

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008**

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** – Blough asked to add discussion of moratorium on wind generators. Blumm added it under Old Business. Blough moved, Bonn seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

**MINUTES** – Stougaard moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Stougaard submitted a written report. She also included an updated list of approved depositories. There are five new banks that she has added to the list. Also included in the report is an announcement from the State Assessors Board stating their position on levying a property tax administration fee. Bonn moved, Blough seconded, to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried. Regan moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the updated list of approved depositories including the additional banks. Motion carried.

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

City of Lowell	Wtr,Swr,	\$22,175.80
City of Lowell	Fire, Rescue	\$3,557.00
Dirt Cheap	Burials	\$750.00
Etna Supply	Meters	\$2,019.31
Falcon Printing	Newsletter	\$1,226.89
FHC	Repair	\$1,144.45
Hungerford, Aldrin	Audit	\$7,000.00
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$3,637.50
KCI	Tax Bills	\$1,194.41
Luscious Landscapes	Lawn Maint	\$4,420.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$4,018.31
Mika, Meyers, Beckett	Attorney	\$598.00
Vtec Engineering	Engineering	\$1,837.50

Motion carried.

Thompson moved, Blough seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$36,480.29, Sewer Fund - \$6,645.09, Water Fund - \$22,449.46; Check Nos. 17255-17300; Payroll Nos. 8433-8455. Motion carried.

**REPORTS** – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer submitted a written report. Blumm reported on the park. The LaCrosse team sealed the walkway, tables and gazebo, and an Eagle scout is working on a trails map for the park as a project. The party in the park has been scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 3:00 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – The letter from Peter Wege to Gregg Pratt concerning the recreation needs assessment that was done for the property being donated in Vergennes Township was discussed. Supervisor Blumm will be meeting with Mr. Pratt and will bring back his response.

**MASTER PLAN** – Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, was present to give an overview of the new master plan to the Board. Several changes include the designation of AG-2, Rural Agriculture to AG -2, Rural Residential. They eliminated the term non-farm homes and are allowing more residential development in Ag-1. They changed the Light Industrial area from along Alden Nash to the area just north of 60<sup>th</sup> street. At their June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting they recommended the Township Board approve the plan. Supervisor Blumm thanked the Planning Commission for their hard work and effort in the development of the new plan. Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, to approve the Master Plan as presented. Motion carried.

**WIND GENERATOR MORATORIUM** – A moratorium was placed on wind generators in October 2007 for nine months. It has expired and the Planning Commission is still working on an ordinance. Blough moved, Thompson seconded, the moratorium be extended for six months. Motion carried.

**LASSO PRESENTATION** – Jeff Sweet, representing LASSO, asked the Board if they would be interesting in helping LASSO pursue a grant to install a sprinkling system on the east field at the Park. The Board expressed interest and Blumm will work with LASSO on the proposal.

**PRICE REZONING** – Thomas Price submitted a request to rezone 36 acres of his property located at 5826 Alden Nash SE, PP# 41-20-34-300-004, from AG-1 to Light Industrial in 2007. At that time, his property was not master planned for industrial development. The planning commission recommended he wait until the Master Plan was complete. As the Master Plan had now been approved and his land is in the area planned for industrial development, the Planning Commission is recommending the property be rezoned as requested. Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and rezone 36 acres in accordance with the new Master Plan. Motion carried.

**FIRST QUARTER BUDGET UPDATE/FINANCIAL STATEMENT** - The Clerk submitted the first quarter financial statement showing receipts and expenditures. The first quarter budget update was also submitted showing revenues of \$29,284.50 and expenditures of \$127,238.70. An amendment is needed to Gypsy Moth for \$26,100. This amount needs to be transferred from fund balance to cover the cost of spraying in May, as approved by the Board on April 21, 2008. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to approve the transfer of \$26,100 from fund balance. Motion carried.

**LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST – RESOLUTION 2008-13** – The request from Christopher Clark for approval/disapproval of a new entertainment license for property located at 11550 E. Fulton was discussed. He is currently operating with a monthly permit. There were questions about the type of entertainment allowed under this license. Mr. Clark was not present. After discussion, Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, to table the request, Resolution 2008-13, until the Board has more information. Motion carried.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEE UPDATE** – A letter was received from Cascade Township informing the Board that the fees for Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing will be increased.

**VIETNAM VETERANS POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY – RESOLUTION 2008-14 –**

Supervisor Blumm read Resolution 2008-14 proclaiming September 19, 2008 as Prisoner of War-Missing In Action Recognition Day. Bonn moved, Thompson seconded, to adopt Resolution 2008-14. Motion carried.

**PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ENDORSEMENT REQUEST** – The Kent County Agricultural Preservation Board is asking for an endorsement of the Kent County Purchase of Development Rights Program. They are not requesting funding from Lowell Township, just endorsement of County funding to support this County program. Thompson moved, Regan seconded, to authorize Supervisor Blumm to sign the endorsement on behalf of the Board. Motion carried.

**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 02-2008 – SPECIAL LAND USE** - Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, gave an overview of the proposed ordinance amendment to Section 4.7 Special Use Permits. At their July 14, 2008 meeting the Planning Commission recommended adoption of the ordinance. Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, the Board accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and adopt Ordinance 02-2008 Special Land Use as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Two citizens commented.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Stougaard moved, Thompson seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Charter Township of Lowell

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Paula Blumm, Supervisor