

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011**

Present: Hale, Regan, Stougaard, Anderson, Blough, Thompson, Vander Ziel
Absent: None

Supervisor Jerry Hale called the meeting to order in the Township Hall at 7:05 pm.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Hale asked to add Assessor under Reports. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2011. 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	2nd Qtr Fire	\$21,129.17
City of Lowell	Water/Sewer	\$24,734.96
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$6,767.25
Kent Cty Drain	2011Assessment	\$1,031.46
Kent Cty Road Com	Dust Layering	\$3,993.29
Luscious Landscapes	Mowing, Maint	\$2,407.50
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$2,180.30
Vtec Engineering	Engineering Svcs	\$780.00
US Bank	Bond Int	\$3,137.50

Motion carried.

Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$39,197.69; Sewer Fund - \$134,073.44; Water Fund - \$276,788.13; Check Nos. 18980-19012, Payroll Nos. 9284- 9300. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Fire Authority submitted written reports. Regan gave an update for LARA.

The Assessor submitted a written report and asked for mileage reimbursement for attending tax tribunal hearings in Lansing. Regan moved, VanderZiel seconded, to reimburse for mileage to Lansing for tribunal hearings. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2011 MINERAL MINING ORDINANCE – Planning Commission Chair Dave Simmonds was present to give an overview of the Mineral Mining Ordinance and the Mineral Mining Licensing Ordinance. At their September 12, 2011 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended the Board adopt the ordinances. Any existing mines will not be held to the new ordinance regulations, but will follow the conditions imposed at the time of their approval. Any new mines would be required to follow the new regulations. Thompson moved, Regan seconded, the Board adopt Ordinance No. 04-2011 removing a comma in c3 and inserting the effective date of November 2, 2011; ayes – Hale, Regan, Stougaard, Anderson, Blough, Thompson, VanderZiel; nays – None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2011 MINERAL MINING LICENSING ORDINANCE – Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 05-2011 with an effective date seven days after publication (November 2, 2011); ayes – Hale, Regan, Stougaard, Anderson, Blough, Thompson, VanderZiel; nays – None. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE – 2ND QTR – The Clerk reviewed the Budget for the 2nd quarter which shows amendments of \$33,000 to revenues and expenditures. The additional revenue is from the 2010 census adjustment to revenue sharing. Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, to amend the budget. Motion carried.

2011/2012 SNOWPLOWING PROPOSAL – A proposal from Scenic Expressions for snow plowing was submitted for approval. The cost is slightly higher than last year and they will give a 4% discount for early payment. The total amount of the contract is \$2,370.00. Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to approve the 2011/2012 contract with Scenic Expressions and authorize payment in full before October 31 to receive the 4% discount. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-05 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT – Kent County has amended the Act 451 Solid Waste Management Plan and would like approval from the local governments. Thompson moved, Regan seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-05, approving the amendment to the 451 Solid Waste Management Plan; ayes – Hale, Regan, Stougaard, Anderson, Blough, Thompson; nays - VanderZiel. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF R1 ZONING REGULATIONS – The Planning Commission would like direction from the Board about a request they received to change the R1 zoning regulations to not allow roosters. After discussion, the Board did not see a need to change the R1 regulations to ban roosters at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No comments.

ADJOURNMENT – Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Jerry Hale, Supervisor