

TOWN OF PLUM LAKE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
VILAS COUNTY

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

By the authority granted in Ordinance 2023-006, Municipal Cemetery Ordinance, the Town Board of the Town of Plum Lake, Vilas County, Wisconsin, does hereby established the following Cemetery Rules and Regulations, governing the Sayner and Star Lake Cemeteries, in the Town of Plum Lake, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

BURIALS:

- A. Burials at any Town cemetery shall be made only during daylight hours.
- B. The Town Board shall provide sites for burial in any Town cemetery during each season, including winter, in compliance with §157.114, Wis. Stats. The Town Board shall, at its discretion, charge additional fees to the person requesting burial or disinterment during the winter season, in order to provide safe and timely access to and from the grave or burial site during burial services.
- C. Deferred burials will take place in the spring as soon as possible.
- D. Any reburial of any human remains shall comply with provisions of §157.112, Wis. Stats. Any person seeking reburial shall seek approval from the Town Board. A Vilas County authorization for disinterment and reinterment shall be required prior to any burial under §69.18(14), Wis. Stats.
- E. All burials and reburials of caskets in any Town cemetery shall be underground and buried in a permanent outer burial container, not made of wood.
- F. There shall be no scattering of cremated remains in Town cemeteries.
- G. All graves, foundations, monuments and markers will be marked by Town personnel.
- H. Only after a grave site has been marked by the Town personnel, shall a grave digger, approved by the Town Board, be allowed to dig the grave. All graves will be opened and closed by a grave digger.
- I. All monuments and markers shall be on a foundation made of cement. The foundation shall be five (5) inches larger than the base of the monument or marker and no less than three (3) inches from the edge of the gravesite.

- J. The Town Board may refuse permission to erect any monument, marker or foundation not in keeping with the good appearance of the grounds at any of the cemeteries. The size of any monument, marker or stonework information must be provided to the Cemetery Committee and be approved before any work related to any monument, marker or foundation will be permitted on a gravesite in the Town cemeteries. No monument or marker may be more than five (5) feet in height.
- K. Only one monument or marker shall be allowed per gravesite. No foundation, monument or marker may be larger than the width of the gravesite.
- L. Government service markers or monuments shall be surface mounted on a foundation or attached to the monument or marker.
- M. Foundations and monuments or markers must be permanently placed on the gravesite within one (1) year of burial.
- N. After the monument is set, no other alterations can be made without approval from the Cemetery Committee. If alterations are made without prior approval, the Town will remove the item(s) at the expense of the family.
- O. The number of graves allowed in one full gravesite is:
 - 1. One (1) casket with no more than four (4) urns, all buried on top of the casket. Casket must be buried first.
 - 2. One (1) full gravesite with no casket may have up to eight (8) urns all buried at the same level.
- P. In a cremation gravesite, there will be no more than four (4) cremation urns, all buried at the same level.
- Q. The Town is not responsible for theft or damage to personal items placed at any time on gravesites.

PLANTS, DECORATIONS AND BENCHES ON GRAVESITES AT CEMETERIES:

- A. All plants and decorations shall be confined to the immediate foundation, monument or marker area of the gravesite in the Town cemeteries.
- B. All plant hangers must be placed immediately next to the foundation.
- C. Curbing or fences around gravesites are prohibited in the Town cemeteries.
- D. No decorations made of breakable materials, such as glass or ceramic, are permitted.
- E. Planting of any live plants (trees, shrubs, flowers, etc.), in either of the Town cemeteries, must be pre-approved by the Cemetery Committee. Any such plantings that have not been pre-approved shall be removed without notice to the gravesite owner. The Town is not responsible for the care of any plants that were planted by the owner of the gravesite, but will remove them if the plants become unsightly without notice to the gravesite owner.

- F. The Town reserves the right to remove all dead plants and wreaths and/or other decorations whose appearance and conditions warrant removal due to the weather and/or neglect, this includes such items as broken wind chimes, solar lights, faded flowers, any torn flags, and any American flag placed in the ground in which the post allows the flag to touch the ground.
- G. Removal of dead plants, decorations in any condition and any trash shall be completely removed from the Town cemeteries.
- H. Benches, trestles and other permanent gravesite structures are prohibited unless pre-approved by the Cemetery Committee prior to any work or installation being done or completed on said structure. The Town is not liable for the upkeep or damage of any kind to the structure. If damage has been sustained and not fixed in a timely manner by the owner, the structure will be removed by the Town at the owner's expense. However if the damage is the result of Town personnel negligence or carelessness, the Town shall be liable for repairs.
- I. The Town will not be liable for any plant, decoration, bench or permanent structures damaged or lost by any cause, at any of the Town cemeteries.

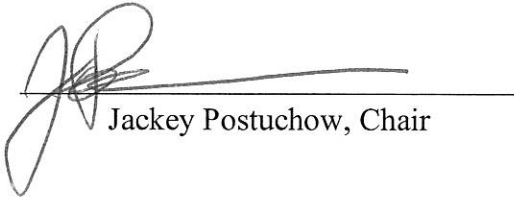
VISITORS AT TOWN CEMETERIES:

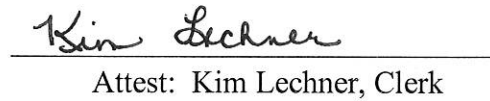
- A. Gravesites and landscaping are to be respected at all times.
- B. Mourners are to be respected at all times. Interfering in any way with a funeral or the privacy of mourners is prohibited.
- C. Vehicle use, other than on established cemetery driveways without approval of the Cemetery Committee is prohibited.
- D. Any motor vehicle parked within any Town cemetery for more than twenty four (24) hours without consent of the Cemetery Committee shall be considered abandoned and may be towed or removed at the discretion of the Cemetery Committee. Any expense incurred from the removal of the motor vehicle shall be paid by the owner of the vehicle.
- E. Littering is prohibited. All debris, including smoking material such as cigarette butts, must be removed from the cemetery grounds.
- F. Loitering, engaging in any sport or other recreational activity or in any conduct that could be regarded as a public nuisance is prohibited within the cemeteries.
- G. Firearm use is prohibited in any Town cemetery except in conjunction with military funerals or specific memorial events permitted by the Town Board or the Cemetery Committee. Trapping, hunting, killing, injuring or disturbing any living creature, whether wild or domestic, or attempting to do so, is prohibited unless authorized by the Cemetery Committee, an authorized animal control officer, humane officer or any other law enforcement personnel.
- H. Distribution or placement of advertising, notices, posters or any other informational material within the cemeteries, without authorization of the Cemetery Committee is prohibited.

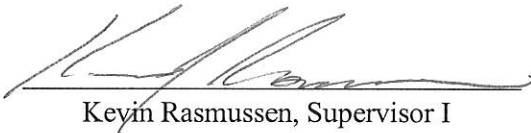
- I. Operating or amplifying any sound system or sound making device within the cemeteries without authorization of the Cemetery Committee is prohibited.

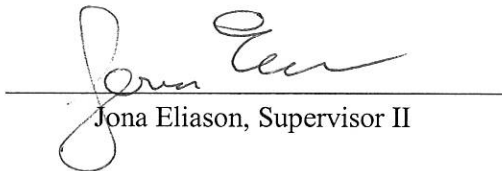
The Cemetery Rules and Regulations are in effect upon publication or posting.
The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish the Cemetery Rules and Regulations, as required under §60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 14th day of Nov., 2023.


Jackey Postuchow, Chair


Attest: Kim Lechner, Clerk


Kevin Rasmussen, Supervisor I


Jona Eliason, Supervisor II