Plummer Cemetery Fees and Rules

STATE OF WISCONSIN Town of Oshkosh Winnebago County

Whereas, the Town of Oshkosh received a proposal from the Plummer Cemetery Committee to update the fees and establish cemetery rules.

Whereas, this Resolution is referenced as Exhibit A as an addendum to the Town's Code of Ordinances, (Title 7 Chapter 11) (Title 11 Chapter 3 Section 8) (Title 7 Chapter 1 Section 8);

Whereas, the cemetery fees are established as follows:

1) Grave Lot Fee

- a. Single Grave Lot \$500.00 (resident)
- b. Single Grave Lot \$700.00 (non-resident)
- c. Two (2) Grave Lot \$900.00 (resident)
- d. Two (2) Grave Lot \$1,300.00 (non-resident)

2) Perpetual Care Fee

The Perpetual Care Fee Is included in the Grave Lot Fee. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the Grave Lot fee is determined as the Perpetual Care Fee.

3) Burial Fee

- a. Full Casket (Vaulted Opening & Closing \$750.00
- b. Cremation/Infant Opening & Closing \$300.00
- c. Sunday/Holiday Opening & Closing \$900.00
- d. Additional seasonal fees may apply due to frost conditions and/or snow removal.

Whereas, the Plummer Cemetery Committee recommends the following rules:

- 1) Plummer Cemetery is a municipal cemetery as per Chapter 157 of Wisconsin State Statutes, owned and managed by the Town of Oshkosh and located at 4723 County Road S, Oshkosh. The following rules are an amendment of those adopted in 1969 as per rule five. The purpose, keeping in accord with the original "to maintain the beauty of the property in order that visitors will receive the feeling of peacefulness and natural dignity that a cemetery should suggest" The interpretation and enforcement of the rules should be to accommodate the personal wishes of lot owners and their families, loved ones, etc. without infringing upon the rights of other owners and visitors.
- 2) The Town of Oshkosh board of supervisors will appoint a Sexton to oversee all aspects of cemetery management.
 - a. Sexton Stipend. The Sexton shall receive a yearly stipend of \$500.00.
 - b. This includes overseeing the maintenance of the grounds, such as regular mowing and trimming of grass, pruning of trees, and other vegetation, and keeping roadways in good repair as well as other structures (fences, well, etc.). Upkeep of all monuments is the responsibility of individual lot owners, unless they or family members (heirs) are no longer reachable. The definition of "monuments" includes tombstones, benches, urns, statues, and plaques.

- c. The purchases of lots, placing of monuments and all internments and inurnments shall be coordinated with the Sexton. Also, no excavation or alteration of lots is allowed without the Sexton's permission. Nor shall any trees or vegetation be planted on lots without the Sexton's approval. Decorations (flowers, flags, etc.) limited to a maximum of three items per grave are allowed. A grace period of one-year from the date of burial will allow for more than three. All such decorations should be secured as closely to monuments as practical and are the responsibility of those placing them. The Sexton may remove any damaged or unsightly decorations, as well as any in excess of trees or that are a hindrance to routine maintenance.
- 3) The Town Board shall set the pricing schedule for lots, as well as any other fees or assessments relating to burials and monuments placement and payment for services rendered by the Sexton. These should be reviewed annually by the Town Board.
 - a. Each grave space of a lot in Plummer Cemetery is (approximately 6 ft x 10 ft.).
- 4) Before placing any monuments on a grave, permission shall be obtained from the Sexton. Monuments can only be set by a commercial monument company. Monuments shall be flush, flat or upright and be durable materials (granite, marble, bronze, etc.).
 - There shall be a maximum of one monument per grave. A military service marker is allowed in addition to the monument. An additional family headstone is permitted on a four-grave lot or larger.
- 5) Private family mausoleums are permitted. The appropriate number of grave spaces shall determine the size of the mausoleum.
- 6) Burial Options:
 - a. Maximum One Casketed Burial Per Grave. One set of Cremains may be placed within the grave space in addition to the casketed burial. A burial container shall be required for the cremains. A Burial Vault or Outer Burial Container shall be required for each casket.
 - b. Maximum of Two Sets of Cremains Allowed Per Grave Space. A burial container shall be required for each set of cremains.
 - c. The excavator shall be insured/bonded.
- 7) Sexton shall be contacted for placement of all interments and inurnments.
- 8) If grave lot owner is allowing others to be buried, coordination with Sexton and a burial consent form shall be documented.

Whereas, signage posted at Plummer Cemetery about cemetery visitor rules

- 1) Decorations (flowers, flags, lights) are allowed, a maximum of 3 items per grave all year round. Please secure them properly, in case of high winds and in solid containers. Please remove all unsightly displays, or the Sexton will. A one-year grace period for new burials may have more than three items on the grave.
- 2) No planting of trees, shrubs, or other foliage without the approval of the Sexton.

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- 3) No excavations to alter lots, are allowed. Nor any monuments, fences, benches, urns, etc. are allowed without the approval of the Sexton.
- 4) Your pets may visit with you if the pet is properly restrained, and all pet waste removed.

Therefore, be it resolved; the town board approves the above set fees and rules for Plummer Cemetery.

Adopted this 28th day of August, 2023.

Town of Oshkosh town board

Jim Erdman

Matt Merten

William Demler

Attest by: Jeannette Merten/Town Clerk