

## **CHAPTER 12: TOWN CEMETERY**

### **12.01 PURPOSE**

This chapter is enacted in order to provide for the administration, maintenance, and perpetual care of Town cemeteries, and to protect them from injury, damage, or desecration.

### **12.02 MANAGEMENT**

The Town Board has supervision of the cemeteries and will be responsible for their proper management. The Town Board may adopt additional rules and regulations relating to the cemetery as it deems proper, and when approved by the Town Board, such rules shall be deemed part of this chapter.

### **12.03 MAINTENANCE**

The Town shall provide all maintenance for those grave sites existing in Harms Cemetery located on State Highway 42 and Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery located on County Highway DL, and any other cemetery maintained and administered by the Town after the adoption of this ordinance. A sum sufficient to adequately provide for maintenance expenses shall hereafter be appropriated by the Town in its annual budget.

### **12.04 CEMETERY REGULATIONS**

- A.** Motor vehicles are restricted to the roads, drives, and parking areas adjacent to the cemetery. Except for authorized maintenance vehicles, no person shall operate a motorized vehicle on the cemetery property.
- B.** No person shall be present upon cemetery property when the cemetery is not open to the public. Cemetery property shall be officially open to the public between dawn and dusk on a daily basis.
- C.** No person shall consume or have in his/her possession any alcohol beverages while on-cemetery property.
- D.** No person shall loiter or cause a nuisance on cemetery property.
- E.** No person shall litter, dump, or deposit any rubbish, refuse, earth, or other material in the cemetery without the Town's consent.
- F.** Monuments, grave markers, and flowers, wreaths, or related plant-type memorials are the only objects which may be placed on grave sites in the cemetery. No other objects or items may be placed in the cemetery without specific approval from the Town Board.
- G.** Memorials and decorations placed on cemetery lots must be removed by April 1 and November 1 each year.
- H.** The Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department shall patrol cemetery property to ensure compliance with these regulations.

## **12.05 SALE AND TRANSFER OF LOTS**

- A.** Application for lots in the cemeteries shall be made to the Town Clerk-Treasurer. All deeds shall be signed by the Town Chair and Town Clerk-. The price of the various lots will be set by the Town Board.
- B.** No lot shall be used for any purpose other than for the burial of the human dead.
- C.** All cemetery lots will be conveyed by deed. The purchaser acquires the title and fee to the lot, subject to the conditions established or which may be established for the governance and maintenance of the cemetery after the effective date of this ordinance.
- D.** Sales of grave sites hereafter will be at such price as the Town Board deems reasonable and adequate to cover the value of said lot and the Town's maintenance of the cemetery.

## **12.06 INTERNMENTS**

- A.** No burials shall be permitted unless all laws and regulations of the State of Wisconsin relating to burials are complied with.
- B.** No interment shall take place without a final disposition report.
- C.** The Town will work with outside funeral homes to handle all internments and sales of lots.
- D.** The Town shall not be held responsible for any mistake resulting from improper burial.
- E.** No person shall inter anybody in a cemetery without first notifying the Town Clerk-, furnishing a burial permit, and providing the following information about the deceased: name, age, sex, date of birth, date of death, last place of residence, date of interment, and the undertaker in charge.