

Special Meeting
Essex Township Board
Discussion of the Needs of the Township Cemeteries
July 7, 2026

Board Members Present: Eric Verlinde, Kathy George, Isreal O'Boyle, Gabe Warnke.

Visitors: Bonnie Hale, Cemetery Manager, Rich Simson, candidate, Kevin Malone, candidate.

Meeting called to order: 7:30pm

Motion to Accept Agenda: **M.** Kathy George, **S.** Gabe Warnke. **MCU**

Review the Needs of the Cemeteries and Expectations:

- Bonnie Hale reviewed the expectations of the open position including probing for gravesites, reading maps, answering incoming calls and handling the clerical issues that arise.
- Compensation rates and work hours were discussed.

Candidates were interviewed.

Motion: Enter a closed session to discuss candidate selection.

M. Eric Verlinde, **S.** Gabe Warnke, **MCU**

(Closed Session Held)

Motion: Resume open meeting.

M. Eric Verlinde, **S.** Gabe Warnke, **MCU**

Motion: Offer Rich Simson the part-time cemetery employee position.

M. Eric Verlinde, **S.** Kathy George, **MCU** **Rich Simson accepted the position.**

Motion to adjourn: **M.** Eric Verlinde, **S.** Gabe Warnke, **MCU**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12pm