

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007**

Present: Blumm, Regan, Stougaard, Blough, Bonn, Persha, Thompson
Absent: None

Supervisor Paula Blumm called the meeting to order in the Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Bonn moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.

MINUTES – Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 19, 2007. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Regan moved, Bonn seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

BILLS – Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the special bills, including the wire transfer, be paid:

City of Lowell	Wtr,Swr	\$13,225.62
Dirt Cheap	Burials, Drive	\$3,225.00
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$1,805.00
Luscious Landscapes	Lawn Maint	\$2,100.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$3,155.76
SOS Office Supply	Supplies	\$652.52
Vtec Engineering	Engineering Svcs	\$1,221.40
Wire Transfer Bank of NY Bond		\$46,557.50

Motion carried.

Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$15,428.59, Sewer Fund - \$6,592.87, Water Fund - \$55,185.50; Check Nos. 16603-16625; Payroll Nos. 8067-8074. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Several citizens commented.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2007 – to allow for the sale of farm and non-farm products in the AG1 and AG2 zones. There was discussion about adding a line under Section 2, Item 13 – Non farm products as described in Item 12 may also be allowed provided such sales are substantially subordinate to the special use. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2007 with the language change for Item 13. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2007 – to update the building code ordinance. Mechanical Inspector needs to be added under No. 6 and Building Inspector needs to be included. Blumm will bring this ordinance back to the next meeting with the changes.

ZBA APPOINTMENT – Three applications were submitted for the Zoning Board of Appeals position that was left vacant by Gerald Persha who resigned when he was appointed to the Trustee position. Blumm recommended Mary Mayhew be appointed. Bonn moved, Persha seconded, to nominate Mary Mayhew to fill the term which ends March 5, 2009. Motion carried.

CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENT – Resolution No. 2007-04 to approve the Construction Board of Appeals was discussed. Lowell Township contracts with Cascade Township for building inspections and would like to use the Construction Board of Appeals that Cascade has established. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-04 to use Cascade Township’s Construction Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – Board members were encouraged to sign up for two committees. The committees include Infrastructure, Policies and Procedures, Public Safety, Recreation, Purchase of Development Rights and Cemetery. Blumm will finalize the list.

SENIOR NEIGHBORS REQUEST – The Senior Neighbors have submitted a letter asking for continued support from Lowell Township. In 2005 the Township allocated \$5,000 from it’s share of Community Development Funds to help fund senior services. Blough moved, Bonn seconded, the contract be renewed with Senior Neighbors for \$5,000. Motion carried.

GRANT PROPOSAL – LETTER OF SUPPORT – A letter of support from the Township for the grant application for a facility needs assessment with conceptual design and cost estimate and overall development of a master recreational plan for the Lowell area was submitted for approval. Blough moved, Bonn seconded, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the letter of support. Motion carried. The letter will be forwarded to the Lowell School Superintendent to be included with the grant application.

GYPSY MOTH UPDATE – The survey has been completed. Two areas of the Township, approximately 287 acres, would benefit from spraying for gypsy moths. Blumm will contact Mid-Michigan helicopters to get a cost estimate.

REPORTS – Blough reported for the PDR committee.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS – There were several citizens’ comments.

AJOURNMENT – Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Paula Blumm, Supervisor