

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BUDGET HEARING
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

Present: Hale, Regan, Stougaard, Anderson, Blough, Thompson, VanderZiel
Absent: None

Supervisor Jerry Hale called the meeting to order in the Township Hall at 7:00 pm.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Regan moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2010/2011 BUDGET - Supervisor Hale opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. to take public comment on the 2010/2011 proposed budget. There were no comments.

Supervisor Hale closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting at 7:03 p.m.

MINUTES – Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2010. Motion carried.

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

BILLS – Stougaard moved, Thompson seconded, to pay the special bills:

City of Lowell	Water/Sewer	\$16,353.59
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$2,190.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$3,117.60
MC & E/Election S	Voting Booths	\$714.00
Vtec Engineering	Engineering Svc	\$715.00
Wire Transfer	Bond Pymt	\$47,970.00

Motion carried.

Blough moved, Thompson seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$15,907.86; Sewer Fund - \$23,832.26, Water Fund - \$43,985.82; Check Nos. 18132-18170, Payroll Nos. 8857- 8876. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Fire Authority submitted written reports. Stougaard reported on the sessions she attended at the MTA conference in January. Blough reported on the PDR Board and the grant that the Fire Authority received for equipment.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PROPOSED BUDGET 2010/2011 – Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded to adopt the proposed budget for 2010/2011. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2010 TO CREATE PLANNING COMMISSION – Planning Commission Chair Dave Simmonds was present to give an overview of the ordinance to the Board. This is an ordinance to re-establish the Planning Commission as authorized by P.A. 33 of 2008. The Planning Commission at their January 11, 2010 meeting recommended the Township Board adopt the ordinance. Stougaard moved, VanderZiel seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2010. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2010 REQUIRED SETBACKS FOR FUTURE ROADS –

Supervisor Hale asked to be excused as he represents property that a master planned future road is on. Regan moved, Stougaard seconded, to excuse Hale from discussion and vote on the ordinance. Motion carried. Simmonds explained the ordinance to the Board. The Planning Commission at their January 11, 2010 recommended the Board adopt the ordinance. There is only one future road currently in the Master Plan. This ordinance would preserve the right of ways of any master planned future roads as determined by the Planning Commission. There was discussion about the need for the ordinance and the property rights of the parcel owners. Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 02-2010 - Ayes: Blough, Stougaard, Thompson, Regan – Nays: Anderson, VanderZiel – Abstain: Hale. Motion carried.

EASEMENT AGREEMENT HIDDEN ACRES DEVELOPMENT – An easement agreement between Hidden Acres Development Company (HADC) and the Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA) was presented. LARA is developing a trail through property owned by HADC and would like to put it on the sewer easement already in place with Lowell Township. HADC has agreed to allow the trail through the easement if the Township approves. Thompson moved, Regan seconded, to approve use of the sewer easement for the trail. Motion carried.

MOWING CONTRACT – Luscious Landscapes submitted a bid for mowing the Hall, Cemeteries and Park for the same amount as the previous four years. Anderson would like to have the paths cleared of debris and overhead branches trimmed when needed to keep the path safe to walk included as part of the contract. Anderson moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the mowing contract for the 2010 season with the additional upkeep to the path included. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE 2009/2010 – The Clerk updated the budget for the third quarter. There are revenue amendments to interest, other revenue, and charges for services, and amendments to expenditures for all categories except community and economic development. These amendments total a decrease of \$9,000 in revenues and expenditures. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to approve the budget amendments. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03 BRIDGE REPAIR ON M-21 - Ada Township asked that Lowell Township support keeping the bridge on M-21 open while working to replace it. Regan moved, Anderson seconded, to authorize the Supervisor to write a letter of support for keeping the bridge open if possible while the work is being done. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No citizens commented.

ADJOURNMENT – Regan moved, Stougaard seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Jerry Hale, Supervisor

