

April 21, 2022
Special Council Meeting
6:00 p.m.
Meeting in Council Chambers

Harry Brumbaugh, William Garner, Don Gephart, Reilly Hopkins, Tyler McCollister, and Joshua Parks were present.
Mayor John Carman presided over the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was presented to Council.

PARKS/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yea.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Justin Dickman, attorney with Peele McCoy Law Offices, gave a brief overview of Resolution 2022.008 to allow the Village of Blanchester to enter into a temporary maintenance agreement, accepting the transfer and assignment of real and personal property of the I.O.O.F. Cemetery association of Blanchester to the Village of Blanchester and declaring an emergency. This includes real estate and all of the equipment. The deed transfer has an immediate effect to declare emergency which allows the Village to start working on site.

Exhibit A: Legal Description

Exhibit B: Agreement

Exhibit C: Temporary Maintenance Agreement
Quitclaim Deed

Mr. Hopkins asked what the next step was to go from temporary to permanent access. Mr. Dickman explained that this agreement will be for five or six days. Then the authorized representative of I.O.O.F will sign the quitclaim deed and Mr. Dickman will record it. From that point on, the Village of Blanchester will own the I.O.O.F Cemetery. Mr. Dickman explained that the legislative authority for the Village needed to accept it. It is a resolution to accept the real and personal property; otherwise, the Village would have to wait 90 days if it is not declared an emergency.

The Cemetery Board will include the following titles, and will meet once per year:

Mayor Street Commissioner
Fiscal Officer Parks Director
Finance Chair Safety Chair

Up to one resident appointed by council. Mayor Carman appointed Chad Hollon.

Mr. Parks asked if title insurance is included. Justin Dickman answered no.

PARKS/MCCOLLISTER: Motion to adopt Resolution 2022.008. All voted yea.

MAYOR – Confirmed that the underwrites have no issues working under a temporary basis. They suggested we check that we are covered by workman's compensation.

ORDINANCE 2022.009 CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS AND DELARING EMERGENCY

Mayor Carman stated the Village will be responsible for burial plots and maintaining grounds.

PARKS/MCCOLLISTER: Motion to approve Ordinance 2022.009. All voted yea.

MAYOR – The next item for discussion was an Evidence Room Audit for the Police Department.

Chief Houghton requested approval to hire an independent auditor to perform an audit on the existing evidence room and take inventory. The audit is not to exceed \$5,000.00.

PARKS/HOPKINS – Motion to approve evidence room audit not to exceed \$5,000.00. All voted yea.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Approved: April 28, 2022

Mayor: John M. Carman

Attest: Shirley A. Gray