

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010**

Present: Hale, Regan, Stougaard, Anderson, Blough, Thompson, VanderZiel
Absent: None

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

AGENDA APPROVAL – Thompson moved, VanderZiel seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Stougaard moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and budget hearing of February 16, 2010. Motion carried.

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

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

Bowne Township	Fire	\$13,009.78
City of Lowell	Fire	\$24,145.02
City of Lowell	Water/Sewer	\$16,267.14
Comm by Design	Study	\$4,500.00
Etna Supply	Water Meters	\$1,649.31
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$2,228.23
KCI	Assessment Notices	\$1,229.47
Kent County Treas	Fire Assessment	\$5,456.93
Lowell Area Comm Fund	Refund – Grant	\$1,000.00
Lowell Twp Water	Hydrant Fees	\$10,000.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$3,982.10
Scenic Expressions	Snow Removal	\$1,100.00
Vtec Engineering	Engineering Svcs	\$777.50

Motion carried.

Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$74,124.54; Sewer Fund - \$7,172.28, Water Fund - \$14,781.52; Check Nos. 18171-18213, Payroll Nos. 8877- 8896. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer submitted a written report. Blough reported for the PDR Board.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING CONTRACT – The contract with Mid Michigan Helicopter to spray for gypsy moths was reviewed. They are proposing to spray 220 acres of the Township for \$36.00 per acre - total cost is \$7,920. Regan moved, Stougaard seconded, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract. Motion carried.

WHISPERING HILLS PLAT NO. 6 – FINAL APPROVAL – Mike Berg, Dykema Excavating, was present to request final plat approval for Phase 6 of the Whispering Hills Plat. They’ve posted a new bond for Phase 6 which includes street lights in Phase 5 that haven’t been installed yet. They are asking for release of the Phase 5 bond. Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to give final approval for Whispering Hills Plat No. 6 and to release the \$58,000 bond for Phase 5. Motion carried.

2009/2010 BUDGET UPDATE – The Clerk gave an update on the 2009/2010 budget. Amendments were made to most categories for expenditures and revenues. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the budget amendments as presented.

The Clerk asked about setting up a water billing position. The time spent doing water billing is currently charged to the General Fund and should be charged to the Water Department. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to establish a Water Assistant position. Motion carried.

Regan stated that the Deputies have not had a raise for five years and she would like to give her Deputy a \$1.00 per hour raise. Stougaard stated that her Deputy would rather have an extra week of vacation in lieu of a pay raise. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to approve a \$1.00 per hour raise for the Deputy Clerk and an extra week of vacation for the Deputy Treasurer. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – One citizen commented.

ADJOURNMENT – Regan moved, Thompson seconded, the meeting adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Jerry Hale, Supervisor