



**WOODBURY
TOWNSHIP
CEMETERY**
ESTD 1854

December 2, 2021

Dear Sir/Mame:

In August/September, we sent you a letter to you to inform you about a proposal that was received from Sioux City Brick to pay for the relocation of the existing cemetery and the construction of a new cemetery. In response to the proposal, the Township Board created the Cemetery Expansion Committee to investigate the proposal and communicate with community members, plot owners, and next of kin.

Through this process, the Committee was contacted by the Iowa Office of State Archeologist (the "OSA") and informed of their jurisdiction over "Ancient Human Remains" and any hidden or unmarked gravesites in the cemetery. The OSA estimated that they would need to be involved in the relocation of approximately 900 of the known and unknown gravesites at an additional cost of approximately \$2,500,000. Without proceeding any further, the Committee informed Sioux City Brick of these additional costs on October 14th.

On November 9th, Sioux City Brick formally withdrew its relocation proposal due to these additional costs. The announcement was covered in a news conference in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

The news conference also facilitated the announcement of a partnership between the City of Sergeant Bluff and Sioux City Brick (and its parent company – Brickworks). In the property exchange, the City and Brickworks would work together to build an alternate access road to the historic Woodbury Township Cemetery. After the new access road is built, Brickworks will then donate approximately 10 acres of its property to the City that was previously designated as the relocation site of the old cemetery and the City will abandon and deed the old entrance road to the cemetery (Cemetery Road) to Sioux City Brick.

The new access road will create a safer environment for the public to enter the cemetery rather than having to traverse through Sioux City Brick's active industrial site. We are delighted with this outcome, and we feel that this is a "win-win" for all parties involved. In the coming weeks, we will update our website with this new information, but we wanted to provide you with this update. Thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Woodbury Township Cemetery Expansion Committee