

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010**

Present: Hale, Regan, Stougaard, Anderson, Blough, Thompson
Absent: VanderZiel

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

The Supervisor opened the public hearing to take comment for the application to the Community Development Block Grant Fund for the East Fulton Street Pedestrian Sidewalk Project. There were no comments from the public. Hale closed the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

Supervisor Hale opened the regular meeting at 7:10 pm.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Blough moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of Planning Commission under Reports. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2009. Motion carried.

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

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

Bowne Township	Fire	\$13,009.78
City of Lowell	Fire	\$17,741.72
City of Lowell	Water/Sewer	\$15,451.87
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$2,652.20
Kent County Treas	Oblique Photo	\$2,264.60
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$2,370.30
Scenic Expressions	Snow Removal	\$1,100.00
SOS Office Supplies	Supplies	\$642.10

Motion carried.

Blough moved, Thompson seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$47,808.35; Sewer Fund - \$7,515.20, Water Fund - \$11,767.14; Check Nos. 18097-18131, Payroll Nos. 8835- 8856. Motion carried.

REPORTS – Pat Allchin, Lowell Area Historical Museum, was present to give a report and to thank the Township for their continuing support. Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, was present to give a summary of the work accomplished in 2009 and a work plan for 2010. The Ordinance Enforcement Officer submitted a written report.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS – A letter of request has been received from Hope Network for funding for the North Kent Transit Service for 2010/2011. Blough moved, Thompson seconded, to allocate \$2,500 from Community Development Block Grant Funds to Hope Network for the North Kent Transit Service for 2010/2011. Motion carried.

A letter of request has also been received from Marcia Roth, Lowell Senior Neighbors, for funding for 2010/2011. Stougaard moved, Thompson seconded, to allocate \$7,000 from Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Lowell Senior Neighbors for 2010/2011. Motion carried.

Thompson moved, Regan seconded, to reallocate \$18,207 that was previously allocated but unused to the East Fulton Pedestrian Sidewalk Project as approved and resolved in the November and December 2009 meetings. Motion carried.

2010/2011 PROPOSED BUDGET – Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to set the public hearing date for the proposed 2010/2011 budget for Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the regular Board meeting. Motion carried. The budget will be available on the Township’s website.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-01 CHANGE TO PENSION PLAN – Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-01 to amend the Township’s Pension Plan to change the Normal Retirement age from 65 with 10 years of participation to just age 65 with no years of participation. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-02 MDOT PERMIT – Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-02 to allow Hale and Regan to sign applications for MDOT work permits within the state trunkline right of ways on behalf of Lowell Township. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No citizens commented.

Stougaard has been working on getting information about leaf pick-up in Eastgate. She has contacted several waste haulers and has found one that will pick up yard waste. The company is Flat River Waste. The residents of Eastgate will have to contact them to set up this service.

Blough stated that he has been appointed to serve on the Kent County Farmland Preservation Board for a three year term.

ADJOURNMENT – Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Jerry Hale, Supervisor