

## MASCOUTAH CITY CEMETERY TRUST MINUTES

### November 2023 Quarterly Meeting

The meeting of the Mascoutah City Cemetery Board was opened at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2023 in the Mascoutah City Hall. Members present were President Cathy Klingelhoef, Secretary Nancy Larson, Bob Moll, Bob Edwards, Dan Dietz, Treasurer Dianne Surmeier, Sexton Bryan Haas, City Clerk Melissa Schanz and City Manager Cody Hawkins. There were no members absent.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the May 4, 2023 regulars cemetery board meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Bob Moll and seconded by Bob Edwards to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Dianne Surmeier for the period May 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023. The balance in the checking account was \$39,086.70 and the total investments were \$359,155.36.

Motion was made by Nancy Larson, seconded by Bob Moll to accept treasurer's report. Motion passed.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Cathy Klingelhoef gave a brief update on the restoration project. Bryan Haas also gave an update and stated that there has been an unlimited funds unanimous donor. It was stated that at least 25 headstones have been fixed and Bryan along with Douglas and Nancy Clark have been organizing these headstone projects.

Cathy will work on getting another long-range sub-committee meeting scheduled for the first of the year.

#### **New Business:**

Bob Moll made a motion to re-elect Cathy Klingelhoef as President and Nancy Larson as Secretary, seconded by Bob Edwards. Motion passed.

Nancy Larson made a motion to approve Dianne Surmeier to move forward with renewing CD #120000156 which matures on 11/2/2023 and also review and possibly renew CD #45443518 which matures on 3/12/2025 but is at 2% (with penalty) to a 5% 18mo. CD at First Federal Savings Bank, seconded by Bob Edwards. Motion passed.

The Board would like advice from an arborist on our cemetery trees and recommendations on what needs taken out and what should replace them. Bryan will contact Meurer Brothers Tree Care for an appointment to get advice and pricing.

The Board has decided that it is time to start looking into adding to our Columbarium. Cody Hawkins and Bob Moll will work on an addition and bring information back to the board at a future meeting.

Melissa stated that she will update our new city engineer on the cemetery drainage issues and see if he has any recommendations. She will also provide updates at future meetings on sale of lots and columbarium's along with number of burials each quarter.

The next meeting of the cemetery board will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2023 in the Mascoutah City Hall.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business to discuss meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.