

**TOWN OF SILVER CITY
MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**Public Works Administration Building, 610 East 8th St. Silver City, New Mexico
May 25, 2011 - 1:30 p.m.**

Present: Dana Nupp, Chairperson
Rider South
Carl Scholl
Lindee Lenox

Councilor Michael S. Morones, Ex Officio
Peter Pena, Public Works Director
Linda Nunez, Finance Dept. Representative
Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk

Not Present: Elizabeth Miller (excused)

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Nupp called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – Chair Nupp moved Unfinished Business, Item B, ahead of Reports.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – April 27, 2011 Regular Meeting – Mr. South made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Lenox seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

PUBLIC INPUT – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Discuss the wording of the State Historic Sign. Wynona Tavernier from the Town and Country Garden Club asked the Board members if they wanted to include Leonidas S. Lytle (1846-1924), Medal of Honor recipient, in the wording of the State historic sign. She also commented that the dates for Ben Lilly were changed. There was further discussion and the Board agreed with Ms. Tavernier to add Leonidas S. Lytle to the wording of the sign and to make a change to the name of the marker from *Memory Lane Cemetery Established 1881* to *Old Silver City Cemetery "Memory Lane" Established (ca) 1882*. Ms. Tavernier said the next State meeting regarding State historic signs would be in 3 months; since that allowed more time for the Board to discuss it, Mr. Scholl made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Chair Nupp seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

REPORTS

A. Public Works Representative -

1) Provide status on available funds. Peter Pena, Public Works Director, reported that the Town's preliminary budget indicated the funds for the Cemetery were 20% less, but he said they were actually not less because the Parks Division covered labor costs to maintain the Cemetery.

Mr. Pena also commented on the upcoming growing season and how they hired 2 temporary workers so they would have 3 individuals working full time. He said the legislative project for the Cemetery had been completed and that it came out well. There was further discussion about the project and also on how the Parks Division set priorities. Mr. Pena explained that during the growing season the Cemetery took priority unless it was during the Blues Festival and other holidays. He said the Parks Division took care of 13 parks, the ball fields, the public swimming pool, and the Cemetery. There was further discussion about removing the dead trees and how the tree grant application with Apache Corporation would come up again in August.

B. Chair – Mrs. Nupp had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discuss the overtime labor costs for opening and closing graves, and vote on amending the Rules and Regulations to include a fee to cover those costs. Mr. Pena commented that the Town Manager was in agreement to include a fee to cover the costs for opening and closing graves, but he had not gotten back to Mr. Pena yet because he was very involved with preparing the Town's budget. The Board agreed to keep this item as unfinished business for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Schedule the next meeting and discuss agenda items for next meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for June 22nd. Linda Nunez, Finance Department Representative, stated that Alex Brown, Town Manager-Finance Director, wanted the Board to discuss closing the old section of the Cemetery for future sales of plots, unless plots were already reserved. She stated there may be over 200 plots left in the old section. There was further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Scholl made a motion to adjourn at 2:32 p.m. Mr. South seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

/s/

Elizabeth Miller, Vice-Chairperson

Attest:

/s/

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk