

Chapin Cemetery

The Chapin Cemetery (located 3 miles east of town) was part of the Christian Church in the later 1800s. In 1872, the first burial was recorded in what was then known as the “Jordan Cemetery”. In 1903, the Jordan Cemetery was deeded to the Chapin Town Board. In 1912, the Village took over the cemetery after a 68 day to accept the proposal.

Chapin Cemetery Fees

The fee for a lot shall be as follows: Residents - \$300, Non-Residents - \$600

The fees for a plot (4 lots) shall be as follows: Residents - \$1,200, Non-Residents - \$2,400

The fee for a grave opening shall be \$75.00

Definitions

A “lot” shall mean the area where one (1) non-cremated body may be buried or where up to four (4) cremated bodies may be buried.

A “plot” shall mean an area containing four (4) lots. A plot shall be standard size of sixteen (16) feet by ten (10) feet.

Burials

All non-cremated bodies shall be buried in a casket, which shall be encased in either a concrete container or metal vault. All cremated bodies shall be buried in a metal or ceramic urn or box specifically designed and constructed for said purpose. Graves for all non-cremated burials must be dug by an employee or a representative of the Village of Chapin. There shall not be less than eighteen inches (18”) of earth at the shallowest point over the receptacle in which cremated remains are placed.

Chapin Cemetery Grave Decorations Rules

The Placement of Flowers and Other Decorations. It is permitted to place cut flowers, plastic flowers, shepherd’s hooks, and other non-breakable decorations on cemetery lots on and during the seven (7) days immediately before and after the following holidays: Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Fourth of July, Veteran’s Day, Memorial Day and Christmas. The Village may remove any articles remaining on a lot after the 7th day following a holiday.

Cut flowers, plastic flowers, shepherd’s hooks, and other non-breakable decorations may be placed on cemetery lots on other days of the year provided the articles are properly maintained and do not create an unsightly appearance or an accumulation of trash and debris.

Shepherd’s hooks must be placed behind and flush with the headstone with the basket hanging over the marker; baskets on the hook must remain at least eighteen inches (18”) above ground level.

At any time, the Village may, in its sole discretion, remove, discard or destroy all items placed on a cemetery lot in violation of this ordinance or which it deems to be unsightly or to constitute trash, debris or a hazard. The cemetery will be cleaned and all loose items removed, discarded or destroyed by March 15th of each year in preparation for the upcoming mowing season (March 15th through November 1st).

Loose and breakable items, such as decorative rocks/gravel, glass, and crockery, are not permitted to be placed on cemetery lots.

The Village shall not be liable for lost, stolen, or damaged property left on cemetery lots nor shall the Village be liable for property it removes from cemetery lots.