

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

**Riverside Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025**

1. Call to Order: By Chairman Coleman at 3 PM
2. Roll Call: Present; Coleman, Watson, Tossava, and Neil. Absent; Buehl, Gettys, and Perin
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion by Mayor Tossava and supported by Watson to approve the Agenda for the Riverside Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board for April 9, 2025. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2025.

Motion by Mayor Tossava and supported Watson to approve the minutes from February 12, 2025, of the Riverside Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Public comment and communications.

None

7. Sexton Update

Josh Wickham was not present, but Amy Hubbell gave the update for the Sexton. Spring cleanup is going well, still need some storm cleanup of branches. Foundation pouring and repairs will start soon.

8. Unfinished Business.

A. Discuss the Memorial Space, and the next phases.

A list was provided, Katerburg is responsible for the completion. Rob Neil will follow up.

- B. Discuss expanding burial plots West of the Memorial Space.

Need feedback from the Sexton on cost and timing.

- C. Discuss cremation plots on former house location.

Will have Josh rod the area and plot for cremains spaces.

- D. Chapel discussion.

Discussion was had.

- E. Fence repair discussion, located by the drain on the southeast side of the Cemetery.

Will confirm with the Sexton to change out to the chain link black fence. Rob Neil to assist with the project.

9. New Business

- A. Discuss the repair cost for the Chapel.

Rob Neil will start the paperwork for the repairs.

- B. Barry County Foundation (BCF) Funds Reports for February 2025.

- C. City Cemetery Fund FY 24-25 Revenues and Expenditures through February 2025.

10. Board member comments.

Board had some discussion

11. Public Comment.

None

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Watson and supported by Mayor Tossava to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 PM. Next Meeting will be May 14, 2025.

Guidelines for Public Comment

Public Comment is welcomed and appreciated. Please follow these simple guidelines to ensure all have an opportunity to be heard.

All comments and questions will be made through the chair. All comments will be made in a courteous and civil manner; profanity and personal attacks will not be tolerated. Please limit the length of your comments to 3 minutes. If you are a member of a group, please appoint a spokesperson to speak on behalf of the group (those speaking on behalf of a group may be provided additional time). Please state your name before offering comment.