



**WOODBURY  
TOWNSHIP  
CEMETERY**  
ESTD 1854

October 14, 2021

Mark Ellenor, President  
Brickworks North America  
1166 Spring Street  
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Re: Cemetery Relocation Proposal  
Information from Iowa Office of State Archeologist

Dear Mr. Ellenor:

After receiving Brickworks Letter of Intent to expand and relocate the Woodbury Township Cemetery dated June 30, 2021, the Woodbury Township Board passed a resolution to create the Cemetery Expansion Committee. The Committee was tasked with, among other things, presenting the offer to the Next of Kin, Plot Owners, and the Community in a survey, hosting town hall meetings, and evaluating the various costs that would be involved with the proposal.

On September 30, 2021, the Committee met with the Iowa Office of State Archeologist (the "OSA") to discuss the Cemetery Relocation Proposal. During that meeting, the Committee learned that the OSA has jurisdiction over all "Ancient Human Remains" and any hidden or unmarked graves in the cemetery. The legal definition of "Ancient Human Remains" includes all burial sites that are over 150 years old.

Jennifer Mack works for the OSA and she had been reviewing the relocation plans and the public listing of the graves at the cemetery that can be found on the "Find A Grave" website. Based on her research she found that the OSA would have jurisdiction over approximately 839 known graves. Ms. Mack also stated that she was aware of additional unmarked grave sites that are known as "potters' fields" and infant graves. She also stated that it was common to have "tuck in" graves or "stacking" where families bury their deceased on top of other graves without the formal approval of the cemetery or markings.

Based on the information provided by the OSA, they estimate over 900 known and unknown grave sites where they would have the legal obligation to exhume and, thereafter, analyze in their laboratory in Iowa City, Iowa. They estimate that it would cost approximately \$70,000 per 25 grave sites with a total estimate of additional costs of approximately \$2,500,000 for their portion of the relocation. After the analysis in Iowa City, we would also have to bear to cost to transport the remains back to Woodbury Township.

We feel at this juncture, it is important to make you aware of this new information to determine if this materially impacts Brickworks' Letter of Intent due to the unforeseen increase in the relocation

costs. If possible, please provide us with your response to this information as soon as possible so that we can transmit this information to the Township Board and the community.

Sincerely,

Woodbury Township Cemetery Expansion Committee  
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