

## Johnstown Township Minutes

13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek Michigan 49017

Special Board Meeting . Oct. 26, 2021 . 11:00 a.m.  
Iden Cemetery

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Present:** Supervisor Barb Earl, Clerk Sheri Babcock, Treasurer Karmen Nickerson  
Trustee Deana Powell, Trustee Jeff Warren

**Absent:** None

**Visitors:** None

**Agenda:** Iden Cemetery

Due to a pending sale of Springbrook property (Halberts) to Consumers Energy, it has come to our attention that the township records in BSA/GIS map do not represent the entire area used by the cemetery. Joyce Foondle has provided some information to be used to help correct this situation.

After getting information from Joyce, the clerk went to the County to talk to Record of Deeds, Barb Hurless. Due to the cemeteries age (first burials in 1800), limited information will probably be available if we use a title company for a deed search. It was recommended that we should have legal representation and obtain a boundary survey then proceed with a quiet title.

The fence at Iden Cemetery has been there for a very long time and is still all present. I contacted the county surveyor, Brian Reynolds Company (Wightman Company) to schedule a survey. They were in agreement with the process as discussed and could survey this week on Thursday. The board scheduled the Special Meeting for Oct 26, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. This was posted on the web site on Friday, October 22, 2021 and also posted in the box at the township. A copy of the estimate was emailed to all board members. The cost for the survey and legal description is \$3,265.00.

Additional information included a copy of the property owned by Frey, then sold to R. Russell which was later sold to Halberts. The Russell description was very limited in vital information referring to other named property owners and the EXCEPTION of where the cemetery lies.

Before this meeting, the surveyor date was rescheduled to Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021 instead of Thursday, October 28, 2021.

A motion was made by Powell to approve the cost estimate for the surveying of Iden Cemetery as proposed. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Powell to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Attested to by:**  
**Barbara Earl**  
Supervisor

  
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**Sheri Babcock, Clerk**