

**Granville Township and Village of Granville
Joint Union Cemetery Minutes
May 2, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER (Trustee Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00pm)

ROLL CALL

Those responding to the roll call of the Joint meeting for the Granville Union Cemetery were Trustees Bennett, Bird, Van Ness, Councilmembers Finkelman, McGowan, O'Keefe, Vice Mayor Johnson and Mayor Hartfield.

Councilmember McGowan moved to excuse Councilmembers Demarest, Lerner and Mayor Hartfield from the meeting. Second by Vice Mayor Johnson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember McGowan moved to approve the agenda. Second by Trustee Bennett. Motion carried.

Councilmember Finkelman moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2017 Joint Union Cemetery meeting. Second by Councilmember McGowan. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2018-33, A Resolution to (Re)Appoint a Member to the Union Cemetery Board of Trustees was introduced and moved for approval by Vice Mayor Johnson. Second by Trustee VanNess.

No discussion.

Trustee Bennett called for a vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-33. Motion passed.

Mayor Hartfield and Councilmember Demarest arrived and joined the meeting at 7:10pm.

Report of Union Cemetery Board

Union Cemetery Boardmember Boone advised the group that the changing model from a professionally led model to a more volunteer conservation initiative seemed successful. Forty-seven headstones were cleaned/repaired/straightened or conserved. Local headstone professional Mark Smith made repairs to six badly broken stones. Two hundred volunteer hours were logged in 2017 above the collaborative efforts of the Granville Historical Society, DAR, Village and Township.

Several stones were broken from this past winter's storms. There were also broken fence rails and a tree died. There were several special events in 2017 including the dedication of replacement headstones in April. A Ghost Walk was also held in the fall. The cemetery was also designated with \$2,000 in memorial gifts in memory of Flo Hoffman.

The Volunteer Work Day was scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2018 beginning at 9:00am. Repairs this year were anticipated to again be volunteer-directed. There would also be a fall date for winter preparation.

The Board was initiating a directory box/sign project so visitors could access the Bryant directory to locate internees. A copy of the Bryant list would also be located in the library.

Mrs. Boone thanked the Township for their efforts with grounds maintenance. She thanked the Village for their work on tree maintenance and replacement as well as covering the costs of water and electric. She thanked the DAR for their donations of flowers and flags.

Mayor Hartfield commented that it was a pleasure to see how well kept the cemetery was and thanked Mrs. Boone for all of her many volunteer hours.

Trustee Bennett thanked Boardmember Boone for both her and her husband Keith's many hours of volunteer efforts. He would have liked to see more of the community in attendance for this meeting so the community could see the effort put forth by Lyn and Keith Boone.

Report of Union Cemetery Board Finances

Union Cemetery Clerk/Treasurer Jim Patin provided copies of the 2018 budget. Mr. Patin reported that the financial status of the Board was on target with an income of \$17,323.56. The anticipated revenue for 2018 will be \$3,500 with expenses of \$3,500.

Resolution No. 2018-34, 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 Councilmember McGowan. Second by Councilmember Finkelman.

No discussion. Motion passed. Resolution No. 2018-34 was approved.

ADJOURNMENT (7:21pm)

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

Mayor Melissa Hartfield

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council