TOWNSHIP OF REYNOLDS
COUNTY OF MONTCALM, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Reynolds, Montcalm County, Michigan, held in the Reynolds Township Center, 215 E. Edgerton Street Howard City, MI 49329, in said Township, on the 10th day of April, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Dan Fisk, Clerk Robin Sholty, Treasurer Jan Stevens, Trustee Aaron Kindel and Trustee Bill Smith

ABSENT: 0

The following ordinance was offered by Member Treasurer Stevens and supported by Member Clerk Robin Sholty.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REYNOLDS TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE BY ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE OPERATION, CONTROL, AND MANAGEMENT OF CEMETERIES OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF REYNOLDS, MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE, AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.”

THE TOWNSHIP OF REYNOLDS ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Sections 3 through 5 of the Ordinance entitled “An ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by establishing regulations relating to the operation, control, and management of cemeteries owned by the Township of Reynolds, Montcalm County, Michigan; to provide penalties for the violation of said ordinance, and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith,” are hereby amended to read in their entirety as follows:
“SECTION 3: SALE OF LOTS OR BURIAL SPACES

Hereafter, cemetery lots or burial spaces shall be sold to residents or Taxpayers of the Township and non-residents of the Township for the purpose of the burial of the purchaser and his or her heirs at law or next of kin subject to the provisions of Section 4.

All such sales shall be made on a form approved by the Township Board, which grants a right of burial and does not convey any other title to the lot or burial space sold. Such form shall be executed by the Township Clerk.

Transfer of burial rights may be affected only by endorsement of an assignment of such burial permit upon the original burial permit form issued by the Township Clerk, approved by the Clerk, and entered upon the official records of said Clerk. Upon such assignment, approval and record, the Clerk shall issue a new burial permit to the assignee and shall cancel and terminate the original permit.

SECTION 4: PURCHASE PRICE, GRAVE OPENING CHARGES AND TRANSFER FEES

For residents and Taxpayers of the Township, each burial space or lot shall cost one hundred ($100.00) dollars.

For non-residents, each burial space or lot shall cost five hundred ($500.00) dollars.

Any transfer of one or more burial spaces or lots from an original purchaser to a qualified assignee shall cost fifty ($50.00) dollars per transfer.

The foregoing charges shall be paid to the Township Treasurer and shall be deposited in the appropriate cemetery fund.

The Township Board, by resolution, may periodically alter the foregoing fees to accommodate increased costs and needed reserve funds for cemetery maintenance and acquisition.

SECTION 5: GRAVE OPENING CHARGES

From April 1 through November 15 for residents and Taxpayers of the Township, grave opening charges shall be four hundred ($400.00) dollars for adult burial, two hundred ($200.00) dollars for child burial and one hundred ($100.00) for the burial of cremated remains.

From November 16 through March 31 for residents and Taxpayers of the Township, grave opening charges shall be five hundred ($500.00) dollars for adult burial, three hundred ($300.00) dollars for child burial and one hundred twenty five ($125.00) dollars for the burial of cremated remains.

From April 1 through November 15 for non-residents, grave opening charges
shall be four hundred fifty ($450.00) dollars for adult burial, two hundred twenty-five ($225.00) dollars for child burial and one hundred twenty-five ($125.00) dollars for the burial of cremated remains.

From November 16 through March 31 for non-residents, grave opening charges shall be five hundred fifty ($550.00) dollars for adult burial, three hundred twenty-five ($325.00) dollars for child burial and one hundred fifty ($150.00) dollars for the burial of cremated remains.

For Saturday burials, a twenty-five ($25.00) dollar charge shall be assessed. For Sunday or Holiday burials, a one hundred ($100.00) dollar charge shall be assessed.

No burial spaces or lots shall be opened and closed except under the direction and control of the Sexton. This provision shall not apply to proceedings for the removal and re-interment of bodies and remains, which matters are under the supervision of the local health department.”

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Robin Sholty, Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Reynolds at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Robin Sholty, Township Clerk