

A Special Meeting of the Geneseo Town Board was held on Monday, November 21, 2011 in the conference room of the Geneseo Town Office Facility.

PRESENT: W. Wadsworth, F. Manapol, D. Dwyer, R. Irwin, R. Taylor

ALSO PRESENT: Gerry Wrubel-Councilman Elect, Howard Appell – Liv Co News, Temple Hill Cemetery Board Members & Representatives: Kurt Cylke, Robert Kelsey, Edith Matthews, Marge Wilkie, Robert Freiburger, Jon Porter, William Curry, Scott Hicks, David Dewar, John Curry

MEETING OPENING:

Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The flag was pledged and a moment of silence was held for service men and women serving here and abroad.

TEMPLE HILL CEMETERY:

Temple Hill Cemetery President Robert Kelsey addressed the Town Board, requesting assistance with payment of Temple Hill Cemetery's bills. The Cemetery's annual deficit has averaged \$20,000 over the past 10 years, due to a trend for cremations rather than burials, availability of church cremation gardens and an increase in the average life expectancy.

Mr. Kelsey advised that the Cemetery Board wishes to continue operating the cemetery rather than turning it over to the Town and has some fundraising ideas to help continue to support their future operations.

Kurt Cylke reviewed some of their ideas for the future, including the formation of a "Friends of Temple Hill Cemetery" organization that will manage educational programming, potential cemetery tours, fundraising, volunteers and more. They have also applied for grants and \$1000 was given to the Cemetery by APOG for a webpage to assist with genealogical research. Cemetery Association Members are excited about the fundraising possibilities but are attending this meeting to see what the Town can do to assist them financially.

David Dewar reviewed the present financial status of the Cemetery. They currently have \$54,000 left in their account, ½ set up with a bank trustee that cannot be touched and the other ½ in a certificate of deposit. As an association, they are supposed to set aside a percentage of the burial costs (\$136,000 should presently be in this fund), but they have been unable to do this. An additional \$75,000 in other trusts has been spent to pay bills when only the interest should have been used. New York State auditors audit the cemetery every three (3) years but recently changed that to every 10 months when they became concerned after reading letters written in the Livingston County News about the cemetery. Auditors have asked that the Temple Hill Cemetery add \$1300 to \$1500 annually to the funds to replenish them.

It was suggested that if the Town Board is to consider giving funds to the cemetery for paying their bills, it should be set up as it is set up for the funds promised to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. The bills that need to be paid are verified by Mt. Pleasant, submitted to the Town Board and then paid directly to the vendor through the Town Board's monthly voucher process. David Dewar pointed out that this would be more difficult since the Temple Hill Cemetery has workers paid through payroll. Supervisor Wadsworth suggested that there is presently \$3000 that could be made available for paying Temple Hill Cemetery bills that need to be paid until the next Town Board meeting on December 8th and it was agreed that a meeting should be held between representatives of both the Town and Cemetery Boards to discuss how this process can be accomplished.

Mr. Dwyer moved and Ms. Irwin seconded the motion to make \$3000 available for Temple Hill Cemetery expenses. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Manapol-aye; Dwyer-aye; Irwin-aye; Taylor-aye. Nays: None. A meeting will take place between Temple Hill Cemetery representatives, Supervisor Wadsworth, Councilman Dwyer and Councilman Elect Wrubel next week on Tuesday, November 29th at 4:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:50 pm Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Highway contract negotiations, with Councilman-Elect Gerry Wrubel remaining. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Taylor-aye; Dwyer-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

At 7:30 pm Mr. Taylor moved and Ms. Irwin seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session and go back into Regular Session. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Taylor-aye; Dwyer-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None. It was reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 pm Mr. Dwyer moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Jean Bennett, Town Clerk