Cemetery Commission Meeting
February 18, 2009

PRESENT:

Charlotte Shifflett		Albert (Bill) Davis
Lillian Nicholson		Cathy Morrison
Betty McGahey		Lee Dearing/Council Representative
EXCUSED:		
Gerald Monger	Raymond Mowbray	Joyce Stevens
Guests:		
Maggie Isom		

The meeting was called to order by Bill Davis/Chairman. Charlotte Shifflett led the group in prayer.

Cathy Morrison made a motion to accept the January minutes as read, seconded by Betty McGahey.
Voice Vote 4-0
Motion Carried

- Bill Davis read *"Thank You"* notes from:
  Hazel Simmons and Evelyn Brill who were pleased with the work, performed by Public Works personnel, who set their stones in cement slabs to prevent additional damage.
- Mary Elizabeth Kite was thrilled that her ancestors had a road named "Kite Way" in their honor.

Cemetery Commission:
Mr. Dearing addressed an article published in the Valley Banner which implied the Town was taking control of the cemetery. He reiterated the following items:

- The Commission controls the cemetery; the Council assists as a common courtesy.
- The Commission controls the money and the grounds.
- The Commission is compensated for labor.

Cemetery Caretaker Discussion:
Council will make the final decision on mowing and opening of graves at their meeting on Monday, Feb. 23, 2009. They have agreed to vote on the plan.

- The town has several backhoe operators who are skilled in opening/closing graves.
- The current cost to open a grave is approximately $400.00.
- The current caretaker receives $210.00/week for maintaining the cemetery. In addition, his equipment is supplied along with the gas for the trimmers and mower.
- The Town has a part-time employee who will be assigned to the cemetery.

Purchase Real Estate:
Existing Real Estate funds total about $300,000.00.
Dr. Downey may be selling land which adjoins the Elk Run Cemetery The Town cannot afford the option of passing up an opportunity to buy it (at least part of it). The group gave Lee Dearing their blessings and advised him to proceed with establishing a meeting with Dr. Downey and Pete Bonavita. The group acknowledged they appreciate Mr. Dearing's assistance and his expertise in dealing with cemetery issues.

Mower Repair:
Bill Davis relayed to the group that Nelson Knight, maintenance personnel, is capable of repairing the riding lawn mowers and trimmers for cemetery use. Rupie Nicholson made a motion to allow Mr. Knight to perform mower repair. The motion was seconded by Cathy Morrison.
Voice vote 4-0
Motion Carried

Treatment:
The Commission decided to continue with professional treatment regarding spraying for weeds, crabgrass, spreading fertilizer etc. Bill Davis will obtain quotes for these services.

Special Meeting:
With a possible real estate deal looming in the future, there may be a need to call a special meeting before our next regular meeting. With no further business to discuss, Betty McGahey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rupie Nicholson.
Voice Vote 4-0
Motion Carried

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 in the Elkton Area Community Center Council Chambers located at 20593 Blue & Gold Dr.

Submitted by:
Charlotte Shifflett

Bill Davis/Chairperson

Charlotte Shifflett/Admin. Secretary