

AGENDA # G.8
Scio Township Board of Trustees
**Approval of Agreement with Daughters of the American Revolution regarding Popkins
Cemetery**

FOR MEETING DATE OF: March 19, 2024

PREPARED ON: March 13, 2024; updated
March 19, 2024

PREPARED BY: Jessica Flintoft

SUBMITTED BY: Clerk

ITEM TYPE: Possible Action

BACKGROUND: Popkins Cemetery is on Pratt Road near Honey Creek, on an abandoned parcel that is not taxed. Periodically, there have been community driven efforts to clear the overgrowth and maintain the cemetery. Within the past decade, a Boy Scout Troop partnered with others to clean up the cemetery and placed a sign "Popkins Cemetery (Scio Township logo)." Scio Township has no legal responsibility to maintain this or other cemeteries in the Township, though this is a responsibility the Township could choose to take on through adoption of a future ordinance.

Right now, the Clerk is interested in supporting the most recent effort to clean up the cemetery. The Daughters of the American Revolution has embarked on an effort to clean up the cemeteries containing American Revolutionary War veterans, and place historic markers on several of these. Within Popkins Cemetery is buried Sylvester Richmond, a Revolutionary War veteran.

This agreement would make clear that the Township supports DAR's placement of this historic marker, and supports their efforts to clean up the cemetery. A Boy Scout troop will likely be involved. And, the Clerk is recruiting volunteers. Further, the Clerk has confirmed the support of the immediate neighbor of the cemetery.

Special thanks to Denise M. Frost, Historian with the Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter of the DAR, for bringing this important issue to the Township's attention.

Clean up day is planned for May 4th 10am. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested in helping with this community project.

RECOMMENDATION: Township Attorney has approved agreement.

Clerk recommends approval.

MODEL MOTION: To approve proposed agreement with the Daughters of the American Revolution

regarding Popkins Cemetery.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Proposed Agreement with DAR re Popkins Cemetery.pdf](#)