

Hamilton County Cemetery Commission

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To: Board of Commissioners
of Hamilton County, Indiana

The Hamilton County Cemetery Commission desires to report to the Board of Commissioners its activities during the year of 1999. We again are following the amendment to the law made in 1997. (See Financial Report attached).

The cemetery referred to in last years report (Kirkendall a/k/a Klingensmith) has now been conveyed to the County although it took almost seven months of wrangling with Key Bank to get an old paid-off mortgage properly released of record. The balance of this loan is to be sold to a developer and getting title means we can prevent its destruction.

We have in October heard that an old Indian burial ground may have been located. It is supposed to be south of and adjacent to the Fort Cemetery in the Southeastern corner of the county. We have not had time to check this out, although we are not certain what might remain of an Indian burial site.

The attached sheet shows the different kinds of work done in these cemeteries. The figures within the parenthesis represent the number of times that cemetery had been mowed. Farley Cemetery in Clay Township was abandoned by its board and the Trustee of Clay Township has decided to try and locate used graves and continue to sell grave spaces (We do not feel that this is a smart move) while this is old enough to make us have joint jurisdiction with the Trustee and we have been asked to do some stone work there. The bulk of amount spent with Noblesville Monuments is attributed to this cemetery. Also in October every upright tombstone in the Gascho-Trissal Cemetery (lying east of Noblesville Middle School) had been pushed over. We hate to think that this was a Halloween prank, but just pure vandalism from some residents of the Noble Manor Apartments nearby. We have not expended any funds at this time on this cemetery, we understand that a relative of some one buried there is in the construction business and has said he would re-set these stone (including repairs of any broken) at no cost.

The term of Martha Gascho on the commission will expire on 31 December 1999. Martha has indicated that she would accept another term if offered. With this statement the commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that she be re-appointed for another 5 year term.

The riding mower we had for the past 11 years finally began to have more repairs than we felt did not warrant trying to keep in mowing condition. We traded it in with delivery of the new one schedule for 1 April 2000.

Respectfully,
Joe H. Burgess
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Chairman

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance forwarded 8 December 1998 \$13,109.07

Receipts:

Annual Appropriation		14,000.00
Interest on checking account		<u>248.94</u>
	Sub-total	27,358.01

Disbursements:

Labor	8,250.00	
Gas, belts etc.	336.73	
Trips	552.00	
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	21.50	
Don Roberts (rental)	120.00	
Farm Plan & Reynolds Farm Equipment	3,285.49	
Surveys	985.00	
Title & Lien Search	125.00	
Attorney Fees	88.00	
Glidden Fence Co., Inc.	1,847.00	
Noblesville Monuments	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>17,110.72</u>

Balance Forwarded 30 November 1999 \$10,247.29

Savings Account balance forwarded 8 December 1998		1,764.57
Plus interest earned 1998-1999		<u>17.74</u>
Balance forwarded 30 November 1999		1,782.31

Above funds include obligated funds as follows:

Reserve Account		
In checking account	\$3,338.09	
In Savings account	<u>1,782.31</u>	
Total reserve account	5,120.40	

We have set aside the sum of \$3,000.00 to help the Delaware Township Trustee fence the West Cemetery. However, at the time of this report she has not determined what kind of fence she wants, so the balance shown above less the reserve in the checking account and the amount set aside for fencing leaves an operating balance of \$3,909.20.

<u>Name of Cemetery</u>	<u>Mowed</u>	<u>Trees & Shrubs</u>	<u>Fence</u>	<u>Stonework</u>
Hurlock Cem.	(18)X	X		X
Strawtown	(18)X			
Hammack (Lamong)	(18)X			
Buscher	(18)X	X	X	
Greenwood	(18)X			
Thos. Moore	(18)X			
Phillips	(18)X			
Lennon	(18)X			
Burke	(18)X			
Bradley	(11)X			
Finch	(11)X			
Gascho (Henry)	(11)X			
Noppis	(11)X			
Teter	(11)X			
Mushrush	(3) X	X		X
Burris	(3) X			
Malott	(2) X			
Carey (Little)	(6) X			
Pleasant Grove				X
Farley				X
Kirkendall	(1) X			