Hinckley Township Emergency Meeting 1/24/2023

Trustee Swedyk called the Emergency Meeting of the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees to order at 2:30 p.m. on January 24, 2023. Present were Trustees Swedyk and Ascherl and 8 members of the public and no reporters. Ms. Augustine had an excused absence.

Trustee Swedyk stated the reason for the meeting was to discuss and make decision on purchase of a cemetery lot.

Mr. Ron Cole spoke on behalf of the Veverka family, requesting the Township allow a non-resident cemetery plot purchase for a non-resident. He explained that a young family member perished in a tragic housefire and the family's request is that she be buried next to family-including her great-grandparents — that are buried on Maple Hill Cemetery. There are currently no members of the family living in Hinckley Township.

Trustees Swedyk and Ascherl expressed their sympathy on the family's loss and explained that the cemetery rules are in place to assure that residents of Hinckley, whose tax dollars fund the cemetery, will continue to have plots available in Township cemeteries. The exception the family is asking for is beyond the allowances of a non-resident purchase. In the past an individual that had previously resided in Hinckley may be allowed to purchase a plot with Trustees approval.

Discussion as to whether another Hinckley resident could purchase a plot on behalf of the family ensued. It was decided that the family should contact Sexton Peterlin to determine if other provisions may be made in this circumstance.

At this time Trustee Swedyk stated that under the circumstances presented the current resident-only provisions cannot be waived.

Trustee Swedyk made a motion to adjourn the Emergency Meeting at 2:57 p.m. Trustee Ascherl seconded. Vote: Swedyk – yes, Ascherl – yes.