

**TOWN OF RIVER FALLS
ORDINANCE # 2012 -5**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE & CONVEY LAND & MANAGE TOWN
CEMETERIES**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of River Falls has authority pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 157.50, and pursuant to its Village powers under Wis. Stat. Sec. 60.10, to acquire and convey land for cemeteries within the Town and to determine the system of management and operation of the cemetery, including appropriations for cemetery improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town has heretofore acquired title to the Glass Valley Cemetery (previously known as Greenwood Valley Cemetery) in the Town of River Falls, as more particularly described in Book J of Deed records, page 17, dated December 2, 1863, in the office of the Pierce County Register of Deeds, as follows:

“in Town of River Falls, County of Pierce, State of Wisconsin, commencing at the corner fence post on the Road known as the Big River Road and on the N Sec line of Section 23 at the SE corner of lands owned by Mason Stone and the NE corner of land owned by John H. Webster on the line of the aforesaid Road running W on the said Sec. line Sixteen rods to a Steak (sic), thence S 10 rods to a steak (sic) thence E 16 rods, to the fence on the W side of the aforesaid Big River Road thence N 10 rods to the place of the beginning”; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to develop, approve and enforce written regulations concerning, but not limited to, physical management and fiscal management, regarding any Town Cemetery operation, in compliance with Wis. Stat. Chap. 157;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of River Falls does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 22 is hereby created to read as follows:

Chapter 22 Cemetery Ordinance

22.01 The Town Board of the Town River Falls shall provide the management, control, operation and care for the Glass Valley Cemetery. The Town Board shall designate the Town Chair, Chair of the Cemetery Committee, or Town Clerk, or other person, as it may, from time to time by resolution direct, as the individual primarily in charge of the day-to-day cemetery operations.

- 22.02 The Town Board shall, by resolution as may be adopted and amended from time to time, develop and approve written regulations, including but not limited to the physical management and fiscal management, of the cemetery operation, all in compliance with Wis. Stat. Chap. 157.
- 22.03 The Cemetery Committee shall have prepared for the Town an accounting of all receipts and expenditures for the cemetery for publication at the annual meeting. Any monies received from the sale of lots, or otherwise for perpetual care or as donations, shall be used for the care and improvement of cemeteries under the management, control, operation and care of the Town.
- 22.04 The Town Chair and Town Clerk shall execute all conveyances of cemetery lots. The books and records concerning ownership, sale and conveyance of cemetery lots shall be maintained by the Town Clerk and such books shall include the names and addresses of the grantee, the consideration paid and such other identifying information as the Town Clerk may deem appropriate, or the Town Board or Cemetery Committee may, from time to time, by resolution direct.
- 22.05 The Town Board may sell all personal property associated with any Town supervised cemetery, and all land not used for cemetery purposes, pursuant to and subject to the restrictions contained in Wis. Stat. Chap. 157.
- 22.06 The Town Board shall establish by resolution the charge for cemetery lot purchases and the proper and appropriate charges for perpetual care and maintenance of grave sites and lots.
- 22.07 The electors at the Annual Town meeting may authorize the Town Board to appropriate an annual sum for the improvement of any cemetery under supervision of the Town Board.
- 22.08 The Town Board shall invest the money received for perpetual care as provided in Wis. Stat. Chap. 881, (1988-1989). The Town Board has the right, at any time, to terminate the perpetual care fund and place the money in the general fund if the Town owns the cemetery and

provides all maintenance expenses for grave sites in the cemetery at time of termination of the fund.

- 22.09 The Town Board shall, by resolution, approve to its satisfaction, all cemetery plats or maps for burial lands under the control of the Town Board. The Town Clerk, upon approval by the Town Board, shall certify the resolution and affix it to the plat or map.
- 22.10 The Town Board may, by resolution, accept, by transfer, the real estate, funds and personal property of any cemetery association.
- 22.11 The Town may sell any abandoned cemetery lot. An abandoned lot is a lot in connection with which all of the requirements of Wis. Stat. Sec. 157.115(2) have been met.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Passed and adopted October 15, 2012.

TOWN OF RIVER FALLS

By: _____
Diana Smith, Town Chair

Attest: _____
Ruth Stern, Town Clerk

Posted at the River Falls Town Hall, Town Shop and Clerk's office
on _____.