

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

**Public Works Administration Building, 610 East 8<sup>th</sup> St. Silver City, New Mexico  
October 22, 2014 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Stacy Domino-Mrazik , Chair  
Carl Scholl  
Rider South  
Jeff Fell

Councilor Cano, Ex Officio  
Peter Pena, Public Works Director  
Linda Nunez, Finance Department  
Ann Mackie, Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Domino-Mrazik called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. Elizabeth Miller, Vice-Chair, was absent (excused).

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – None.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – September 22, 2014 Regular Meeting** – Chair Domino-Mrazik asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. South moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Scholl seconded. All were in favor to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS -**

**A. Public Works Representative**

**1. Condition of the Cemetery due to the heavy rains the previous month.** Mr. Pena said the Cemetery drained very well because over the past 10 years the Town had paved most of the roads and installed curbs and gutters with legislative allocated funds and grant funding. He said they only had to use the sweeper to remove dirt from the roads after the recent rains. He stated there may be some issues with sunken graves that they would have to deal with due to all of the rains. He said they were currently working on cutting the weeds and spraying for weeds.

**2. Cost estimate of installing a flag pole at the Cemetery.** Mr. Pena said the installation of a flag pole would be a minimum expense. He said there was an existing flag pole near the entrance that had been hidden by a tree, and they would trim up the tree so the Board could see whether or not it was satisfactory before their next meeting. He said the existing pole needed a little work which would not be difficult to do. He said they could also install a new flag pole if that was the Board's wishes because it could be done at a minimal cost and it would not be a lot of work. There was further discussion.

Mr. Pena also reported that he would be meeting with Diana Leyba-Ingalls that afternoon to obtain her schedule for doing the mural project in the Cemetery. He said he would have information about that at the next meeting.

**B. Chair - none.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**

**A. Discussion and vote on installing a flag pole at the entrance of the Cemetery.** Chair Domino-Mrazik commented that Elizabeth Miller, Vice-Chair, requested this item wait until the next meeting when she could attend because she would like to participate in the discussion. Chair Domino-Mrazik made a motion to postpone the item until the next meeting. Mr. Fell seconded. All were in favor, motion carried. The Board discussed the flag pole issue and whether it would be taken down each day or only flown during holidays, etc.

**PUBLIC INPUT -** Ben Fisher, reporter from the Silver City Daily Press, arrived after Mr. Pena's reports. He asked Mr. Pena about the condition of the Cemetery after the heavy rains. Mr. Pena told

him that there was no damage because of all of the previous curb and gutter work. He said the water drained to the retention pond, and they only had to sweep some dirt off the roads. There was discussion about how the heavy rains affected the Fort Bayard National Cemetery.

There was further discussion by the Board and Mr. Pena about the following: how the Town did not receive the award for the recent tree grant application, but they would work on another grant for trees; that when new trees were made available the Parks Department would grind down the old tree stumps below ground level, run irrigation, and plant the new trees; and how the historical signs in the old section had been installed.

**NEW BUSINESS -**

**A. Schedule the next meeting and discuss agenda items for the next meeting.** The Board discussed the November calendar and how the fourth Wednesday would fall on the day before Thanksgiving. Mr. Scholl moved to change the meeting date from Wednesday, November 26th to Wednesday, November 19, 2014. Mr. Fell seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

The next agenda items would include: a report from Mr. Pena on how the existing flagpole at the entrance of the Cemetery looked after the adjacent tree was trimmed up; a report from Mr. Pena on the status of the mural project; the return of Unfinished Business, Item A regarding the flag pole; discussion about the available plots in the old section of the Cemetery; and discussion about sign(s) for the new section of the Cemetery.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Domino-Mrazik asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Scholl moved to adjourn at 1:52 p.m. Mr. Fell seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

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Stacy Domino-Mrazik, Chair

Attest:

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Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk