

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Greenfield Township Trustees

Meeting

August 28, 2023 - Held 4:00 PM

The Greenfield Township Trustees met in a special session at the Township office to discuss indigent burials in the township. Trustee Kosch called the meeting to order. Dave Cotner, Lonnie Kosch, Kent Searle were present along with Dawn Wyne.

Trustee Searle advised that he talked to Rae, Director with Day Funeral Home regarding the recent inquiry from the funeral home regarding an indigent burial. He advised that the funeral home is willing to accept \$750.00 for the cremation and has advised that the township does not need to bury the individual as she has given the ashes to the son, who also is indigent.

Trustee Searle stated he was advised in the past that the township didn't give the ashes to a relative. He stated that he called Rae back to see if the township was still liable to pay for the cremation. She also advised that it doesn't make a difference if the family was wealthy, as long as the deceased individual was indigent. She also stated that there is nothing in the law that states that the ashes can not be given to a family member.

Fiscal Officer Wyne stated that in 2008 there was a resolution that stated that the township would agree to spend up to \$750.00 to cremate and bury any indigent who resides in the township when he/she dies. No other expenses would be provided. Fiscal Officer Wyne stated that in the past that the township had paid up to \$1,000.00 if that is what the funeral billed the township for.

Fiscal Officer Wyne also stated that at the May 22, 2019 Trustees meeting there was a discussion on indigent burials as the township had been advised that an individual had passed away and was indigent. She stated that the township had been advised by the funeral home that the individual's daughter wanted the urn. It was decided at that meeting that the township would pay for the indigent and also bury the remains in our cemetery. Tom Shafer was advised to contact the funeral home to state if the daughter could come up with maybe \$300.00 (this was the fee for a cremation burial) then the township would turn over the urn. The daughter was not able to come up with the money.

Fiscal Officer Wyne stated that she was contacted by Rae with Day Funeral Home inquiring what was needed in order to pay for the cremation. She advised that she provided Rae with the list of requirements from the Indigent Burial Policy.

Discussion continued on indigent burial and if the township should give the ashes to a family member since the township would be paying the fee for the indigent burial.

Fiscal Officer Wyne stated that the Township would not be eligible for reimbursement or grants for Fiscal Year 2024 as Tom Shafer has not completed the updated registration program information that was received on February 6, 2023 for each of the township cemeteries. Trustees advised that this needed to be completed.

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Trustee Cotner made a motion to pay up to \$750.00 for an indigent cremation with the proper documentation provided and if a family member wants the ashes they would be given to them. Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cotner - yes Kosch - Yes Searle - yes

Fiscal Officer Wyne will do a resolution and present it to the trustees at the next meeting.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Searle; seconded by Trustee Cotner.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.