

**City of Worthington and Sharon Township
Joint Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance:

Worthington City Council met in Joint Session on Monday, December 3, 2018, in the John P. Coleman Council Chambers of City Hall, 6550 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio. Worthington City Council President Michael called the meeting to order at or about 7:30 P.M.

City Council Members Present: Rachael R. Dorothy, Douglas Foust, Beth Kowalczyk, Scott Myers, Douglas K. Smith, and Bonnie D. Michael

Sharon Township Trustees Present: Lindsay S. Duffey, John H. Oberle, Laura A. Kunze

Member(s) Absent: David Robinson

Also present: City Manager Matthew Greeson, Assistant City Manager Robyn Stewart, Director of Law Tom Lindsey, Director of Finance Scott Barter, Director of Service & Engineering Dan Whited, Director of Planning & Building Lee Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation Darren Hurley, Chief of Fire & EMS John Bailot, Chief of Police Jerry Strait, Clerk of Council D. Kay Thress, Assistant City Clerk Ethan Barnhardt

There were approximately eleven visitors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Michael invited those in attendance to stand and join in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

- Walnut Grove and Flint Union Cemetery Board of Trustees – At-Large Member

Mr. Greeson welcomed the Sharon Township Trustees to tonight's meeting. He reported this as being the time to jointly appoint a member to the Cemetery Board of Trustees. He believes the incumbent, Courtney Chapman is here this evening and desires to be reappointed.

MOTION Mr. Oberle nominated Courtney Chapman to serve as the At-Large representative to the Joint Cemetery Board. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Dorothy.

The motion to re-appoint Courtney Chapman to the Joint Cemetery Board carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Michael congratulated Mr. Chapman for being reappointed and thanked him for his many years of service.

When asked by Ms. Dorothy if he wanted to share anything about his almost thirty years of being on this Board of Trustees, Mr. Chapman commented that members need to appreciate what a privilege it has been to work with the Cemetery Trustees and the Advisory Committee and both City Council and Township Trustees. We have the greatest group of people that anybody can ask for and that is the real joy of this job. He thanked Council and the Trustees for the privilege and opportunity to do that.

Ms. Michael recalls the great strides that have been made at the Flint Road Cemetery that began with nothing. We have two wonderful cemeteries.

Ms. Dorothy thanked Mr. Chapman for his leadership for the Board and for organizing the Advisory Committee. What a huge working group that has brought forward many plans for both Walnut Grove and Flint Road. Without their great work and Mr. Chapman's leading none of this would have happened. While there is still a long way to go, they have come a long way. She appreciates all the time he has spent.

Mr. Chapman shared that Friday night they had an appreciation dinner for the Advisory Committee and Trustees. The theme of that dinner was that they were part of the story and the story continues because of all of you. The story really began in 1858. He has read the original minutes from the Cemetery Board and the from the Village Council of Worthington from 1858 and 1859 as the cemetery was being formed. The agreement between the Township and Village was also being formed at that time. The story continues. With the homestead that we just acquired, we see that as our forever office 100 years from now. So, we are just in the middle of a very long story. It is a real honor for him to be a part of it. He thanked everyone.

Ms. Michael thanked Mr. Chapman again as well as the staff from the cemetery.

Mr. Oberle agreed that it is great for the Trustees to be here with their friends from City Council. While they all serve on numerous boards and participate in a great deal of volunteering, it is a privilege for him to serve on the Cemetery Board with this team. Of everything he does, it is probably one of the most selfless organizations. There are no egos. Everyone is there to help the residents, to make it a better place. Everyone works as a team and we are getting a great deal accomplished. We are under budget in terms of spending and our revenue is strong this year. The redevelopment and the planning at the cemetery is top notch. We win with people. We have a great staff and we really have one person to point to and that is Courtney. He has kind of been our leader and he has taught him a great deal about leadership. It is great that he has been reappointed. Mr. Chapman clarified that it is the leadership and support that Council and the Township Trustees provide that makes it all possible.

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Ms. Duffey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk.

The motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

/s D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
10th day of December 2018.*

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
President of Council