

**Webber Township
Special Meeting
Cemetery Issues
12/10/2025**

Call to Order: 11:02AM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Kelly McCune-Here, Pat Williams-Here, Kathy Rose-Here, Deb Hanes-Here, Shaun Munson-Here

Approval of Agenda: Deb made motion to approve agenda with support by Pat. 5 Aye votes. Motion carries.

Business at hand:

1. There is a family wanting to place a headstone on their father's grave, who was buried 22 years ago. We have no deed showing a plot was purchased and no card in the file with his name and info. There is a burial permit, but the burial location noted on the permit, which is crossed out, is not in Webber Twp cemetery. Our Sexton signed the permit, so we know he is buried here, but do not have a record of the location. Nikki met with family members and they identified the general area where their father was buried, but couldn't be specific as to the exact plot. The Sexton has probed the area and found two vaults. There was a discussion as to how we may possibly identify who is buried in either vault. The Clerk's office will research what needs to be done to exhume/discern these graves. It was made clear this is a failure including the Clerk's office, funeral home, and the Sexton. This is not specific to the Sexton.

Issues discussed:

For some unknown reason the section of the cemetery where this burial took place was not surveyed when the rest of the cemetery was surveyed.

There are some corner markers in this area, however, they do not indicate section or plot numbers.

We don't require headstones.

The burial cards in the Clerk's office don't match what is out there.

It's difficult to determine how to identify and read grave markers.

Possible solutions:

There is currently a procedure in place to avoid this type of issue from happening going forward.

Board has approved purchasing patio type bricks to be placed on graves indicating name/plot # and date of burial as soon as they are purchased. These will remain until a headstone is set.

Have this section of the cemetery surveyed. May need to place pins for survey to be done.

Do amendment to cemetery ordinance to describe how markers are to be read.

The Sexton was instructed to keep a notebook to document each burial with pertinent info. He will eventually receive a permanent record that he can update, once Nikki has completed her project.

2. Burial plaque set on wrong grave. Mother of deceased has been placing flowers & memorabilia at the wrong grave. Sexton set the plaque where she had been placing items. He did speak with mother and advised of issue. The plaque has been reset at the proper grave. Board instructed him to always check the record before setting plaques/foundations.
3. Sexton was asked where he is with raising the grave markers that were buried in storm several years ago. He is about 60 – 65% completed.

4. Sexton was asked if he has been plowing to the back of the cemetery so family members can visit gravesites. He is not able to plow the route originally discussed, however he is plowing so folks can get to the back of the cemetery.

A board member commented that Sexton and Nikki have made huge progress with the cemetery and we need to continue to move forward.

It is imperative to keep good records.

It was suggested the Clerk's office report back to the board regarding the info on exhuming/discerning an unknown grave at the January meeting. The Clerk said they will begin researching this yet today and hopes to be able to report back at the December 2025 board meeting.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Kelly with support by Pat. 5 Aye votes.
Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 11:50AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah L Hanes
Weber Township Clerk

