

January 15, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Cemetery Trustees of Michigan City was called to order by President Davis Bush on January 15, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens, 5700 E. Hwy 20, Michigan City, Indiana.

The following members responded to roll call:

Davis Bush	Vera Gaston-absent
Bernadette Dimke	Cat Houchins
Renee Bauer	
Stephen Janus	Supt. Loniewski

2026 Election of Officers-A motion for Davis Bush to remain President of Board of Cemetery Trustees of Michigan City by Renee Bauer. Second by Stephen Janus. Motion carried.

A motion for Renee Bauer to remain Vice President of the Board of Cemetery Trustees of Michigan City by Cat Houchins. Second by Bernadette Dimke. Motion carried.

A motion for Bernadette Dimke to remain Secretary of Board of Cemetery Trustees of Michigan City by Renee Bauer. Second by Cat Houchins. Motion carried.

A motion for Denice Osos to be Recorder for the Board of Cemetery Trustees of Michigan City by Cat Houchins. Second by Bernadette Dimke. Motion carried.

Minutes of December 11, 2025 –as received in person. Upon a motion to approve by Bernadette Dimke. Second by Cat Houchins. Motion carried.

Horizon Bank Financial Report – Cemetery Financial Report of December 2025.

Upon a motion to approve by Cat Houchins. Second by Renee Bauer. All Board Members are present approved. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for payment accepted upon motion by Cat Houchins. Second by Renee Bauer. All Board members are present approved. Approval was given for payment.

Superintendent Report:

- **2025 Financial Report**

Total interments for 2025

Cremation/ashes 93

Full burials 113

Entombments 18

Total 224

*Total interments decreased by 9.3%

Sales/Service Income

Greenwood Cemetery \$157,506.51

Swan Lake Memorial Gardens \$273,510.68

Total Receipts \$431,017.19

Disbursements

Greenwood Cemetery \$376,414.04

Swan Lake Memorial Gardens \$360,608.91

Total Disbursements \$737,022.95

Cemetery Funds

Greenwood Permanent Maintenance \$1,090,346.25
Swan Lake Memorial Gardens Permanent Maintenance \$682,973.76
Extension Fund \$675,278.01
Merchandise Fund 64,148.78
Horizon Trust Fees \$8,673.91

Interest Income

Permanent Maintenance \$101,158.28
Extension Fund \$40,596.86
Total Interest Income \$141,755.14
*Reflects late payments received from 2024
Average \$77,870.06

Other Miscellaneous Accounts

Blanket/Wreath Fund Interest \$461.87 Balance \$36,514.18
Flower Fund Interest \$789.64 Balance \$2,701.52
Dabbert Vault Interest \$74.89 Balance \$609.67
Lutz Vault Interest \$120.52 Balance \$ 2,093.84

Saturday Burials 2025

The Cemetery Department offered 48 burial times on Saturdays in 2025. The total schedule for Saturday burial completed was 16.

- **2025 Accomplishments**

- *Completed remodeling of Greenwood Office.
- *Completed new flooring installation in all cemetery buildings.
- *Installed new ceiling in Swan Lake office.
- *Painted breakroom and restrooms at Greenwood.
- *Completed exterior painting of Swan Lake office.
- *Installation of new windows at Swan Lake office.
- *Repair of well at Swan Lake.
- *Construction of new votive vase stand at Greenwood Mausoleum.
- *Renovation of auxiliary Babyland section at Greenwood Cemetery.
- *Installation of exterior doors at Greenwood office.
- *Renovation of landscaping at Serenity Mausoleum.

- **2026 Special Projects**

- *New signage at both cemeteries.
- *Purchase of new plow truck for Swan Lake.
- *Completion of Greenwood breakroom flooring.
- *Painting of Greenwood office exterior.
- *Decision on Greenspace burials at Swan Lake cemetery.
- *Completion of landscaping repairs around Chapel of Chimes.
- *Asphalt repairs at both cemeteries.
- *Installation of new doors/trim at Swan Lake garage.
- *Repairs to Swan Lake pond.
- *Greenwood fence.

- **Approval of truck purchase**

Superintendent Loniewski explained to the Board the need for a new truck/plow truck to the fleet of the Cemetery Department for Swan Lake Memorial Gardens. A discussion was held for approval of the bids for the new truck. Superintendent Loniewski received 3 dealership bids on 6 different make and models. A motion to accept Graff Ford 2026 Ford F250 \$44,993.00 by Cat Houchins. Second by Bernadette Dimke. Motion carried.

Council member Don Przybylinski will be sponsoring this at the February 2026 Council meeting.

Burials

Greenwood	2 Cremains	4 Full Burials	0 Entombment	Total 6
Swan Lake	0 Cremains	8 Full Burials	2 Entombment	<u>Total 10</u>
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A motion to accept the Superintendent report by Stephen Janus. Second by Renee Bauer. Motion carried.

Old Business

none

New Business

Superintendent Loniewski presented a presentation to the Cemetery Board of the City of Michigan City new website and the Cemetery Department page. The Cemetery Department page has a quick link to Cemsite the burial record management page.

Public Comment

none

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 P.M. by Cat Houchins. Second by Stephen Janus. Motion carried. Next meeting will be held at Swan Lake Memorial Garden's Office Complex on February 12, 2026, at 3:00 P.M.



Davis Bush -President



Bernadette Dimke-Secretary



Denice Osos-Recorder