

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010**

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

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

AGENDA APPROVAL –VanderZiel moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the agenda with additions Alto 5K Run and LARA appointment under new business. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Stougaard moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2010. Motion carried.

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

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

Buist Electric	Streetlight Repair	\$1,613.00
City of Lowell	Water/Sewer	\$14,704.63
Dell	Computer	\$666.02
Dirt Cheap	Cemetery	\$2,010.00
Etna Supply	Meter	\$1,121.37
Hasselbring Clark	Copier Maint	\$653.01
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$2,188.75
Lowell Area Hist Museum	Contribution	\$2,500.00
Luscious Landscapes	Mowing, Maint	\$2,556.50
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$2,388.00
Vtec Engineering	Engineering Svcs	\$1,265.00
U. S. Bank – Wire Trans	Bond Pymt	\$54,825.00

Motion carried.

Stougaard moved, Anderson seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$27,975.34; Sewer Fund - \$7,279.76, Water Fund - \$66,705.97; Check Nos. 18214-18264, Payroll Nos. 8897- 8919. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer submitted a written report. Thompson reported for the Lowell Cable Endowment Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2010 TO ESTABLISH FENCE REGULATIONS – Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, was present to explain the proposed fence ordinance amendment to the Board. The Planning Commission at their March 8, 2010 meeting recommended the Township Board adopt the ordinance. VanderZiel had questions about measuring the height of the fence on steep hills and valleys. Thompson questioned the use of ‘any’ or ‘all’ in several sentences, and descriptions used for walls. After lengthy discussion, Regan moved, Anderson seconded, to send the ordinance amendment back to the Planning Commission for review and revision of the following: Definition of fence - add - Freestanding walls are considered fences.

c) (6) Measurement of Fence Height:

Measured at post
Use average height
d) (3) and (5) – ‘decorative or protective walls’ - use just walls
- ‘any’ and ‘all’ – use one or the other to be consistent
Motion carried.

CEMETERY PROPOSAL – A proposal was received from Progressive Engineering to survey and place markers in the west end of Merriman Cemetery. The cost to survey and place markers is \$1,350. Their cost for markers is \$1,232.50. Stougaard checked the cost of markers from other vendors and found that these are less. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the proposal from Progressive Engineering. Motion carried.

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – Several improvements to the water system need to be completed. Two valves need to be installed in Eastgate; one on Junewood and one on Pinewood. Citi Services will install them for \$6,600 each. Thompson moved, Regan seconded, to accept Citi Services quote. Motion carried.

The water main on Woodrun in Eastgate needs to be looped. Infrastructure Alternatives can prepare the bid specifications and solicit bids to do the project. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to authorize IA to prepare the bid specifications and obtain bids for the project. Motion carried.

SUMMER HOURS – Closing the hall at 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays for the summer was discussed. The hall is currently open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to close at 1:00 pm on Thursdays beginning May 1 through August 31. Motion carried.

RATE APPROVAL FOR SCHOOL SUMMER TAX COLLECTION – Stougaard needs to renew contracts with the schools for summer tax collection. The fee for Lowell and Caledonia schools will be \$2.85 per parcel, GRCC and KISD will be \$0.38 per parcel. Regan moved, VanderZiel seconded, to authorize the Treasurer and Supervisor to sign the contracts. Motion carried.

ALTO 5K RUN – Alto PTO is asking permission to use Bancroft Avenue between 52nd and 60th Street on May 15, 2010 for a 5K run. Regan moved, Stougaard seconded, to allow Alto PTO to use Bancroft Avenue for their 5K run. Motion carried.

LARA APPOINTMENT – The Community Member-at-Large position is open on the LARA Trailway Board. Gary Goff, Lowell Township resident, has agreed to fill the position. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the appointment of Gary Goff as member-at-large to the LARA Trailway. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No citizens were present.

ADJOURNMENT – Stougaard moved, Thompson seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Jerry Hale, Supervisor

