



Village of Pewamo

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Ionia County

Policy, Rules and Regulations for Pewamo Village Cemetery

Policy Number 07-13-2020

Village of Pewamo Cemetery Rules and Regulations

The Village Council has adopted these rules and regulations to provide maximum protection to burial space owners. The village council reserves the right to make changes or alterations of the rules and regulations as maybe deemed necessary.

Definitions

- A. Cemetery Plot: The term plot or cemetery plot is an area of sufficient size to accommodate an interment.
- B. Burial Space: The term burial space is used herein to mean a single plot, group of plots, under the ownership of one person or family.
- C. Marker: A marker is a stone or plaque either flush or above ground indicating the given and/or family name(s) and must be located at the head of the plot/plots.
- D. Immediate Family: The immediate family is described as follows: spouse, parent, brother, sister, grandparent, children, grandchildren, of the original lot owner. The term also to include "great" to the above, where applicable.
- E. Burial Vaults: A burial vault is a lined and sealed outer receptacle that houses the casket or a cremation urn. It protects the casket or urn from the weight of the earth and heavy maintenance equipment that will pass over the grave. It also helps resist water and preserves the beauty of the cemetery.
- F. Burial Right Certificate: Designated name of owner proof of purchase of Burial Space (property deed)

General Information

1. The Pewamo Cemetery is located in Ionia County, Lyons Township section 14 Pewamo Road, approximately 1 ½ miles west of State Street in the Village of Pewamo.
2. All information concerning the cemetery, including purchasing of cemetery lots procedures, rules and regulations, arrangements and cost of interment services and other services may be obtained by visiting the Village Office at 130 E Main Street, or by calling 989-593-2553 during the hours of 9:00 am to noon, Monday thru Thursday.
3. Cemetery Records: The Village of Pewamo office located at 130 E. Main Street maintains records including name of owner of burial rights, name of deceased, date of death and other miscellaneous information such as grave sites within the cemetery. The amount of information may vary, depending on when the information was recorded.

Lot purchasing and Burial rights:

1. **No future burial space** will be sold to the General Public. With the completion of an onsite survey it was noted that the Original Cemetery Plan was for 200 graves. The first burial was in 1836 and the last burial of record was in 1995. The survey results showed a total of 168 graves were located within the Cemetery.

The following reasons were used to determined that there may not be any open areas for future burials.

- a. A plot may have been purchased and never used
 - b. Earlier grave markers may have been of wood and no longer exist
 - c. Some graves may not have been marked with a grave marker
 - d. Headstones may have fallen over and subsequently become overgrown
2. Exception to the above: If a family member has a Burial Right Certificate stating they are part of the Immediate Family for which a plot was purchased they will be allowed to be buried on this plot providing that all cost of any services required for opening and closing of grave, and all other fees and charges have been satisfied.
 3. A copy of the burial permit shall be required for all burials including cremations.
 4. No more than one burial may be made per burial space, or two cremations of the immediate family.
 5. All burials including cremation remains shall be housed in a metal or concrete vault. All vaults shall be installed only by authorized firms selected from the Funeral Director

Monuments, Markers, Foundations

1. All monuments or markers shall be made of recognized durable material such as granite or bronze. Marble or wood not permitted.
2. Monuments and markers shall not be delivered to lots until foundations have been installed and paid for. Orders for foundations shall be placed a minimum of two weeks in advance. Foundations will not be poured during winter months.
3. Foundations are required before placement of any monument or marker is placed and must be paid for in advance. Foundations must extend four (4) inches on all sides of the marker, creating a four (4) inch lip and must be flush with grade. Payment will be required at time of ordering foundation.
4. The Village assumes no responsibility for damage to markers or monuments whatsoever, including regular cemetery maintenance.

Cemetery Fees Effective July 2020

Cost of Individual Lot 1 burial or 2 Cremations	\$300.00
Cost to Open and Closing of Grave	\$600.00
Cost to Open and Closing of Cremations Grave	\$250.00
Cost of Foundation for Marker or monument	\$300.00
Services conducted on Sundays or Holidays is an additional	\$250.00

Village Council reserves the right to make changes to the Cemetery Fees as deemed necessary

Motion made by DAN HECKMAN and supported by TANNER ROE to adopt this policy number 07-13-2020 Policy, Rules and Regulations for the Pewamo Village Cemetery.

Ayes Dan Heckman, Tanner Roe, Jacob Wiggers, Michael Yerge, Steve Meyers

Nays None Absent: Jane Martin

Randy Zenk Randy Zenk Sandy Wolniakowski Sandy Wolniakowski

Village President Village Clerk