

**Granville Township and Village of Granville
Joint Union Cemetery Minutes
May 7, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER (Mayor Hartfield at 7:05pm)

ROLL CALL

Those responding to the roll call of the Joint meeting of the Granville Union Cemetery were Councilmembers Johnson, Lerner, McGowan, Montgomery, Vice Mayor Barsky, Mayor Hartfield, Trustees Jenks and Schott, and Clerk Miller.

Vice Mayor Barsky made a motion to excuse Councilmember O'Keefe and Trustee Mason from the meeting. Second by Councilmember McGowan. Motion carried.

The minutes reflect that Councilmember O'Keefe arrived at 7:22pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember McGowan moved to approve the agenda. Second by Vice Mayor Barsky. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2014-22, A Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Union Cemetery Board of Trustees was introduced and moved for approval by Vice Mayor Barsky on behalf of the Village of Granville. Second by Councilmember McGowan.

No discussion.

Mayor Hartfield called for a vote to approve Resolution No. 2014-22. Motion passed. Resolution No. 2014-22 was approved with Melanie Schott appointed to the Union Cemetery Board as the representative of the Granville Township Trustees.

Report of Union Cemetery Board Finances

Union Cemetery Board Member Lyn Boone provided copies of the Board's financial records for 2013 including a balance statement and the 2014 budget. Boardmember Boone reported that the financial status of the Board was on target with an income of \$21,007 and expenses of \$22,055. That represents a draw-down from the reserves of \$1,048. The current balance was \$26,268.14. The results of the biannual audit for 2012/2013 were positive.

Report of Union Cemetery Board

Union Cemetery Boardmember Boone advised that a \$7,500 grant from the Granville Foundation for this summer's restoration work was received. The Board also applied for a grant from the Honor Project Trust for \$8,475 for restoration work in 2015. The Township service crew worked last fall to straighten and level nine stones. Work for this summer included restoration work by local stone professionals on three stones. Additionally, the Fannins would return for a three-week visit in June to repair fourteen to sixteen stones. The 2014 work day is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th. Decisions would also be made about stones that were too damaged to be repaired and would need to be buried. This year volunteers would be trained how to perform consolidation on existing crumbling stones. There were descendants who were planning to contribute to the installation of two replica stones. The Board was still anticipating that all restoration work should be completed during the next three years with ongoing maintenance thereafter.

Resolution No. 2014-23, A Resolution to Declare, with the Granville Township Trustees, that Operation and Maintenance of the Union Cemetery, Under the Provisions of Section 759.27 of the Ohio Revised Code, Shall Continue was introduced and moved for approval by Vice Mayor Barsky on behalf of the Village of Granville. Second by Councilmember McGowan.

No discussion.

Mayor Hartfield called for a vote to approve Resolution No. 2014-23. Motion passed. Resolution No. 2014-23 was approved.

A Resolution to Declare, with the Granville Township Trustees, that Operation and Maintenance of the Union Cemetery, Under the Provisions of Section 759.27 of the Ohio Revised Code, Shall Continue was introduced and moved for approval by Trustee Schott on behalf of the Granville Township. Second by Trustee Jenks. Motion passed.

OTHER MATTERS

Councilmember Montgomery asked if there was a map of all of the graves in the Old Colony Burying Ground. Boardmember Boone indicated that there was elaborate documentation provided by Charles Webster Bryant in 1896. Mr. Bryant walked the cemetery and documented each stone and epitaph. There were originally 2000 burials and now only 900 were left. Trustee Jenks added that there was a marker near the car wash with a directory of all burial locations.

Trustee Jenks and Boardmember Boone discussed the replanting of the Granville rose in the cemetery from cuttings of the original rose. There was at least one cutting of the rose in the cemetery currently. This rose was transported by the original settlers.

Trustee Jenks thanked Boardmember Boone for her dedication, support and hard work in maintaining the cemetery.

Electrical Aggregation

Manager Stilwell provided Village Council and the Trustees with the results of refreshed bid rates. Four suppliers provided bids of the eight requested. After evaluating the results of the rebid, the aggregation team decided to wait as the rates were not optimal for residents at the present time. They are recommending that neither the Village nor Township should move forward with aggregation at this point. Council and the Trustees discussed the issues involving why the rates were so different from the original bids, which included the current AEP electric supply auction process, the harsh winter and the changes and sale of various generating plants. The team would continue to watch rates and could rebid again at any time.

Trustee Jenks moved that the Township Trustees accept the electrical aggregation report. Second by Trustee Schott. Motion passed.

Councilmember McGowan made a motion to accept the electrical aggregation report on behalf of Village Council. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT (7:26pm)

Councilmember McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Montgomery. Motion carried.

Mayor Melissa Hartfield

Trustee Chair Paul Jenks

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council