Town of Hamilton

Workshop

September 14th 2021 @9:00AM

Present: Mayor Goodrich, Commissioners Spivey, Goodrich, Morring, Stewart and Freeman.

Workshop called to order and welcomed by Mayor Goodrich. Prayer was made by Commissioner Stewart at 9:02AM and Pledge to the flag recited by all.

Cemetery Prices: Options possible payment for current lot owners due to the cost of maintenance and upkeep to the property. Ideas were brought forth to raise the rates possible yearly dues of no more than \$100 for owners of plots. Mailing letters requesting donations or flat fee for just basic upkeep of the cemetery. We pay an outsourced company Higgs to maintain the mowing of the grass twice a month. We currently have 5,000 plots and not 50% utilized. Review and update cemetery ordinance to put in place such as time limits, possible inspection fees, contact local used funeral homes about new policy once agreed on and voted on.

<u>Deposits:</u> Questions about the high payment on deposits to turn on electric/water/sewer in town. As discussed at Board meeting recent loss of purchasing a house due to a \$500.00 deposit and he wasn't willing to pay that amount due to he has perfect credit. Suggestions and ideas about possibilities of lowering \$500 deposit for lights accepted by all. Applications for the Hope program are in office and could always be utilized. All commissioners discussed the possibilities of keeping the deposit the way it is now.

Morris Lynch Rental: Recent usage of the Morris Lynch center keys were misplaced. Maintenance recently had to change the locks due to lost keys, deposit was held back instead of returned due to misplacing of the keys. Looked into and discussed raising the deposit rates so the Town isn't losing money from the building. Agreed to revisit at upcoming meetings.

Workshop adjourned by Mayor Goodrich.

Town Clerk