address it.
3. Yeadon reported that someone removed some of the dirt from the Wilson grave and then leveled off the rest. As this was not satisfactory, Yeadon took 5 wheelbarrow loads of dirt from the gravesite and then leveled off the remainder. He suggested that in the future, only cemetery personnel do the digging of graves and removal of dirt. He also suggested that a deposit be charged and a guide as to how to present a grave is created and provided when a plot is purchased. The board decided to leave this until Maureen comes back.
4. Al Armstrong reported that the letters to the Harding and Whooten families have not been written yet but will be written this weekend.
5. Armstrong said he is still looking for the maps of the new section of the cemetery.
6. Yeadon stated that the Tonetti family owes the cemetery \$100 for the removal of the grave marker and with the board's approval he is not putting it back.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Al Armstrong stated that the board needed a motion to join CSDA in order to change worker comp policy to their Risk Management Program. Brooksher mad a motion to join the CSDA and St. Louis second the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
2. St. Louis made a motion to do a Transfer of Funds of \$250 from Prof and specialized Services line item into Office Expense line item to cover the shortfall in that line item. Brooksher second the motion and it was passed 3/0.
3. The applications and necessary papers for applying to CSDA for membership and the CA Special Districts Assoc. Risk Management Program, were signed by Al Armstrong and notarized by Deseree D. McDaniel. Brooksher took the papers to make copies and mail.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. No Plot sales.
2. No invoices.
3. YTD January 31, 2014 county financial report.

CARETAKER REPORT:

1. The light bulb for the flag has burned out. Yeadon went to Gold Country Electric to replace it and learned that it was covered under warranty.
2. Yeadon asked about turning the water on April 1, 2014 because of the drought. Armstrong told Yeadon to determine if we need to change it from May 1, 2014 to April 1, 2014. He said that Yeadon should make a judgment call on it.
3. Yeadon has taken on another job with Ebbetts Pass Memorial and he would like permission to use the cemetery tractor to clean up some debris. He received the approval of the board to do so.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

1. The board is in agreement that a letter to the editor thanking Supervisor Merita Calloway be written. It was agreed to ask Maureen to take care of this letter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 16, 2014 at 7:00PM.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: St. Louis made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Brooksher seconded the motion.

ADJOURMENT: MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:55PM