The meeting of the Board of Cemetery Regents was held on February 7, 2018 at Highland Lawn Cemetery at 1:15 P.M. Those in attendance were C. Don Nattkemper, Clifford Stephens, Kathy Taylor, B. Michael McCormick, Eddie Bird, Superintendent, Roxe Anne Kesner, Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by President B. Michael McCormick. Mike welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

The claims were reviewed. Cliff Stephens motioned to approve the claims. The motion was seconded by Don Nattkemper, and the motion was carried.

The Collections were reviewed. Cliff motioned to approve the collections. Don seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The Minutes were reviewed. Don motioned that the Minutes be accepted as read. Kathy seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Eddie reported that there were three bids for the replacement of the Chapel roof. The bid was awarded to Lough Brothers. The agreement stipulates that 15% will be paid at the beginning of the job, and the balance at the end. Mayor Bennett will take care of the funding. The job is to begin as soon as the weather permits. Don mentioned that in the Mayor's "State of the City" address he expounded on the importance of making the improvements needed to keep the historical chapel in good repair. He is very proud to be a part of these improvements. Eddie noted that with the roof improvement, a new furnace will follow in the future that will remove the damp air and should stop the dampness from causing future damage. Don motioned that we accept the lowest bid for the roof. Cliff seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eddie sat in the meeting for the new contract between the Laborer's International Union of North America, Local Union #204. The Union asked for an increase in pay, which was based on the Sewage Treatment Union receiving a raise. However, the Sewage Treatment employees are not employed by the City of Terre Haute, but the union is sub hired to work at the facility. The Mayor was firm with his statement that there will be no increases for employees this year so the motion was dropped. The contract is the same as 2017 with no changes. Kathy motioned to accept the 2018 contract. Cliff seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Eddie had been informed that the Cemetery Department is with only one tent. The tent is in some disrepair and only has one side. Billy Hubbard said we could probably get another year of using the tent if it would be cleaned and stitched. The board agreed it would be best to do what we can to hold from spending monies for this until next year. The tent will be taken to be cleaned and repaired.

Cliff informed all that he is working with an Eagle Scout with a local Boy Scouts troop that walked throughout Highland Lawn Cemetery to write down all of the names on the Veteran's stones in the cemetery for his Eagle Scout Project. His intent is to have the names available for the use of the Veterans during placement of the flags for Memorial Day. Cliff will give a copy to the Cemetery when it is finished.

Deeds, claims and contracts were signed. Cliff motioned to adjourn. Don seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.