

SPECIAL MEETING HELD APRIL 26, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD TO DISCUSS MOWER ISSUES AT THE TATE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE TRUSTEES WILSON, TRUSTEE DURBIN (VIA SKYPE), TRUSTEE STEIMLE AND FISCAL OFFICER KATHY BRANNOCK, AND ROAD/CEMETERY SUPERVISOR ED STANLEY.

ED STANLEY STATED THAT THE MOWER DECK SPINDLE HAS RUSTED OUT ON THE TRACTOR THAT IS CURRENTLY USED TO TRIM AND NEEDS TO BE REPLACED. THE COST IS \$2825.60 FOR THE DECK ONLY. A NEW ZERO TURN WOULD COST \$15979.00 FOR A "SIT DOWN" OR \$12749.00 FOR A "STAND ON". THESE WERE QUOTES FROM BAXLA FROM JANUARY 2024.

PLANT WORLD, THE CURRENT MOWING COMPANY, HAS AGREED THAT THEY CANNOT MOW THE CEMETERY TO THE TOWNSHIP'S STANDARD. ED HAS CONTACTED TURBO LAWN CARE (BRENT BRUNETT) WHO SAID THAT WOULD MOW THE CEMETERY FOR THE SAME PRICE THAT WE ARE PAYING PLANT WORLD (\$1600 PER MOW). ED STANLEY RECOMMENDED THAT THE TRUSTEES HIRE TURBO LAWN CARE.

TRUSTEE DURBIN QUESTIONED WHICH TYPE OF ZERO TURN WOULD BE PREFERRED, SIT DOWN AND STAND UP. ED HAS SPOKEN TO DIFFERENT MOWING CONTRACTORS AND THEY PREFER THE STAND UP. ED STATED THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TO GET A NEW MOWER. MAY HAVE SABRINNA LOOK INTO GETTING A GRANT. TRUSTEE WILSON STATED THAT THEY SHOULD LOOK FOR DEMOS AND TRY OUT MODELS.

SINCE THE TOWNSHIP'S MOWER IS OUT OF COMMISSION THE NEW MOWING COMPANY HAS AGREED TO MOW CERTAIN AREAS AROUND THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING ON AN "AS NEEDED BASIS" FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$20. THIS WILL BE VERIFIED. THE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY IS NOT AN IMMEDIATE ISSUE SINCE THEY HAVE WEEDEATERS.

TRUSTEE WILSON STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM ADAM ARMACOST. HE IS STILL INTERESTED IN MOWING THE CEMETERY FOR \$2500/MOW IF THE NEW CONTRACTOR DOES NOT WORK OUT. HE WOULD MOW ON THURSDAYS. HIS CREW CONSISTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. THERE WOULD BE 8-9 PEOPLE MOWING. ED EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT UNDERAGE WORKERS. TRUSTEE STEIMLE STATED THAT HIS INSURANCE SHOULD COVER THEM AS LONG AS THEY ARE HIS EMPLOYEES. SHE ASKED IF TURBO LAWN CARE HAD WALKED THE CEMETERY AND WAS FULLY AWARE OF WHAT IS EXPECTED. ED STATED THAT THEY ARE AWARE. MOTION BY WILSON TO HIRE TURBO LAWN CARE AT \$1600/MOW, 2ND BY STEIMLE. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES. IF THEY WORK OUT THEY WILL CONSIDER A 3 YEAR CONTRACT NEXT YEAR.

MOTION BY WILSON TO ADJOURN, 2ND BY STEIMLE.