

**City of Worthington and Sharon Township
Joint Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance:

Worthington City Council met in Joint Session on Monday, December 2, 2019, 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, David Robinson, Douglas K. Smith, and Bonnie D. Michael

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

Member(s) Absent:

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, Clerk of Council D. Kay Thress, Assistant City Clerk Ethan Barnhardt

There were eight 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 – Sharon Township Trustee Appointee

Mr. Greeson welcomed the Sharon Township Trustees to tonight's meeting. He reported this as being the time to appoint a Township Trustee to the Walnut Grove and Flint Union Cemetery Board of Trustees. This is Mr. Oberle's appointment that is open.

MOTION Mr. Dorothy nominated John Oberle to serve as the Township representative to the Joint Cemetery Board. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Duffey.

Ms. Dorothy shared that she has had the pleasure of working with Mr. Oberle on the Board of Trustees for the last several years. He has been very diligent in moving projects/items forward in a methodical way. We understand that we are entrusted with the public good and charged with balancing public and private monies in the operations and maintenance/development of the cemeteries. While the cemeteries have a park like

feel, we understand that privately they have a very special meaning for many people throughout the community who have utilized space for interment and memorials for their loved one. Although we have monthly meetings, Mr. Oberle works overtime, above and beyond throughout the entire year to make sure we do a great job. She would love to see him continue in that role.

Mr. Robinson commented that no one campaigns as hard as Mr. Oberle. If he executes his duties as diligently as he campaigns, he is sure that he does a great job. He would love to hear his comments and reflections as well.

Mr. Oberle thanked Mr. Robinson and Ms. Dorothy for their kind remarks. He stated that the reason he does what he does on the board is because of the leadership. Mr. Chapman brought this group together. They have a great staff and advisory board. He would challenge members to try to find a public cemetery that is better run than ours. He thinks the cost effectiveness for our residents is there. They are getting a value for when they are in their most significant time of need, but they also have a park. He lives near Walnut Grove and will often walk through there. It is fully established and now receives maintenance. We are in the process of making Flint Cemetery a gem. With the acquisition of the Ozem Gardner property, it is really coming forth and will be beautiful when completed. It will be a showcase for the cemeteries. We have expanded the life of the cemeteries due to that purchase. He added that he appreciates the support they have received from Worthington's Law Director Tom Lindsey. It is an honor to serve.

President Michael asked for a roll call vote.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on re-appointing Mr. Oberle to the Cemetery Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	9	Robinson, Kowalczyk, Foust, Dorothy, Smith, Myers, Michael, Duffey, and Kunze
No	0	
Abstain	1	Oberle

The motion was declared duly passed and is recorded in full in the appropriate record books.

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

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
6th day of January 2020.*

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
President of Council