

**City of Hastings**  
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

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**Riverside Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2025**

1. Call to Order: Meeting started at the Memorial Space in Riverside Cemetery at 3pm. Then reconvened at City Hall at 3:50pm
2. Roll Call: Present; Buehl, Coleman, Tossava. Joined at City Hall Perin. Absent; Watson, Gettys, and Neil
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion by Tossava and supported by Coleman to approve the Agenda for the Riverside Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board for June 11, 2025. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2025.

Motion by Tossava and supported by Coleman to approve the minutes from May 14, 2025, of the Riverside Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Public comment and communications.

None

7. Sexton Update

Josh was present to give the update. All recent storm debris has been cleaned up. Foundation repairs are in progress.

8. Unfinished Business.

A. Discuss the Memorial Space possible Flagpole.

Discussion was held and Josh will provide a quote for the work and materials to install a flagpole on the east side of the memorial space.

B. Discuss the Memorial Space Phase II

Discussion to move talks of Phase II to later in the summer.

C. Chapel progress.

Work is to be completed next week on the chapel, and we will have a progress report for the next meeting.

D. Fence replacement progress.

Discussion was held and Josh will also provide a quote on labor and materials to fix and replace with a cable type fence.

E. Location of the proposed new burial sections.

Josh made an estimation of being able to clear space for 200 plots just North of the memorial space and 800 plots just west of the memorial space. 100 cremains plots can be added to the at the intersection of W State Rd and Country Club Dr. Josh will provide a quote to be given to the City Manager and City Council for approval.

9. New Business

A. Barry Community Foundation (BCF) Funds Report for May 2025.

B. City Cemetery Fund FY 24-25 Revenues and Expenditures through May 2025.

Motion by Coleman and supported by Tossava to accept the financial reports as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Discuss going to quarterly meetings.

Discussed setting the next meeting date at each meeting giving the option to skip months when there is little to be put on the agenda.

10. Board member comments.

Positive comments were made on the productive meeting.

11. Public Comment.

None

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Tossava and supported by Perin to adjourn meeting at 4:35 PM. Next meeting will be July 9, 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.