DIVISION OF CEMETERIES
STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ONE COMMERCE PLAZA
99 WASHINGTON AVENUE
ALBANY, NY 12231-0001
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COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

TO: NEW YORK STATE CEMETERY BOARD

FROM: MICHAEL D. SEELMAN, INVESTIGATOR II

SUBJECT: LAKEWOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, #39-016

RE: HAZARDOUS MONUMENT REPAIR CHECKLIST

DATE: MAY 30, 2025

Application dated March 20, 2025, completed, notarized and signed

44 Monuments Requested

Legal Notice run 3 times in The Daily Star- $143.90

44 Monuments Appear Eligible

Estimate: **Humphrey Memorials repair estimate $82,900 (average $1,884/ monument)**

Barnett Memorials repair estimate $83,555 (average $1,899/ monument)

Both contractors propose 42-inch concrete foundations and provide a 10-year warranty

The cemetery is up to date on Annual Reports and Vandalism Payments and previous disbursement used appropriately

Recommend Approval in the amount of $83,043.90.

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TO: New York State Cemetery Board

FROM: Jessica E. Rosario, Investigator I

SUBJECT: #39-016 Lakewood Cemetery

RE: Application for Repair of Hazardous Monuments

DATE: May 29, 2025

Exhibits

A) Application for Repair or Removal of Dilapidated or Disrepaired Monuments that Create a Hazardous Condition, submitted on behalf of Lakewood Cemetery
B) HUMPHREY MEMORIAL, INC: repair estimate for $82,900.00
C) BARNETT MEMORIALS: repair estimate for $83,555.00
D) Publication Invoices and copies from THE DAILY STAR for a total of $143.90

Introduction and Recommendation

The Division received an application dated 3/24/2025 (Exhibit A) for the repair of 44 hazardous monuments located in the Lakewood Cemetery, Town of MIDDLEFIELD, OTSEGO County. The application was submitted by KERRY LYNCH, SECRETARY of the Lakewood Cemetery Association. Included with this application was an estimate, from HUMPHREY MEMORIAL, INC (Exhibit B) totaling $82,900.00, and an estimate from BARNETT MEMORIALS (Exhibit C) totaling $83,555.00. Also included was an invoice from THE DAILY STAR for a legal notice (Exhibit D) that was run for three consecutive weeks, published on 12/13/2024; 12/20/2024 and 12/27/2024 for $143.90.

I recommend approval of this application.

The Monuments

The Lakewood Cemetery was visited, and 44 monuments were found to be either loose on their foundations or tipping and appeared to pose a hazard to cemetery visitors and employees. KERRY LYNCH stated that the cemetery has no records for the monuments in question and as such, could not contact the last known lot owners by mail, the oldest is dated 1813 and most recent monument is dated 1943. The cemetery has had no response to the legal advertisements which it placed, and has no funds dedicated to the restoration of monuments. Based upon the information provided, it is the Division's understanding that the cemetery has determined that the monument owners cannot be found.

The Estimates

Both contractors propose to: remove the monuments from the existing foundations; dig out existing foundations; place new foundations made of solid concrete poured to a depth of 42 inches and replace the monument, resealing all joints with setting compound or epoxy and offer a 10-year warranty.

Recommendation

The Cemetery is up to date on annual reports and vandalism payments. This appears to be a legitimate claim for $83,043.90. I recommend that this application be approved.

EXHIBIT A

NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY. | **Division of Cemeteries**

Rosario

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DIV. OF CEMETERIES
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ALBANY OFFICE
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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 Repair or Removal of Dilapidated or Disrepaired Monuments that Create a Dangerous Condition

This application applies only to Not-for-Profit Cemetery Corporations and must be completed in full and signed before a notary public. Funds may be allocated for the above-captioned purposes in accordance with 19 NYCRR §200.11(statutory authority: Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, §1510-a). The full text of this Cemetery Board Directive appears on the reverse.

AMOUNT REQUESTED: $83,043.90

COUNTY IN WHICH CEMETERY IS LOCATED: Otsego

CEMETERY NAME: Lakewood Cemetery

CEMETERY ID NUMBER: 39-016

NAME OF CEMETERY OFFICIAL: Milo V. Stewart, Jr.

TITLE: President

STREET ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1314

CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE: Cooperstown NY

ZIP CODE: 13326

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Stewart-Home [redacted]

Work (607) 547-0376

E-MAIL ADDRESS [redacted]

~~FAX~~ For Project Manager - Kerry Lynch, use kerrylynch100@gmail.com

Has this cemetery previously applied for and received a grant from the Vandalism, Abandonment & Monument Repair Fund? ☒ YES* ☐ NO

*If **YES**, when? 11/15/2023 Amount Received: $89,470.45

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:
All monuments in the attached photos show damages, unstable bases, separated sections, leaning stones, and loose stones, and present hazards to visitors, employees, and lot owners.

2. Attach copies of bids submitted by at least *two* contractors for the cost of repairs or removal and replacement.
2 bids, 2 refusals

3. Attach proof that the cemetery corporation has given not less than 60-day notice to the last known owner to repair or remove the monument or marker and that said owner has failed to do so within the time prescribed in that notice.

4. Attached - Lakewood policy regarding replacement of monuments with markers.

I, the undersigned, duly authorized, swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the above-named cemetery has not been able to obtain sufficient funds from the family of the deceased, that the proposed costs of the repairs or removals and replacements are fair and reasonable and that the above-described monuments and/or markers are so badly out of repair or dilapidated as to create a dangerous condition. I further swear or affirm that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I agree that, upon receipt of monies for the repair or removal of dilapidated or disrepaired monuments that create a dangerous condition, such repairs will be made as quickly as possible and documentation (receipts and statements) of the repairs and removals will be submitted to the Division of Cemeteries within 90 days following completion of work.

Signature of Cemetery Official: Milo V. Stewart Jr. *Date:* 3/20/25

KIMBERLY AW HENDERSON
Notary Public - State of New York
NO. 01HE6442988
Qualified in Otsego County
My Commission Expires Oct 24, 2026

On this 20 day of March 2025 appeared Milo Stewart known to me to be said person.

Kimberly AW Henderson
Notary Public

EXHIBIT B

Humphrey Memorials, Inc.

3051 State Rt. 28
Herkimer, NY 13350
315-866-4471*humphreymemorials@gmail.com

March 12, 2025

Lakewood Cemetery
PO Box 1314
Cooperstown, NY 13326

The attached bid sheet being submitted by Humphrey Memorials, Inc. will include the following work to be performed:

-Remove Memorials from existing foundation
-Disassemble Memorials if necessary
-Remove existing foundations
-New concrete foundations poured as stated dimensions-42" depth
-Reset Memorials on new foundations
-Reassemble and repair Memorials as needed
-Clean & Seal all joints of the Memorials
-Clean up of materials & repairing of affected grounds

The Memorials will be sealed with a Thirty(30) year silicone caulk. If any monument needs structural repairs, we will use a two part epoxy and/or mortar to make those repairs. New foundations and repairs completed will have a warranty of Ten(10) years. If any foundation or monument repair fails within those Ten(10) years, Humphrey Memorials, Inc. will make repairs or replace at no cost to the cemetery. If you have any further questions, please contact us at anytime.

Thank you,
CJ Karker
Humphrey Memorials, Inc.

Humphrey Memorials, Inc. 3051 State Highway 28 Herkimer, NY 13350 315-866-4471					Lakewood Cemetery PO Box 1314 Cooperstown, NY 13326 Kerry Lynch-607-608-0011				
#	Monument Name	Location	Remove, Repair, Rest Cost	New Foundation L"xW"xDepth"	New Foundation Cost	Foundation Cap Cost	Removal&Disposal Cost	Granite marker Replace & Intall RE	Total Cost
1	ANTHON, KATHERINE	20	$600.00	28X14X42	$530.00				$1,130.00
2	ANTISDEL, HOSEA	51	$1,000.00	36X36X42	$1,750.00				$2,750.00
3	BARROWS, CATHERINE	98	$600.00	44X28X42	$1,660.00				$2,260.00
4	BEADLE, FLAVEL	158	$1,200.00	36X36X42	$1,750.00				$2,950.00
5	BLODGETT, GRACE	160	$400.00	30X15X42	$605.00				$1,005.00
6	BONNER, GEORGE	1,2,3	$800.00	30X14X42	$565.00				$1,365.00
7	BONNER, JOHN	1,2,3	$800.00	30X14X42	$565.00				$1,365.00
8	BONNER, MARGARET	1,2,3	$800.00	30X14X42	$565.00				$1,365.00
9	BROOKS, CHANCELLOR	201A	$1,000.00	26X26X42	$910.00				$1,910.00
10	CLARK, MARY	20	$700.00	26X14X42	$490.00				$1,190.00
11	CLINTON, JENNIE	1032	$300.00	21X13X42	$370.00				$670.00
12	COLE, FLORENCE	352	$400.00	32X16X42	$690.00				$1,090.00
13	DORRANCE, CHLOE	1,2,3	$600.00	24X14X42	$450.00				$1,050.00
14	FULLER, THOMAS	183	$2,400.00	36X36X42	$1,750.00				$4,150.00
15	HALL, BETSEY	56	$600.00	34X14X42	$640.00				$1,240.00
16	HARDY, JOHN	179	$800.00	24X24X42	$780.00				$1,580.00
17	HINMAN, HENRY	1032	$600.00	20X20X42	$540.00				$1,140.00
18	HUNTER, SAMUEL	76	$1,200.00	36X36X42	$1,750.00				$2,950.00
19	MCDONALD, MARY JUNE	146	$600.00	29X14X42	$550.00				$1,150.00
20	NOBLE, ELLA	166	$500.00	20X20X42	$540.00				$1,040.00
21	PELL-CLARKE, LESLIE	1045-1048	$2,800.00	42x28x42	$1,590.00				$4,390.00
22	PIER, EPHRIAM	189	$2,600.00	40X40X42	$2,160.00				$4,760.00
23	SCOTT, HENRY	20	$500.00	26X14X42	$490.00				$990.00
24	SCOTT, MARGARET	20	$600.00	32X14X42	$605.00				$1,205.00
25	SHIPMAN, OLIVER	192	$2,200.00	42X42X42	$2,380.00				$4,580.00
26	SMITH, WILLIAM	144	$600.00	21X21X42	$595.00				$1,195.00
27	SNYDER, LANY	144	$600.00	33X19X42	$845.00				$1,445.00
28	SYNNOTT, ALICE	8	$600.00	30X20X42	$810.00				$1,410.00
29	SYNNOTT, MARGARET	8	$600.00	34X20X42	$920.00				$1,520.00
30	SYNNOTT, MARY ALICE	8	$300.00	20X20X42	$540.00				$840.00
31	SYNNOTT, REV. STEPHEN	8	$600.00	34X20X42	$920.00				$1,520.00
32	SYNNOTT, RICHARD	8	$300.00	20X20X42	$540.00				$840.00
33	WATKINS, EMILY	48	$600.00	30X16X42	$650.00				$1,250.00
34	JAMES WEEKS	72	$1,400.00	35X35X42	$1,655.00				$3,055.00
35	WILSON, JOHN	5	$1,000.00	32X32X42	$1,380.00				$2,380.00
36	WOOD, CLARENCE	13-15	$500.00	29X16X42	$625.00				$1,125.00
37	WOOD, DELOS	13-15	$800.00	30X30X42	$1,215.00				$2,015.00
38	WOOD, JEROME	13-15	$800.00	31X31X42	$1,295.00				$2,095.00
39	WOOD, LEVI SR.	13-15	$1,200.00	41X41X42	$2,270.00				$3,470.00
40	WORTHINGTON, JENNIE	1,2,3	$1,200.00	32X32X42	$1,380.00				$2,580.00
41	WORTHINGTON, JOHN	1,2,3	$700.00	31X14X42	$585.00				$1,285.00
42	WORHTINGTON, MARY	1,2,3	$800.00	30X14X42	$565.00				$1,365.00
43	WORTHINGTON, R&C	147	$1,200.00	36X36X42	$1,750.00				$2,950.00
44	WORTHINGTON, RICHARD	1,2,3	$700.00	31X14X42	$585.00				$1,285.00
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46	Totals		$39,100.00		$43,800.00				$82,900.00
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EXHIBIT C

236 East Main St.
Elbridge, NY 13060
315-689-3813 (T)
315-689-5241 (F)

131 Seymour St.
Auburn, NY 13021
315-255-1234 (T)
315-255-1333 (F)

26 State St.
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
315-257-0106 (T)
315-257-0146 (F)
barnettmemorials1@gmail.com

March 18, 2025

Dear Lakewood Cemetery,

Attached is our bid for your cemetery repair. Barnett Memorials, LLC will warranty any new foundations for 10 years from date of installation. Our foundations are completed to a depth of 42" as required by the State of New York. Any destruction due to vandalism is not included in this warranty. We will also clean all monuments that are repaired. If we are the low bid for your restoration, We would ask that you contact us as soon as possible so we can plan for the 2025 season, as we do a few of these per year. Also, please inform us of any revisions to this list, as the state does not always approve every monument. This quote provided is also good thru March of 2026.

Thank you,
Barnett Memorials

Hazardous Monument Application Spreadsheet

Date:

Cemetery Name & Address			**Contractor or Monument Company Name & Address**	
Name:	Lakewood Cemetery		Name:	Barnett Memorials
Address:	P.O. Box 1314, 182 County Hwy 31	**Total Number of Stones:**	Address:	236 East Main St.
	Cooperstown NY 13326	44		
Phone:	[redacted]		Phone:	315-255-1234
Contact Person:	Kerry Lynch, Project Manager		Contact Person:	Bill Rinaldi

(Please print clearly)

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Name on Monument Last Name , First Name	Location/ Section Plot/Lot	Cost to Remove, Repair & Reset Monument	New Foundation LxWxDepth	Cost of New Foundation	Total Cost of Repair & Foundation							
Anthon, Katherine Bartlett	20	600	28x14x42	538	1138							
Antisdel, Hosea	51	1000	36x36x42	1775	2775							
Barrows, Catherine Fuller	98	600	44x28x42	1688	2288							
Beadle, Flavel & Polly	158	1200	36x36x42	1775	2975							
Blodgett, Grace	160	400	30x15x42	616	1016							
Bonner, George W.G.	1,2,3	800	30x14x42	575	1375							
Bonner, John R.	1,2,3	800	30x14x42	575	1375							
Bonner, Margaret Cary	1,2,3	800	30x14x42	575	1375							
Brooks, Chancellor H.	201A	1000	26x26x42	926	1926							
Clark, Mary W.	20	750	26x14x42	498	1248							
Clinton, Jennie H.	1032-1033	300	21x13x42	374	674							
Cole, Florence V.	352	400	32x16x42	701	1101							
Dorrance, Chloe Fuller	1,2,3	650	24x14x42	460	1110							
Fuller, Thomas	183	2400	36x36x42	1775	4175							
Hall, Betsey	56	650	34x14x42	652	1302							
Hardy, John	179	1200	24x24x42	789	1989							
Hinman, Henry & Lewis	1032-1033	650	20x20x42	548	1198							
Hunter, Samuel	76	500	36x36x42	1775	2275							
McDonald, Mary J.	146	650	29x14x42	407	1057							
Noble, Ella	166	500	20x20x42	548	1048							
Pell-Clarke, Leslie & Henrietta	1048	2750	42x28x42	1611	4361							

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Pier, Ephriam	189	2650	40x40x42	2192	4842								
Scott, Henry	20	500	26x14x42	498	998								
Scott, Margaret Strong	20	650	32x14x42	613	1263								
Shipman, Oliver	192	2200	42x42x42	2416	4616								
Smith, Wm. J.	144	600	21x21x42	604	1204								
Snyder, Lany	144	600	33x19x42	858	1458								
Synnott, Alice Trumball	8	600	30x20x42	822	1422								
Synnott, Margaret	8	600	34x20x42	931	1531								
Synnott, Mary Alice	8	350	20x20x42	548	898								
Synnott, Rev. Stephen	8	650	34x20x42	931	1581								
Synnott, Richard	8	300	20x20x42	548	848								
Watkins, Emily	48	650	30x16x42	657	1307								
Weeks, James B.	72	1400	35x35x42	1678	3078								
Wilson, John	5	1000	32x32x42	1402	2402								
Wood, Clarence	13-15	500	29x16x42	635	1135								
Wood, Delos M.	13-15	800	30x30x42	1233	2033								
Wood, Jerome	13-15	800	31x31x42	1316	2116								
Wood, Levi Sr.	13-15	1200	41x41x42	2302	3502								
Worthington, Jennie	1,2,3	1200	32x32x42	1402	2602								
Worthington, John	1,2,3	700	31x14x42	594	1294								
Worthington, Mary	1,2,3	800	30x14x42	575	1375								
Worthington, R. & C.	147	1200	36x36x42	1775	2975								
Worthington, Richard	1,2,3	700	31x14x42	594	1294								
Totals		39250		44305	83555								

EXHIBIT D

THE DAILY STAR
473 THIRD STREET
NIAGARA FALLS NY 14301
(800)721-1000
Fax (607)432-5847

ORDER CONFIRMATION

Salesperson: LEGALS — Printed at 12/03/24 10:27 by adefo

Acct #: 58792 — Ad #: 426822 — Status: New

LAKEWOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 1314
COOPERSTOWN NY 13326

Start: 12/13/2024 — Stop: 12/27/2024
Times Ord: 3 — Times Run: ***
STD 4.00 X 35.00 — Words: 277
Total STD 140.00
Class: 147 LEGALS
Rate: LEGL — Cost: 143.90
Affidavits: 1

Contact: KERRY LYNCH
Phone: [redacted]
Fax#:
Email: lakewoodcemeteryassociation@
Agency:

Ad Descrpt: TO: THE LAST KNOWN OWNER
Given by: *
P.O. #:
Created: adefo 12/02/24 09:32
Last Changed: adefo 12/03/24 10:27

PUB	ZONE	EDT	TP	RUN DATES
DS	A	97	S	12/13,20,27
IN	A	94	S	12/13,20,27

PAYMENTS:
-- 12/03/2024 143.90 M **********2332 00318Z[621362248]

AUTHORIZATION

Under this agreement rates are subject to change with 30 days notice. In the event of a cancellation before schedule completion, I understand that the rate charged will be based upon the rate for the number of insertions used.

Name (print or type) _____ Name (signature) _____

(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF OTSEGO, SS

To: The last known owner or owners of the following burial lots located in the Lakewood Cemetery, Town of Middlefield, In Otsego County, New York, and all persons having or claiming to have an interested in said burial lots:

Hosea Antisdel (Lot 51), Catherine Fuller Barrows (Lot 98), Benjamin Beadle (Lot 158), Thomas Blodgett (Lot 160), Chancellor H. Brooks (Lot 201A), Nathan and Parah Cole (Lot 352), Emma Fuller (Lot 183), W.G.S. Hall (Lot 56), Mrs. Jacob Hardy (Lot 179), Henry Hinman (Lot 1033), Lewis Hinman (Lot 1032), Samuel Hunter (Lot 12), Dr. Parley E. Johnson (Lot 166), Mary June McDonald (Lot 146), Anna Pell (Lots 1045-1048), Theodore and Delos Pier (Lot 189), Henry Scott (Lot 20), Oliver Shipman (Lot 192), Nelson Smith (Lot 144), Rev. Stephen Synnott (Lot 8), Abiathar Watkins (Lot 48), Parthena Weeks (Lot 72), John Wilson (Lot 5), Levi Wood (Lots 13-15), Clarissa Worthington (Lot 147), and John R. Worthington (Lots 1,2,3).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That (1) the monuments or markers located at the said burial lot(s) are so badly out of repair or dilapidated as to create a dangerous condition, (2) the persons to whom this notice is addressed must repair or remove said monuments or markers after the third publication of the notice or by February 27, 2025 and, (3) if the persons to whom this notice is addressed fail to repair or remove said monuments or markers after February 27, 2025, the Lakewood Cemetery Association may remove or repair said monuments without further notice to the persons to whom this notice is addressed.

If you have questions, they can be directed to Kerry Lynch, Trustee, 607-278-5587 before February 27, 2025.

Rebecca Behr of Oneonta, NY in Otsego County, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a Public Notice Clerk for the newspaper called The Daily Star, printed and published in Oneonta, NY aforesaid, and that the advertisement of which the annexed is a printed copy has been published in the said newspaper on the

12/13, 12/20, 12/27

Day(s) of December 2024

Sworn to before me the 7

Day of January 2025

NOTARY PUBLIC

VALERIE ANNE SECOR
Notary Public - State of New York
NO. 01SE6417815
Qualified in Otsego County
My Commission Expires May 24, 2025