

MINUTES
SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Date: 12/19/2025

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Location: 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa

CALL TO ORDER: Steven Lawyer opened and called to order the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL: Present for the Clerk's roll call were Sheri Jandik, Steven Lawyer and Kimberly Smith.

PUBLIC ROLL CALL: Sam Lawyer and Bebe Bird were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. November 26 and December 10, 2025 - Motion by Smith and second by Lawyer to approve the minutes. Ayes: all. Motion approved

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. November 2025 Peoples Bank Reconciliation - Motion by Smith, second by Jandik to approve the financial reports. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Tree Trimming – It was noted that during a heavy wind storm a main branch of a tree fell in Mt. Tabor Cemetery. Steven and Sam Lawyer removed the branch and noted that the flag in the military marker near the fallen branch had been broken. Sam fixed it. Discussion turned to Indian Valley Cemetery's neighboring tree that has the potential to fall on the cemetery fence. Smith will contact J&K Tree Service for a determination of the tree and then Lawyer will send a notice to the adjoining property owner, and for removal of the tree at Smith.
- b. Fence and entrance archways – It was noted that Bortell welding will build a 16 ft wide entrance arch to span the entrance to Smith Cemetery. Lawyer noted that with the nice weather, the footings are being poured. Smith noted that the uprights to the fences are also being installed. While working on item e, Sheri noticed the fence was completed.
- c. Smith Cemetery Native American Headstone – Lawyer said he will email the narrative to everyone for one final review and then send for the engraving. When the plaque arrives, Sam and Steven Lawyer will adhere the plaque to the granite and if the weather continues to be warm the Native American stone will be placed at the head of the grave in Smith Cemetery.
- d. Flying Township Trustee – Lawyer shared that parachute gifts have been purchased; the sign-up sheet completed and put online; the date is set for December 23 with a "wind" date of December 24. It was noted that so far there are 2 signups/6 children.
- e. Camera – Sam Lawyer tested the camera at Smith Cemetery; it worked for close shots. Sam reset it however Steven will contact Bushnell as it did not take pictures of Sam walking along the fence.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Squaw Creek logo - Jandik shared logo's she had designed for use within the township. Discussion followed with Lawyer offering to use AI to create a free logo.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Sam mentioned the rest of the tree at Smith cemetery should probably come down. Smith will contact J&K Tree Service.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM TRUSTEES AND CLERK – Clerk said she would be transferring \$10,000 from savings to checking to pay for the previously approved fencing. Motion

by Lawyer, second by Jandik to direct the Clerk to transfer \$10,000 from savings to checking for the purpose of paying the previously approved fencing project. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION – January 28, 2025 at 1:15 p.m. at 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Jandik, second by Lawyer to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion approved.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

Sheri Jandik, Trustee

Steven Lawyer, Trustee

Kimberly Smith, Trustee

ATTEST: _____
Misti Kosman, Clerk