

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

**Riverside Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2025**

1. Call to Order: Called to Order by Mayor Tossava at 2:58 PM
2. Roll Call: Buehl, Gettys, Watson, Perin, Mayor Tossava. Absent Coleman
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion by Tossava and supported by Buehl to move line item 9B to 5A of the agenda and approve the agenda for the Riverside Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2024.

Motion by Buehl and supported by Mayor Tossava to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2024 meeting, All ayes, motion carried.

A. Discuss election of vacant Cemetery Board chairperson position.

Motion by Mayor Tossava and supported by Linda Watson to nominate Jeff Buehl as Board Chairperson, Dave Coleman as Vice Chairperson and Amy Hubbell as Secretary. All ayes, motion passed.

6. Public comment and communications.

None

7. Sexton Update

Discussed clean up and future budget

8. Unfinished Business.

9. New Business

- A. Travis Tate no longer works for the City of Hastings as of February 7, 2025. When a new DPS Director has been hired, this person will come to the next Cemetery Board meeting after their start date. In the interim, Rob Neil, Street Superintendent, will attend the meetings.

- B. Discuss expansion of Riverside Cemetery burial zoning to the recently cleared West Country Club Drive corner.

Discussed expanding burial plots at the corner of County Club Drive and also on the North side of the memorial space.

- C. Barry County Foundation (BCF) Funds Reports for January 2025.

- D. City Cemetery Fund FY 24-25 Revenues and Expenditures through January 2025.

10. Board member comments.

Linda Watson opened a discussion on the repair of the chapel. Motion by Gettys and supported by Watson to power wash, tuck point and repair flashing as long as the cost is under \$4000. Roll call vote. Motion passed 3 to 2.

11. Public Comment.

None

12. Adjourn

Motion by Gettys and supported by Watson to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 PM. Next meeting will be held on March 12, 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.