

DIVISION OF CEMETERIES

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DR. HOWARD A. ZUCKER
COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

TO: New York State Cemetery Board

FROM: Michael D. Seelman, Investigator II

SUBJECT: Glenside Cemetery Association, #59-013

RE: Application for Repair of Vandalized Monuments

DATE: February 19, 2021

Exhibits

- A) Application for Restoration of Vandalism Damage
- B) MDA Enterprises repair estimate for \$15,275
- C) Oswego County Memorials repair estimate for \$16,235
- D) Legal notice for ad placed in the Wayuga Shopper for \$91.80
- E) New York State Police Report

Introduction and Recommendation

I received an application (Exhibit A) for the repair of 65 monuments that were vandalized in Glenside Cemetery in the Town of Wolcott, Wayne County. The application was submitted by Joan Grambo, secretary/treasurer of Glenside Cemetery. Included with this application were two estimates: one from MDA Enterprises (Exhibit B) totaling \$15,275 and one from Oswego County Memorials (Exhibit C) totaling \$16,235.

Also included was a notice (Exhibit D) that was published in The Wayuga Shopper and a New York State Police report (Exhibit E) dated August 7, 2020.

I recommend approval of this application.

The Monuments

The cemetery caretaker reported the vandalism to the police when it was discovered on August 7, 2020. Trooper Denoto responded to the cemetery that day and produced a report dated August 7, 2020. At this writing, there have been no arrests made in this case. I noted that the supporting deposition stated more than 70 monuments and the police report stated 63 monuments were toppled. I visited the cemetery on January 6, 2021 and found 65 monuments that were toppled. I noted that most of these monuments were in the older section of the cemetery and only needed to be reset on existing foundations. Both estimates were to repair or reset monuments as needed.

Recommendation



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The ad that was placed in the Wayuga Shopper did not have language relating to homeowners' insurance, however the cemetery received two calls from lot owners, both stated that they were not able to pay for repairs.

A previous grant for hazardous monument repair was used appropriately. There have been no arrests in this case, however, the cemetery has agreed that if restitution is ever received for this damage, they will refund that money to the Vandalism Fund. While at this writing, the Division had not received the 2019 annual report and vandalism payment, Ms. Grambo stated that she had submitted both the report and payment on February 19, 2021. This appears to be a legitimate claim for \$15,366.80.

EXHIBIT A



Division of Cemeteries

New York State
Department of State
DIVISION OF CEMETERIES
One Commerce Plaza
99 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12231-0001
Telephone: (518) 474-6226
www.dos.ny.gov

Application for Restoration of Vandalism Damage

This application applies only to Not-for-Profit Cemetery Corporations and must be completed in full. Funds may be allocated for the above-captioned purposes in accordance with 19 NYCRR §200.11 (statutory authority: Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, §1507[h]). This application will not be considered if it can be shown that the cemetery can correct acts of vandalism by means of regular maintenance. The full text of the rules, terms and procedures for funding are on the reverse.

A report must be made to the Cemetery Board within 30 days of the incident of vandalism.

AMOUNT REQUESTED \$15,366.80	COUNTY IN WHICH CEMETERY IS LOCATED Wayne
DATE OF VANDALISM 8/7/2020	DATE DIVISION OF CEMETERIES NOTIFIED 8/10/2020
CEMETERY NAME Glenside Cemetery Association	CEMETERY ID NUMBER 59013
NAME OF CEMETERY OFFICIAL Joan Grambo	TITLE Secretary/Treasurer
STREET ADDRESS Cemetery Street	
CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE Wolcott, New York	ZIP CODE 14590
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Home (315) 594-2423 Work (315) 594-2423	
E-MAIL ADDRESS gjgrambo@yahoo.com	FAX n/a

Has this cemetery previously applied for and received a grant from the Vandalism, Abandonment & Monument Repair Fund? YES* NO
 *If YES, when? 2018 - most recent Amount Received: \$30,622.80

Was proof of completed work forwarded to the Division of Cemeteries? YES NO

1. Provide a description of each damaged monument and/or marker and enclose referenced photos:
Over 70 monuments were pushed over or damaged or both. Attached is a photo showing some of the damage.

- Attach copies of the report filed with the local police or sheriff's department having appropriate jurisdiction.
- Attach two estimates prepared by qualified contractors.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above-named cemetery association has no other money which is authorized for the purpose of repairs; this cemetery association has attempted to notify lot owners, next of kin or family of the decedents immediately affected on (date) August 2020, have advised or attempted to advise them of insurance benefits that may be available on their homeowner's insurance policy and have been unable to recover any necessary money from that source; and the proposed costs are fair and reasonable.

I further agree that upon receipt of monies to repair said vandalism, such repairs will be made as quickly as possible and documentation (receipts and statements) of the repairs will be submitted to the Cemetery Division within 60 days.

Signature of Cemetery Official: Joan M. Grambo Date: 11/30/2020

EXHIBIT B



October 20, 2020

Quote for Glenside Cemetery

<u>Name</u>	<u>Price</u>
Park	\$200.00
Fowler	\$540.00
Olmstem	\$170.00
Olmstem	\$275.00
Paddock	\$200.00
Salisbury (5 Monuments)	\$1000.00
Rogers	\$500.00
Marble die	\$250.00
Hanchett	\$300.00
Otis	\$200.00
Jeffers	\$200.00
Graves	\$550.00
Galloway	\$300.00
Mitchell	\$250.00
McWraf	\$200.00
Whelzer/Adenty	\$350.00
Kimplain	\$375.00
Vesburg	\$200.00
Piersall	\$200.00
Bird	\$200.00
Marble die and base	\$275.00
Patterson/Snyder	\$325.00
Lash	\$200.00
Mead	\$200.00
Couch (2 Monuments)	\$400.00
Keyon (3 Monuments)	\$500.00
No name reset	reset/repair as needed \$150.00

Sykes	\$200.00
Knapp	\$200.00
Lash	\$250.00
Brown Broken	\$500.00
Barnett	\$450.00
Franny Herman	\$300.00
Tyrell	\$200.00
Henry	\$125.00
Wood	\$200.00
Brockway	\$400.00
Obelisk	\$225.00
Delmater	\$200.00
Churchhill	\$200.00
Sherman	\$200.00
Welch/Waterman	\$200.00
Underhill	\$200.00
Marble Obelisk	\$265.00
Stratton	\$150.00
Dusenbury	\$150.00
Onnelly	\$250.00
Hauffman	\$425.00
Deann	\$200.00
Naylin	\$200.00
Wamsley	\$200.00
Fowleier	\$350.00
Vickery	\$200.00
Beach	\$150.00
Verney	\$325.00
Boylan	\$450.00
Avery	\$200.00
Cole	\$200.00

Total:	\$16,275.00
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Discount due to vandalism	(\$1000.00)
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Grand Total:	\$15,275.00
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EXHIBIT C



**Oswego County
Monuments, Inc.**

318 East Second Street Oswego,
New York 13126

(315)343-7260 F. (315) 312-0304
oswegocountymonuments@gmail.com

Quote for Glenside Cemetery for Vandalsim Repair 2020

Name	Reset/ Repair as needed	Price
NORTH SIDE	NORTH SIDE	NORTH SIDE
Vesburg		\$200.00
Obelisk		\$250.00
Marble obelisk		\$200.00
Welch/Waterman		\$275.00
Paddock		\$200.00
Whelzer/Adenty		\$225.00
Vickery		\$350.00
Hanchett		\$190.00
Delmater		\$325.00
Piersall		\$225.00
Lash		\$250.00
Salisbury (5 monuments)		\$950.00
Couch (2 monuments)		\$400.00
Brown Broken		\$450.00
Kenyon (3 monuments)		\$475.00
Dusenbury		\$250.00
Henry		\$125.00
Verney		\$300.00
Olmstem		\$180.00
Olmstem		\$300.00
Onnely		\$225.00

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NO NAME RESET	Reset/ Repair as needed	\$200.00
Brockway		\$375.00
Rogers		\$500.00
Underhill		\$200.00
Deann		\$200.00
Churchhill		\$200.00
Marble die	Lay flat	\$275.00

SOUTH SIDE	SOUTH SIDE	SOUTH SIDE
Fowler		\$550.00
Kimplain		\$375.00
Mead		\$200.00
Bamnett		\$475.00
Boylan		\$440.00
Franny Herman		\$275.00
Fowleier		\$350.00
McWraf		\$200.00
Marble die and base	die and base	\$250.00
Bird		\$175.00
Wamsley		\$195.00
Sykes		\$195.00
Lash		\$200.00
Park		\$225.00
Galloway		\$350.00
Sherman		\$200.00
Avery		\$175.00
Knapp		\$175.00
Mitchell		\$250.00
Otis		\$185.00
Beach		\$150.00
Cole		\$185.00

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Hauffman	\$400.00	
Graves	\$550.00	
Naylin	\$180.00	
Wood	\$225.00	
Patterson/Snyder	\$300.00	
Stratton	\$125.00	
Tyrell	\$185.00	
Jeffers	\$200.00	8

Northside Total	\$8,295.00	
South Side Total	\$7,940.00	

TOTAL: \$16,235.00

EXHIBIT D

Re: Notice for the Glenside Cemetery

From: Advertising Sales (advertising.sales@wayuga.com)

To: gjgrambo@yahoo.com

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021, 09:58 AM EST

Thank you for your order!

Your "**Glenside Cemetery**" Display Ad e-mail order for the **WAYUGA Shopper** was received successfully!

Your order is currently being processed by our staff as requested:

Ad Title: **"Burial Lot Vandalism Notice"**
Publication: **WAYUGA Shopper**
Issue(s) **02/08/21, 02/15/21, 02/22/21**
Ad Size: **2 col. x 2"= 4 col." B/W Display Ad**
Ad Cost: **\$34.00 per week**
-10% Discount per Chuck = \$30.60 per week

ORDER TOTAL: \$91.80

To complete your order, please process payment over the phone, via the link below, or by mailing payment to: **WAYUGA Shopper, 6784 Main Street, PO Box 199, Red Creek, NY 13143.**

To pay by Electronic Check, Visa or MasterCard, [CLICK HERE](#)

INVOICE ID: 2821

If applicable, our graphics department will send you a proof for your approval (classifieds will not receive a proof).

If for some reason we require further clarification on your order, a WAYUGA representative will contact you directly.

Thank You!

*"A man who stops advertising to save money is like a man who stops a clock to save time."
Henry Ford*

WAYUGA Printing & Publishing

WAYUGA Shopper * The Lakeshore News

Advertising & Sales Division

6784 Main St.,

PO Box 199

Red Creek, NY 13143

Office: (315) 754-6229

Fax: (315) 754-6431

E-mail: advertising@wayuga.comWeb: www.wayuga.com**To pay by electronic check, Visa or MasterCard, [CLICK HERE](#)**

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY - For your protection, please DO NOT include your credit card information in your e-mail. We will not process credit card transactions by e-mail or fax. All payments should be handled via a WAYUGA representative over the phone, in person, or by using this link [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you.

The information contained in this message may be privileged, confidential and protected from disclosure. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or an employee or agent responsible for delivering this message to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any use, dissemination, copying or storage of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify the WAYUGA Community Newspapers sender and then delete this message and any attachments from your computer. Thank you.

On Thu, Feb 4, 2021 at 6:04 AM Kyle Meddaugh <kyle.meddaugh@wayuga.com> wrote:

Kyle D. Meddaugh
Director of Graphics & Prepress
WAYUGA Printing & Publishing
315.754.6229

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Joan Grambo** <gjgrambo@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 4, 2021 at 5:59 AM
Subject: Notice for the Glenside Cemetery
To: wayugapress@wayuga.com <wayugapress@wayuga.com>

Please put this notice in the paper:

To the owner(s) of burial lots located in the Glenside Cemetery, and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in said burial lots that were damaged in the vandalism that occurred in August 2020.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that approximately 70 monuments or markers located in the south mid west to the north mid west of the cemetery that were damaged by vandals as to create a dangerous condition and that the Glenside Cemetery may remove or repair said monuments or markers without further notice to the persons to whom this notice is addressed.

For further information contact Joan Grambo, Glenside Cemetery, Secretary at 315-594-2423; 5785 New Hartford St., Wolcott, NY 14590

Thanks for your help. Could you run this for three weeks? I hope it can be in this weeks paper. Sorry for the delay.

Please reply to me with the invoice at gjgrambo@yahoo.com and I will call you immediately with a credit card number.

Joanie

Virus-free. www.avg.com

Successful Payment to WAYUGA Printing & Publishing

From: Wayuga Community Newspapers Inc (mailer@omnimapler.co)

To: gjgrambo@yahoo.com

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021, 10:05 AM EST

Joan - Here's your receipt:

TOTAL:
\$91.80

February 04, 2021

Memo: Thank you!

Transaction Id: **b1a94b5e**

PAID

TOTAL PAID: \$91.80

Type	charge
Payment	MASTERCARD: 1883
Refunded	\$0.00
Customer	Joan Grambo

For questions about this transaction, please contact
Accounting@wayuga.com

WAYUGA Printing & Publishing

6784 Main Street

PO Box 199

PO BOX 199 NY 12140

EXHIBIT E

NEW YORK STATE POLICE

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

-- vs. --

Defendant(s)

INCIDENT LOCATION:

STATE OF NEW YORK LOCAL CRIMINAL COURT

COUNTY OF WAYNE

VILLAGE of WOLCOTT

LOCATION OF DEPOSITION:

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF WAYNE

VILLAGE of WOLCOTT

On	Date 08/07/2020	at	Time Started 08:42 AM	I,	Full Name: RONALD R SOULES
Date of Birth 04/13/1963	No. and Street 13877 WOLCOTT ROAD	CTN RED CREEK	State NY		

State The Following:

My name is Ronald R. Soules and I am the caretaker for the cemetery located at 6805 Cemetery Street in the Village of Wolcott. I am also a Board Member for the cemetery as well. I am speaking with Trooper DeNoto of the New York State Police.

On August 7, 2020, at about 8:00 AM, my wife, Bobbie J. Soules, and I arrived at the cemetery to mow the lawn. When we pulled into the driveway I noticed a few of the head stones south end of the field had been knocked over. We started to walk the field and see how much damage had occurred. We kept seeing more and more knocked over. It wasn't just two or three. I called 911 to have Police respond to the cemetery. My wife and I walked through the cemetery with Trooper DeNoto and counted over 70 headstones were knocked over and damaged. Most were just knocked over and not damaged, but we will have to call in assistance to stand the stones back up.

My wife and I were last at the cemetery around July 9th or 10th to maintain the property due to the dry spell we've had this summer. The headstones were not damaged at that time.

I want to pursue criminal charges against whoever caused all the damage to the Glenside cemetery.

x

Notice

(Penal Law §210.45)

In a written instrument, any person who knowingly makes a false statement which such person does not believe to be true has committed a crime under the laws of the state of New York punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor.

Affirmed under penalty of perjury

this 07 TH day of AUGUST, 2020

(SIGNATURE OF DEPONENT)

- OR -

* Subscribed and Sworn to before me


this day of

(WITNESS)

Time Ended 08/07/2020 08:53 AM

(NAME OF PERSON TAKING DEPOSITION)

* This form need be sworn to only when specifically required by the court

 State Police	Report of Incident Verification	SJS # 9749167	Date of Incident: 08/07/2020

NOTICE: This form is to be given to the crime victim or complainant ONLY. It will serve as verification that this incident was reported to the New York State Police. The Injury, Property Damage, Property Loss (Missing or Stolen), and Associated Monetary Values indicated below represent information supplied to us by the victim, complainant, owner, or representative. If an Incident Report is submitted, attach this form as an enclosure. Otherwise, retain with case notes.

This is NOT an Incident Report or Criminal Investigation Report

DO NOT LIST ANY SUSPECTS OR ARRESTED PERSONS ON THIS FORM

Incident Details

Investigating Member (Last, First, MI)	Rank	Troop	Station
Denoto, Frank	Trooper	E	Wolcott

Date Reported	Time Reported	Location or Address of Reported Incident
08/07/2020	8:00 am	6085 Cemetery Street

Type of Incident Reported: **Cemetery Desecration / Criminal Mischief**

Person Details

Name (Last, First, MI)	Complainant	Victim	Owner	Rep. of Owner
Souls, Ronald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Address	City	State	Zip	
13877 Wolcott Road	Red Creek	NY	13143	

Synopsis of Report Made by Complainant (Check boxes that apply)

Injury <input type="checkbox"/>	Type:		
	Sustained by:	Criminal Act <input type="checkbox"/>	Accidental Act of Other <input type="checkbox"/>
		Reckless/Negligent Act of Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Trip/Slip/Fall <input type="checkbox"/>

Damage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Type: Head Stones	Value: \$ 16,235.00
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Theft <input type="checkbox"/>	Property Stolen:	
	Total Value of Property:	
	List Property Recovered:	
	List Damages to Property Recovered:	

Brief Synopsis/Additional Information: (*REMINDER: DO NOT LIST ANY SUSPECTS OR ARRESTED PERSONS*)

Sixty Three headstones knocked over and/or damaged

Signature of Member
Completing Form: **Keith Sciarratta**

Digitally signed by Keith Sciarratta
Date: 2021.01.06 10:38:57 -05'00'

Central Records Bureau
Verification: