

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

Present: Hale, Regan, Stougaard, Anderson, Blough, Thompson  
Absent: VanderZiel (Attending Bowne Twp meeting)

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL** – Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of Insurance under Old Business and LCTV Fund under Reports. Motion carried.

**MINUTES** – Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2010. Motion carried.

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

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

City of Lowell	Water/Sewer	\$16,358.62
City of Lowell	Fire/Rescue	\$18,208.04
Etna Supply	Meters	\$839.66
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$3,255.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$2,375.50
Pinnacle Insurance	Insurance	\$6,726.00

Motion carried.

Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$36,822.98; Sewer Fund - \$8,965.77; Water Fund - \$12,566.87; Check Nos. 18644-18678, Payroll Nos. 9084- 9106. Motion carried.

**REPORTS** – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Fire Authority submitted written reports. Thompson reported that the LCTV Fund has changed the deadline for application and will make the final decision early enough that projects can be funded during the summer months.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

**PROPOSED BUDGET 2011/2012** – The proposed budget for 2011/2012 with expenditures and revenues of \$523,750 was discussed. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to set the public hearing for the proposed budget for the February 22, 2011 Board meeting. Motion carried.

**BUDGET UPDATE** – Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded to approve the amendments to the current budget as presented. Motion carried.

**MEDICAL MARIHUANA MORATORIUM** – Ordinance 07-2010 adopted August 16, 2010 put into effect a moratorium for six months or until amendments to the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the sale or dispensation of medical marihuana become effective, whichever occurs first. To date, no amendments have been adopted. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to extend the moratorium another six months. Motion carried.

**INSURANCE** – Thompson questioned deductibles for the Township insurance policy as discussed at the December Board meeting. There is very little in cost savings for a higher deductible. Township officials decided to keep the lower deductibles and pay the policy premium originally quoted.

**RE-APPOINT ZBA – CLEMENTS, JONES** – Thompson moved, Anderson seconded to re-appoint Tim Clements and Ray Jones to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three year terms. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING** – Two requests for funding from Lowell Township’s Community Development Block Grant Funds were received. Lowell Senior Neighbors requested \$7,000. Regan moved, Stougaard seconded, to allocate \$7,000 to the Lowell Senior Neighbors. Motion carried.

Hope Network/North Kent Transit Service requested \$2,000. Regan moved, Blough seconded to allocate \$2,000 to the North Kent Transit Service through Hope Network. Motion carried.

Blough was excused to attend Bowne Township’s Board meeting. VanderZiel and Blough are presenting a proposal for reducing the cost of fire service for Lowell Township.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – THE RIGHT PLACE, TAX ABATEMENT POLICY** – The Board discussed supporting The Right Place, but would like to commit to a lesser amount - \$600 per year rather than \$1,200 per year. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to pay \$600 per year for five years with the understanding that if the economy improves or the budget allows we will consider increasing the amount in the future. Motion carried. A proposed tax abatement policy was discussed. No action was taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No citizens present.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Stougaard moved, Regan seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Charter Township of Lowell

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Jerry Hale, Supervisor