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MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

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The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present: Brad Keune, Jean Luddy, Norine Edwards, Deb Wilson, Alan West, Superintendent, Carol Kloter Cemetery Agent. Absent: Scott Brown

Minutes: A motion was made by Norine Edwards and seconded by Jean Luddy to accept the minutes of June 14, 2011.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Alan spoke of the storm damage to trees at Grove Hill and Elmwood. There is a plan to further care for the remaining trees that need to be pruned or removed.
2. The tree removal at Elmwood is at a stand still. He will speak to Public Works in the next few weeks. The arborvitae trees at Grove Hill entrance have not yet been removed.
3. J. Alice Maxwell: Alan explained the status of this Trust Fund. It was set up in 1941 with \$45,000. The value today is approximately \$270,000. We average \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year in maintenance. We, Bank of America, and Probate Court are in the process of re-evaluating the terms of the account.
4. Alan would like to increase the price of our four grave cremation lots at Grove Hill and Valley Falls Cemetery. A motion was made by Jean Luddy and seconded by Brad Keune to increase the price from \$700 to \$950, effective January 1, 2012.

Open discussion followed the Superintendent report.

Deb Wilson mentioned the sign at the Hale Street entrance to the new section. Comments have been made that it is too rustic; the letters are not large enough, etc. Alan did state that this is not a permanent sign.

Deb would like to see perennials planted at the Chapel area instead of annuals. This would save maintenance time for planting each spring..

Norine sent a note of appreciation to Peter Ladd for his work on the fence at Elmwood.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol B. Kloter
Cemetery Agent