

**BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
COUNCIL ROOM, CITY HALL
106 W. DIVISION STREET
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners met in City Hall, Chair Clough presiding. On roll call: Council Members Daniel Clough, Mandy Krejci, Lori Pekol, City Clerk-Treasurer Rex R. Roehl present. Council Member Julie Counsell absent.

Also present: Cemetery Sexton Regan Barth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Sexton Barth reported on normal maintenance on equipment, roads and graves, mowing, weed whacking, the last of December snowstorm took down a lot of the tree limbs, straightening head stones, trapping moles, the first of the year Cemetery fees were increased with very little negative feedback being received, Fall clean up will begin October 1st, the new John Deere tractor is working out really well for grading roads and bucketing dirt, the new backhoe has only been used on one grave so far, but it worked well, it is being used on other projects, we will see how it works on winter burials.

Discussion followed on putting a Cemetery map on the bulletin board, it currently is on the website, but hard to see on a cell phone.

City Clerk Roehl presented an application form for the Transfer and Reconveyance of Graves from Nina Hennen of Grave 1, Lot 2, Division Z, E ½, Map of 1969 to return the grave to the City of Neillsville at the original purchase price of \$200.00.

Motion Krejci, Second Pekol, to recommend to the Common Council to allow the transfer and reconveyance from Nina Hennen of Grave 1, Lot 2, Division Z, E ½, Map of 1969 to return the grave to the City of Neillsville at the original purchase price of \$200.00.
All Aye.

Sexton Barth presented the proposed 2024 Cemetery Budget. Barth stated that his salary is 2/3 Cemetery and 1/3 Parks.

<u>Budget Line</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Proposed Budget</u>
Sexton Salary (2/3)	\$ 33,682	\$ 34,695
Extra Help	19,913	20,515
Utilities	4,000	4,000
Telephone & Internet	1,250	1,750
Conferences & Travel	1,000	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	10,200	10,200
Seeds, Plants & Trees	1,000	1,000
Landscaping	1,000	1,000
Gas, Oil & Grease	4,000	4,000
Street Maintenance	500	500
Care Fund	4,000	4,000
Equipment (1/2)	-0-	-0-
Vehicles (1/2)	-0-	-0-
Lawnmowers (1/2)	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 86,545</u>	<u>\$ 88,660</u>

Sexton Regan Barth stated that wages were increased 3% per the Personnel Committee recommendation; telephone to Internet was increased for the increased costs; the lawnmower is ½ the cost, we are on a three-year rotation to match the commercial grade mower warranties, the quote from TCR Power is for replacing Simplicity mower with a new Ferris mower.

Discussion followed.

Motion Pekol, Second Krejci, to recommend the proposed 2024 Cemetery Budget to the Finance Committee as presented. All Aye.

Motion Krejci, second Pekol, to adjourn. All Aye.

Daniel Clough, Chair

Rex R. Roehl, Clerk-Treasurer