

Holcombe Area Veterans Memorial September Minutes

Members met, Sept. 2, 2026, at the building site. The meeting was called to order, at 7:04 p.m., by chairman David Staudacher.

A quorum was established, with members David Staudacher, Ginna Young, Sue Staudacher, Vern Capek, Mark Webert, Walt Johnson, Tim Marshall, Jeff Anders, Rick Mitchell, Georgia Arts, Ronnie Arts and Ron Jiskra, present. Guests present, were Debbie Pande, Dennis Boisvert, Jeanne Bosivert, Maryanne VanTreese and Dave Conrad.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. With the secretary absent, Young agreed to take minutes.

Secretary's Report was read. Motion by Capek, seconded by Webert, to approve the report. MC, all ayes.

Treasurer's Report was read. Motion by Young, seconded by Marshall, to approve the report. MC, all ayes.

Discussion Items:

- Staudacher reported that the flagpole tribute plaque stands were finished and picked up, from Jesse Jones Construction. Jones discounted them by \$1,000, for the memorial. Would like them installed by some of the members, before Sept. 26.
- A stone laying ceremony is set for Saturday, Sept. 26. Rhonda Mataczynski is contacting anyone who has purchased a stone(s), inviting them to attend.
- Resident Debbie Pande was present, to share the varieties of native plants she felt would be best around the retention ponds. Pande's daughter is an expert in that field, so Pande explained why certain plants are beneficial and what to steer clear of. It was agreed that the DNR has to be consulted, as they have a list of approved plants.
- Resident Dennis Boisvert was also present, to share where he thought the bell tower should be placed, as location is the most important to him. The group still has to finalize a design and consult with an engineer. D. Staudacher is talking with a local stonemason, about the scope of the project and has secured a bell, from the old Wilson School, in Conrath.

Old Business:

Capek asked if they can finish the landscaping yet this year, but we don't have the funds to do so. The only way it will get done, is if members can do it themselves.

Young shared a reminder that legacy stones can be purchased by anyone. She also mentioned that we're going to have a bigger social media presence, please share, share, share and invite people to meetings.

Members were asked to think of fundraising ideas, for the near future.

D. Staudacher read a veterans prayer, for the group.

Motion by R. Arts, seconded by Capek, to adjourn. MC, all ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.