

## Sharp's Cemetery Board of Directors Meeting – 812/19

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**Attendees:** Tom Swan, Charles Moore, Jerry Hendricks, Pam Goffinet and Vince Dougherty.

- **Damaged headstone.** Ted of Abba Monuments has finally repaired the Martha Hughes headstone. Neither the two-foot-long marble base nor the other piece of a headstone with three lines of inscription that Jerry had dug up matched the Hughes headstone, so they were not used. Ted kept the base and Jerry has the other broken piece. Consequently, the finished product is too small to install upright so Jerry has laid it flat.



- **Financial report.** Tom ran into more unanticipated red tape in trying to set up a new checking account with Cecil Bank. He submitted The Certificate of Incorporation and last year's tax form and tried to have himself designated the Resident Agent, but since he is not a resident of Maryland it was rejected. Tom's daughter-in-law is a branch manager of Fulton Bank so the same information was supplied to them and it was quickly accepted. Harold will remain the Resident Agent for the time being but Pam could be designated if necessary. Fulton Bank will now host a free checking account as well as our investment funds. Harold's name was listed on the old checks but no name will be included on the new ones.

Eric was paid \$2000 for mowing and the account balance has increased by \$11,000 for the year.

Our annual insurance payment is due on September 11.

- **Tree replacement.** All of the new trees were planted on July 10, but after learning of the mature size of the Crape Myrtles, Franklin and Jerry moved them to a more open location near the bends of the driveway. An online watering schedule was created to apply water every two days if there was no rain. One of the Crape Myrtles was subsequently vandalized but it appears it should recover. Pam noticed that the Magnolias were looking chlorotic, possibly due to too much water, so the watering schedule was revised to every third day until the end of August.
- **Meeting date.** Pam will not have a conflict with Monday nights in the near future so the meeting day will remain as is.
- **Driveway barrier.** Aimee's dad has graciously offered to donate posts and chains for a barrier. The board thanks him and has decided that we can handle the installation.
- **Burial procedure changes.** Tom presented three letters that will be sent to area funeral homes detailing our policy changes (attached). It was noted that there is no mention of urns, so the letters will be amended. It was also noted that we do not keep a record of urn burials, but that we

should do so in the future. Also, Bud asked not to be named as an alternative contact, so Jerry will be listed instead.

- **Lot return.** Jenna Mae and Walter W. Foster purchased two full lots, Center Section, Row 10, Lots 11 and 12, for \$700 and their estate will sell back to us Lot 11N for \$175.
- **Corner stones.** New ones still need to be ordered, but Tom will choose a date to install the existing stones. The price of the stones has gone up by \$5 but since we recently raised our total charges, we will absorb it.

Submitted by Jerry Hendricks

Next meeting on September 9, 2019

Robert T. Foard

August 12, 2019

R. T. Foard Funeral Home, P.A.

111 S. Queen St.

P.O. Box 248

Rising Sun, Md. 21911

Dear Bob,

Effective August 15, 2019 we have asked Cooper Wilbert Vault to bill Sharp's Cemetery, Inc. directly for the opening and closing of graves. The updated prices for Sharp's are listed below:

Opening and closing of grave: \$900.00 (\$50 fee for marking out a grave is eliminated)

Marking out location for placement of tombstone: \$25

Price for a single 9 foot by 4 foot lot (includes 4 corner posts): \$1,000

Price for additional lots purchased at same time and not requiring additional corner posts: \$850

The soil at Sharp's Cemetery Inc. does not allow for the digging of double depth graves.

Contact to arrange for burial or sale of Lot: Thomas K. Swan 484-883-8196

Alternate Charles S. Moore 410-398-3879

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Thomas K. Swan

President, Sharp's Cemetery Inc.

Donald S. Hicks

August 12, 2019

Hicks Home For Funerals

103 W. Stockton St.

Elkton, Md. 21921

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President, Sharp's Cemetery Inc.

Beth Cooper

cc: Pamela Goffinet

Cooper Wilbert Vault Co.

Dear Beth,

Per our phone discussion of a few weeks ago, I would like to confirm that for grave openings and closings at Sharp's Cemetery we would like to have the cemetery billed directly rather than having the bills sent to the funeral homes. Effective beginning August 15, 2019 please send the bills to our treasurer:

Pamela Goffinet

293 Lewisville Road

Elkton, Md. 21921

I would also like to express our appreciation for the fine work that Mike Sartin does in opening grave sites for us. Mike knows our cemetery well and is always prompt and considerate in the work he does for us. We hope his health will allow him to be our provider for years to come.

Yours Sincerely,

Thomas K. Swan

President, Sharp's Cemetery Inc.