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Hamilton County Cemetery Commission

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To: Board of Commissioners
Hamilton County, Indiana

The term for Richard Mallery expired at the end of 2007 and he asked not to be reappointed due to health and age problems. He had served the Hamilton County Cemetery Commission (HCCC) for 26 years. The HCCC recommended Michael Hartley of Arcadia to take the place of Richard Mallery. Michael Hartley is a mortician with Hartley Funeral Homes in Arcadia and Cicero and has helped care for two cemeteries in the county. The County Commissioners approved his appointment.

The fence around the Pleasant View Cemetery on the south side of county road 202 East of U.S. 31 was completed. A special HCCC meeting was called on 14 November 2007 to approve the $6,594 cost. This cemetery was deeded to the HCCC and then transferred to Hamilton County. CR White Aurora, LLC sent a notice to the Cemetery Commission about a planned development east of the cemetery and will not impact it at present. There is also a Business Park in the planning stage south of county road 202 next to the cemetery. With the present economy these two developments may be years in the future.

At the meeting of the HCCC on 21 July 1976 it was voted to clean up and restore the Flannagan Cemetery located on the West side of Cumberland Road one half mile north of 96th Street. This cemetery was deeded to Hamilton County in 1851. On 12 May 1987 the HCCC visited the Flannagan Cemetery and talked about fencing and its boundary. Again, on 17 April 1990 fencing the cemetery was discussed. On 17 November 2007 while checking parcel numbers for the cemeteries in Hamilton County it was discovered the Flannagan Cemetery parcel was showing the deeded owner as **Consolidated City of Indianapolis**. This parcel was within an area that was being developed by the Indianapolis Water Company and at that time they were told the cemetery was owned by Hamilton County. The Hamilton County Attorney is notifying the City of Indianapolis that the parcel is owned by Hamilton County. The Hamilton County Surveyor completed a survey of the Flannagan Cemetery on 3 November 2008 and bids for the fencing have been requested.

The City of Fishers has announced charges for the Storm Water Utility Service on the Heady Cemetery. This semi-annual $9.90 is in addition to the county ditch maintenance charge.

Joe H. Burgess, President Emeritus
Herald A Demaree Martha Gascho Patricia B Gibbs Marion Hensley Michael Hartley

HCCC member Marion Hensley attended a meeting in New Castle to discuss laws about cemetery preservation and rule changes DNR has coming out in July. Herald Demaree and Pat Gibbs attended the First Annual meeting of the Indiana County Cemetery Commissions at 501 Post Road, Indianapolis on June 21st to also discuss the new rule changes. One of the new rules they indicated was coming out was; you cannot probe for or dig up grave markers without a permit from DNR. A person must be trained and certified by DNR to probe for and dig up grave markers. However, they said it is legal to probe in a gravesite for buried caskets. At that time we were told we would receive a list of all those attending and copies of the new rules. We have not received anything as of this date.

Storms took down trees and limbs in several cemeteries and damaged fences on the Faucett, Greenwood and Hurlock cemeteries. The fence at Greenwood was repaired for $875.00 and the fence at Hurlock is being repaired for $1,815.00. The higher cost at Hurlock is due to replacing the damaged gate and five posts.

Joe Robbins, Jackson Township Trustee has been doing a super job with the cemeteries in his township. He had volunteers clear some stumps and plant grass around the fence on the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. With Community Service people the Hurley and McCarty cemeteries were cleaned and several small stones reset. The Forkner Cemetery had been neglected for many years because farm crops prevented access during the summer months. Joe hired a man to clear brush, dead trees and old farm fence for $1,400.00. The Trustee paid $700 up front and HCCC will pay the other half when the work in completed.

In checking the parcel numbers for the cemeteries in Hamilton County it was found that the Strawtown Cemetery had a number that ended in 999.999. When this number is entered in the county tax records, it comes up "Not Found"! In checking with the records and mapping section it was found that in the beginning all cemeteries ended with this number. Over the years, as surveys and drainage charges were assigned, these cemeteries were given new numbers. Darren Murphy, Assistant County Attorney is working on this problem. HCCC wants to thank Darren for the great job he is doing to help with many cemetery problems.

The term of Patricia Gibbs expires on 31 December 2008 and she indicated she would accept another term. HCCC voted to recommend her reappointment to another 5-year term.

Respectfully submitted,

Herald A Demaree

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President

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Financial Report for 2008 HAMILTON COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION

Balance brought forward, Januanr 1, 2008			$ 22,134.67
Receipts:	Annual Appropriation		$ 19,000.00
	Interest		$ 253.65
Disbursements:			
	Labor	$ 11,349.00	
	Trips	$ 904.00	
	Reimbursements	$ 683.18	
	Bureau of Motor Vehicles	$ 24.75	
	Reynolds Farm Equipment	$ 164.19	
	Central Tree Service	$ 175.00	
	Glidden Fence Company	$ 875.00	
	Misc. supplies	$ 58.48	
	Postage	$ 25.20	
	Total	$ 14,258.80	$ (14,258.80)
	Balance 31 October 2008		$ 27,129.52
	Operating	$ 21,907.05	
	Reserve	$ 5,222.47	
		$ 27,129.52	

CEMETERY	MOWED times	TREES & SHRUBS
Strawtown	16	
Hurlock	16	X
Buscher	16	
Hammack (LaMong)	12	
Phillips	12	
Greenwood	12	X
Klingensmith	10	X
Thos. B. Moore	10	
Burke	10	
Teeter	5	
Lennen	10	
Bradley	5	
Finch	10	
Henry Gasho	7	
Mappes	7	
Burris	5	
Faucett	7	X
Little Carey	4	
Pleasant View	1	