Weston Cemetery Minutes 12/5/2024

The cemetery trustees met in Village Hall, Diane Hillier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Diane Hillier, Dawn Blandy, Robin Kaiser, clerk Jodie Domer, sexton Harold Boggs, councilmember Jessica Susor, present.

Minutes from the November 7, 2024 meeting were approved.

Guests: None

Reports - Harold:

1. Now that things have slowed down, Harold will be removing the tree next to the drive to the maintenance shed and taking care of other maintenance items at the cemetery.

Council - Jessica:

- Bob Clark and Ken Knaggs with the Grand Rapids Legion attended the Community
 Development Meeting on November 19, 2024. They indicated that they would like to
 include Weston Cemetery in their Memorial Day Ceremonies. They are considering 3:00
 pm on Memorial Day as they have many other ceremonies already scheduled. They
 indicated that they would need help acquiring a podium, electric, sound system, possibly
 the FFA trolley for a small parade from uptown to the cemetery. It was mentioned to
 possibly contact one of the auxiliaries about poppies and the reading of the poem.
- 2. Jessica announced the America 250 grant that is available and council would like the cemetery to possibly take advantage of this. Ideas were discussed and the tree memorial area was suggested. Jessica indicated that this would be one of the projects that meet the criteria for the grant. Diane made motion for Jodie to contact Northbranch Nursery for a quote for the next phase, Dawn second the motion. All in favor.

Old Business:

- Wreaths Across America is coming together nicely. December 14, 2024 is the date for
 placement of the wreaths with a gathering at 10:00 am at Sonlight Church for a ceremony
 and refreshments, then to the cemetery for placement. There has been a great response
 and nearly 400 wreaths purchased at this time.
- 2. Jodie will have quotes for a new computer for review at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Jodie indicated that the foundation prices should be reviewed. She will get comparisons from other surrounding cemeteries for discussion at the next meeting.
- Diane made motion to re-schedule the January meeting to the 9th due to the holiday, Robin second the motion. All in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bills were approved for:

Burials:

Ray Sloan Delia Warren

Next Meeting:

January 9, 2025

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Jodie J Domer, Clerk

Weston Cemetery Minutes 11/7/2024

The cemetery trustees met in Village Hall, Diane Hillier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Diane Hillier, Dawn Blandy, Robin Kaiser, sexton Harold Boggs, councilmembers Jessica Susor, and Brittney Klockowski, present. Dawn made motion to excuse Jodie's absence, Robin second the motion. All in favor.

Minutes from the October 3, 2024 meeting were approved.

Guests: None

Reports - Harold:

- Harold reported that he and Gary have spent 26 hours mowing, mulching and cleaning the cemetery.
- 2. Russell weed whipped for a few days, Tom hasn't been working due to health issues.
- 3. The port-a-pot has been cleaned for the winter.
- There is a dead pine tree by the drive to the maintenance building. Harold and Gary will
 remove.
- The Spoerl foundation was discussed as it is wider in the middle than either end. Will talk to Jane.

Council:

1. The Grand Rapids Legion will be attending the Community Development Meeting on November 19, 2024 to discuss their plans for Memorial Day.

Old Business:

- Wreaths Across America is coming together nicely. December 14, 2024 is the date for
 placement of the wreaths with a gathering at 10:00 am at Sonlight Church for a ceremony
 and refreshments, then to the cemetery for placement.
- 2. Cemetery Tour went well and was very well attended.

New Business:

 Jodie will be working with the Veterans Administration to compile a list of veterans burials.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bills were approved for:

Ag-Pro Amazon Mid-Wood JPX

Palmer Brothers Ace Diversified Burials:

Darrell Henry Kenneth Pultz

Next Meeting:

December 5, 2024

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Weston Cemetery Minutes 10/3/2024

The cemetery trustees met in Village Hall, Diane Hillier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Diane Hillier, Dawn Blandy, Robin Kaiser, clerk Jodie Domer, sexton Harold Boggs, councilmembers Jessica Susor, Brittney Klockowski, Modern Woodmen rep Deb Vollmar, present.

Minutes from the September 5, 2024 meeting were approved.

Guests: Brittney reported that she is set for the cemetery tour.

Deb Vollmar spoke concerning the Wreaths Across America and Modern Woodmen would like to participate. She will be in touch with Joe Schroeder to coordinate details.

Reports - Harold:

- Foundations have been poured. There was an issue with one of the foundations being
 unlevel. Harold has remedied the problem. Also, there was deadline discussion to avoid
 issues in the future with the pour dates. It was determined that there will be a deadline for
 orders in the spring of May 1, with a May 15 approximate pour date, and an October 1,
 fall order deadline with an approximate October 15 pour date. Jodie will send letters to
 the local monument companies with the new dates.
- Harold indicated that there is a limb hanging in the northeast corner of D Extension. He will get it taken care of.

Old Business:

- Robin indicated that everything is coming together for the cemetery tour. She will need some more flyers. Jodie will ask Stephanie to run more. We will all meet at 3:30 pm on October 26, 2024 for the tour.
- 2. The 2025 proposed appropriations were reviewed and discussed. Look good as is.

New Business:

- The insurance company (PEP) recently performed an evaluation on the Village. There is
 concern over some of the trees in the cemetery. It was determined that we need a plan to
 avoid any issues. Harold will perform a monthly walk through inspection to determine if
 there are any limbs/trees that appear to be a danger and will provide quotes (if necessary)
 and the report at the next Cemetery Board meeting.
- There was brief discussion concerning a recent incident involving someone trying to sell family graves online. The situation has been resolved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bills were approved for: Mid-Wood

Burials: Janis Baker/William Baker

Next Meeting:

November 7, 2024

Jodie J Domer, Člerk

Weston Cemetery Minutes 9/5/2024

The cemetery trustees met in Village Hall, Diane Hillier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Diane Hillier, Dawn Blandy, Robin Kaiser, clerk Jodie Domer, sexton Harold Boggs, Tom Patton, councilperson Jessica Susor, Mayor Jeremy Schroeder, present.

Minutes from the August 8, 2024 meeting were approved.

Guests: Tom Patton, observing.

Reports - Harold:

- After much discussion concerning the delay in getting foundations poured, it was
 determined that the deadline for pouring will be September 20, 2024. That way when
 Jodie receives calls, she can indicate that they will be poured no later than 9/20/2024.
- 2. Harold presented the quote from Ag Pro for the repair of the pole saw for \$146.24. Diane made motion to repair, Robin second the motion. All in favor.
- Storm damage was discussed. They will be starting next Monday with the clean up at the cemetery. Harold will be getting a quote from Rowe's for the removal of the broken limbs in the tree west and across the drive from Park Platt.

Reports - Mayor:

- 1. Jeremy and Jessica discussed the budget and upcoming deadline
- 2. Jeremy updated us (along with Robin) about the grant writer.
- 3. Emails for the board were discussed and that they would be approximately \$14.00/month. It was determined that they would continue using their personal emails for now. Possibly investigate free email address for exclusive use for cemetery business

Old Business:

- 1. The cemetery rules have had their 3 readings with council and will need to wait the 30 day period before going into effect. Projected date of 10/16/2024.
- The lantern tour was again discussed and plans are continuing. It has been re-scheduled
 for October 26, 2024 at 4:00 pm to coincide with trick or treat. Need to find another
 person to highlight, looking for someone on the hill in Platt C so they are all close
 together.
- Due to the seasonal hours being depleted, it was determined that Russell will be put on call, and Tom will only be able to work 17.25 hours/week or we run the risk of running out of hours.
- 4. Robin met with the grant writer and suggested a few items that could be possible grant requests. Tree memorial gate, cannons, steps, receiving vault maintenance, fountain, etc. She indicated that they were all good ideas.

New Business:

1. Stephanie has indicated that we are going over our budget on fuel.

Jessica will ask Stephanie to forward a few reports for review at the next meeting for budget purposes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bills were approved for:

Ag Pro

Mid-Wood

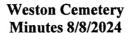
Burials:

None

Next Meeting:

October 3, 2024

Jodie J Domer, Clerk



The cemetery trustees met in Village Hall, Diane Hillier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Diane Hillier, Dawn Blandy, Robin Kaiser, clerk Jodie Domer, sexton Harold Boggs, Tom Patton, present.

Minutes from the July 11, 2024 meeting were approved.

Guests: Tom Patton, observing.

Reports - Harold:

- 1. Indicated that more trees need to be trimmed.
- 2. There was much discussion due to maxing out on our seasonal hours of 800 annually. We will need to let the weed eating go for a while at this point and not mow as often. There was also discussion to determine how many hours would be necessary to get through this season. The hours will need to be monitored to make sure we don't exceed the maximum. Diane made motion to increase the hours by 200 to bring the total to 1,000 annually, Dawn second the motion, all in favor. Motion passed.
- The mower was discussed and it was determined that we can hopefully get one more season without needing replacement.
- 4. Foundations still need to be poured.

Old Business:

- 1. The rules were reviewed. Diane made motion to approve, Robin second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Will be presented to council for approval and codification.
- 2. The lantern tour was again discussed and plans are continuing. It has been scheduled for October 19, 2024 to coincide with the other festivities in town.
- 3. The tree removal is complete.

New Business:

Jeremy communicated to Jodie that the Village has hired a grant writer. We will need a
list of grant ideas for the cemetery to Jeremy for discussion with the grant writer.
Everyone will brain storm and get their list to Jodie.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bills were approved for:

Amend's Mid-Wood JPX

Wood County Engineer

Amazon

Rowe's Tree Service

Burials:

Sharon Heckerman

Arline Bucksky Melvin Weaver Kathryn Ridgley

Next Meeting:

September 5, 2024

Jone J Domer, Clerk

Weston Cemetery Minutes 7/11/2024

The cemetery trustees met in Village Hall, Diane Hillier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Diane Hillier, Dawn Blandy, Robin Kaiser, clerk Jodie Domer, sexton Harold Boggs, Mayor Jeremy Schroeder, councilmembers Jessica Susor & Brittney Klockowski, guest Jane Spoerl present.

Minutes from the June 6, 2024 meeting were approved.

Guests: Jane Spoerl is inquiring about the foundation and monument size allowances. She has interest in using a boulder from their farm as the marker on their graves. After discussion, it was indicated that the maximum foundation over two graves is 96" in length, 24" front to back and 24" deep. It was also indicated that the monument is to be 8" smaller in length and 8" smaller in depth than the foundation, which will meet the 4" border requirement.

Jane also inquired about the 4 graves that her parents purchased. There are currently 3 burials, with 1 remaining grave unused. Explained the procedure for all of their children to sign the one unused grave over to one individual for their future use.

Reports - Harold:

- 1. In need of new mower blades.
- 2. Received quote from Rowe's Tree Service for the removal of the tree on the southeast corner of A extension and limb trimming on 2 trees in section A, of \$1,125.00. Diane made motion to approve, Robin second the motion, all in favor. Motion passed.
- 3. Reported that one of the maintenance personnel is time limited. There is another possible hire.
- 4. Jodie gave updated foundation orders. Will need to pour soon.
- 5. Harold indicted that Gary has gone through the cemetery and there are many urns that aren't being used. He would like to move them back along the building. If other individuals are in need of an urn, they could use these. The board indicated that the urns belong to the individuals that placed them on these graves and we don't have the right to move them.

Reports - Mayor Schroeder:

The Allen foundation was discussed again and the concern for the way it was handled.
 The board was not aware of all of the communication between the Allen's, the monument company, Jodie, Council/Mayor, etc. Improving communication with the board will need to be a priority in the future. The comment by the monument company to the Allen's indicating that Weston Cemetery is one of the most difficult to work with was very concerning to everyone. Diane will contact Stu at Maumee Valley Memorials and inquire about the issue.

Old Business:

- The rules were discussed, questions answered and a couple of changes indicated. Jodie
 will update and bring to the next meeting for final approval.
- 2. The lantern tour was again discussed. We still are in need of people to portray Jessie Kiel and Ralph Keeler. Brittney will portray Mrs Keeler and Tim Schroeder will portray Leander Abbott. Robin indicated that Shelen has been a huge help with the history of each of the individuals. Will need to determine a date in conjunction with the Village festivities.
- 3. Jodie was contacted by a family with relatives buried in the old cemetery and the condition of the foundation under their monuments. A couple of options were presented and they decided to completely replace the existing foundations at their expense.
- 4. The levy should be all set to go on the November ballot.

New Business:

 Emails were discussed and the possibility of the board members having a Village email address. Jodie will check with Stephanie.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bills were approved for:

Home Depot Mid-Wood

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Burials:

None

Next Meeting:

August 8, 2024

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Weston Cemetery Minutes 6/6/2024

The cemetery trustees met in Village Hall, Diane Hillier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Diane Hillier, Dawn Blandy, Robin Kaiser, clerk Jodie Domer, sexton Harold Boggs, maintenance employee Tom Patton, councilmembers Jessica Susor & Brittney Klockowski, present.

Minutes from the May 2, 2024 meeting were approved.

Guests: Brittany mentioned how great the Modern Woodmen clean-up day went. Suggested possibly organizing another clean-up day in the fall.

Reports - Harold:

- 1. Would like to see the steps renovated in the future.
- 2. Allen foundation is finished.
- 3. Mr Barnes is no longer employed as maintenance employee. There are couple of other people possibly interested in the position.
- 4. Holding off a bit longer to pour foundations hoping to get more foundation orders to avoid a short load fee.

Reports - Council:

 Jessica indicated that there has been one reading for the sexton position ordinance, the last reading will be July 1, 2024. She mentioned that modifications can be made until the last reading which finalizes the ordinance.

Old Business:

- Jodie presented a rough draft of the updated rules and provided each trustee with a copy.
 Trustees will review and discuss at the next meeting.
- 2. The tree memorial expansion has been tabled for now.
- 3. The Allen foundation has been poured and the monument set. Diane expressed her frustration with the lack of communication between the Mayor/Council and the cemetery board. Emails and other communications between council, mayor, monument company, Allen's, etc, have taken place without the cemetery board being included in the conversations/communications. Also, would like clarification on Stu from the monument company's comment concerning the fact that Weston Cemetery is one of two of the most difficult cemeteries to work with. Jessica will take to the next council meeting and ask Mayor Schroeder to attend our next meeting for discussion of the matter.
- 4. The Spoerl foundation was again discussed. Jane will need to attend one of our meetings to discuss what she has in mind, to determine if the boulder/monument is possible and/or if a foundation can be poured to accommodate the boulder/monument.
- 5. The lantern tour was discussed. Jessie Kiel was suggested as the fourth person, with the board agreeing unanimously.

New Business:

- A family member of Mary Ann Deweese Wade & John Quincy Wade have expressed
 concern over their monuments leaning and the possible foundation deterioration. The
 monuments are in Westfield on the north edge of the cemetery. They would like a
 price/suggestion as to the process needed and are willing to absorb the cost. Jodie will
 meet Harold and Tom at the cemetery to discuss options and costs.
- The July and August meetings were discussed. Diane made motion to move the July meeting to July 11, 2024 due to the holiday, and move the August meeting to August 8, 2024 due to the fair, Dawn second the motion. All in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bills were approved for:

Amazon

Home Depot Amend's Mid-Wood

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Burials:

Kenneth Leisure Carrol Allison Ralph DeWitt

Next Meeting:

July 11, 2024

Jodie J Domer, Clerk

Weston Cemetery Minutes 5/2/2024

The cemetery trustees met in Village Hall, Diane Hillier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Diane Hillier, Dawn Blandy, Robin Kaiser, clerk Jodie Domer, sexton Tom Patton, councilmembers Jessica Susor & Brittney Klockowski, Mayor Jeremy Schroeder, present.

Minutes from the March 7, 2024 meeting were approved. There was no April meeting due to lack of quorum.

Guests: just observing

Reports - Tom:

- Port a pot has been cleaned and will be on a monthly cleaning rotation for the summer and fall.
- Weed eating needs to be started. There was discussion as to when the seasonal position will be filled.
- Tom mentioned that Harold would like to order a load of good dirt for filling in after burials and other low areas that need filled. The cost would be approximately \$250.00 from K&K Construction. Diane made motion to order the dirt, Dawn second the motion. All in favor.
- 4. Jodie will get foundations orders to Tom. There are currently 4 including Allen's.

Reports – Council:

 Mayor Schroeder indicated that he had been contacted by the Allen's again concerning their foundation. Upset that nothing has been done yet. After much discussion, it was determined that the old foundation will be pulled completely out and a new foundation poured.

Old Business:

- 1. Jodie will have a rough draft of the updated rules at the next meeting.
- 2. The sexton position job description, proposal and proposed ordinance were reviewed and discussed. Diane made motion for the position pay to begin with the first pay period in May, also that he be given a monthly limit of \$100/month to purchase operating supplies, not to exceed \$1,200/year, Dawn second the motion. All in favor.
- 3. The tree memorial was again discussed. Jodie will continue to update.
- 4. The lantern tour was discussed. It was determined that there should be approximately 4 people represented for the first year. Leander Abbott, Ralph Keeler, and Dr G B Spencer were suggested. Will need to determine 1 more.
- A reminder that the Modern Woodmen clean up day will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Lunch will be served by Modern Woodmen.

New Business:

- Jane Spoerl has inquired about using a boulder from their farm for a monument. There
 was discussion as to the best way to handle the foundation and other aspects. Jodie will
 contact Jane and look at the boulder, take pictures and dimensions and report at the next
 meeting for further discussion.
- Robin suggested the placement of a cremation area at the cemetery where cremains can
 be scattered by family members. She has seen it at other cemeteries, in particular, St
 Louis in Custar. We will continue to research and discuss.
- 3. The Wreaths Across America program was discussed. Dawn made motion for the cemetery to work with Joe Schroeder to get the program up and running, Diane second the motion. All in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bills were approved for:

Amazon

Home Depot Amend's

Burials:

Mary Ann Hillier

Roger Swain Richard Perry

Next Meeting:

June 6, 2024

Jodie J Domer, Clerk

Weston Cemetery Minutes 4/4/2024

No meeting due to lack of quorum.

Weston Cemetery Minutes 3/7/2024

The cemetery trustees met in Village Hall, Diane Hillier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Diane Hillier, Dawn Blandy, Robin Kaiser, clerk Jodie Domer, sexton Tom Patton, councilmembers Jessica Susor & Brittney Klockowski, Mayor Jeremy Schroeder, present.

Minutes from the February 15, 2024 meeting were approved.

Guests: just observing

Reports - Tom:

- Tom indicated that Harold had quotes for trees to plant along the south edge of the south drive & fence panels for the south edge of the south drive to block the property along the drive.
- 2. Spring clean up has begun as the grass is starting to green and grow.

Reports - Council:

1. Nothing to report at this time.

Old Business:

- 1. Continuing to work on the rule changes.
- The sexton position was again discussed extensively. Diane made motion to begin the
 process of having the Village Administrator adopt the cemetery sexton position along
 with respective responsibilities, Dawn second the motion. Roll call vote, Dawn YES,
 Diane YES, Robin YES. Motion passed. The job description will need to be
 modified.
- 3. The upcoming levy was discussed. Diane made motion to place the levy on the November ballot as a renewal levy, Robin second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- 4. The tree memorial area was reviewed and the original rendering and plan was discussed. Jodie indicated that the website has been updated recently and will need to be reviewed and corrected. She will also contact Northbranch Nursery to see if we could plant a tree or two with the recent donation to the tree memorial area.
- 5. The lantern tour was again discussed for this fall. Robin and Dawn will start the planning process.

New Business:

1. A new US flag has been ordered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bills were approved for:

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Display Sales

Burials:

None

Next Meeting:

April 4, 2024

Jodie J Domer, Clerk

Weston Cemetery Minutes 2/15/2024

The cemetery trustees met in Village Hall, Diane Hillier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Diane Hillier, Dawn Blandy, clerk Jodie Domer, sexton Tom Patton, councilmember Jessica Susor, Mayor Jeremy Schroeder, Village Administrator Harold Boggs, present. Dawn made motion to excuse Robin's absence, Diane second the motion, all in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes from the December 7, 2023 meeting were approved.

Guests: just observing

Reports - Tom:

- Tom has a rule suggestion when the rule changes are made. Summer decorations, etc to be removed by November 15 each fall and winter decorations, etc to be removed by March 15 each spring. If they aren't removed by these dates, the sexton has the authority to remove them.
- 2. Tom and Harold suggested some form of a fence between the Warren property and the cemetery to block the view of the trash. Harold indicated that he would check prices to possibly place a living fence (arborvitae, etc) along the property line.
- Tom mentioned that he is interested in one of the mowing positions for the 2024 mowing season.

Reports - Council:

1. Nothing to report at this time.

Old Business:

- 1. Continuing to work on the rule changes.
- 2. The sexton position was again discussed. Diane made motion to go into executive session, Dawn second the motion. All in favor. At 7:04 pm, Dawn, Diane & Jodie went into executive session to discuss the sexton position. At 7:23 pm, Diane made motion, Dawn second the motion to return to regular session. Jodie will get a copy of the Village's proposal to Robin for her to review and a decision will be made at the March 7, meeting.
- 3. The levy was again discussed, will discuss and finalize at the March 7, meeting.
- 4. Dawn made motion, Diane second the motion to have Arbor Barber remove the tree at the southeast corner of A Extension and possibly the limb in Park Plat for \$1,200. All in favor. Will need a W-9 for the fiscal officer to prepare the purchase order. Tom will contact them for the W-9.

New Business:

 Jodie presented the donation's from the Ralph DeWitt memorial for the tree memorial area of \$805 and indicated that she had been notified that there was \$125 already placed in the cemetery fund from 3 other individuals. There is a certificate that was purchased at McKenzie's for a tree planting for \$100\$ also.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bills were approved for:

none

Burials:

Doris Franks Juan Almaguer

Esther Junkins

Next Meeting:

March 7, 2024

Jodie J Domer, Clerk

Weston Cemetery Minutes 1/4/2024

No January Meeting