

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008**

Present: Board: Blumm, Regan, Stougaard, Blough (PC Rep), Bonn, Persha,
Planning Commission: Simmonds, Clements, Sanford
Absent: Thompson (Board), Batchelor (Planning Commission)

Supervisor Paula Blumm called the special Township Board /Planning Commission joint meeting to order in the Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

MASTER PLAN – Tim Johnson, MainStreet Planning, was present to give an overview of the draft master plan. If the Board approves, the plan is ready to be distributed for comment to the neighboring communities. There are some changes to the AG 1 zoning district as well as the light industrial and commercial districts. The low, medium and high density residential districts are not changed from the 2002 plan. Rural agriculture has several changes including a change in name to rural residential. These changes will take amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to be implemented.

2008 PLANNING COMMISSION WORKPLAN – Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, updated the Board on the workplan the Planning Commission approved at the beginning of the year.

OTHER – Blough would like the Township to petition the Road Commission to lower the speed limit at the Alden Nash – Cascade Road intersection. It is currently posted at 55 mph and he would like to see it reduced to 35-45 mph. The Supervisor will discuss this with the Road Commission.

As there was no other business, Bonn moved, Stougaard seconded, the special joint meeting adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Supervisor Blumm called the regular board meeting to order at 7:54 p.m.

MINUTES – Bonn moved, Blough seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

Metropolitan Title	Park Land	\$19,798.86
City of Lowell	Wtr,Swr,	\$15,751.26
Addorio Tech	Backup, Maint	\$1,033.03
Bowne Twp Treas	Fire	\$10,897.79
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$2,989.75
Lowell Ledger	Adv	\$1,157.20
Lowell Twp Water Dept	Hydrant Fees	\$10,000.00
Luscious Landscapes	Park	\$1,300.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$6,475.29

Vtec Engineering Engineering \$3,520.20
Motion carried.

Regan moved, Stougaard seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$64,986.37, Sewer Fund - \$7,164.69, Water Fund - \$12,953.94; Check Nos. 17086-17122; Payroll Nos. 8331-8356. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer submitted a written report. Supervisor Blumm reported for the Board of Review and the Park.

CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence.

GYPSY MOTH – The contract with Mid-Michigan Helicopters to spray for gypsy moths needs to be approved. The cost for spraying this year is \$30.00 per acre. They are scheduled to spray 572 acres, but will look at additional acres in the spring that have reported problems. Bonn would like to make sure the Township is named on their insurance policy. Regan moved, Bonn seconded, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. Ayes –Blumm, Regan, Stougaard, Bonn, Blough; Nays –Persha, motion carried.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND DISTRIBUTE DRAFT MASTER PLAN – Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, to accept and distribute the draft master plan. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS – The Clerk updated the budget through February and recommends amendments to the budget for revenues for interest (\$17,000) and transfer from fund balance(\$20,798.86) and to expenditures for general government(\$15,000) and recreation(\$22,798.86). Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, the amendments be approved. Motion carried

MOWING PROPOAL – A proposal was received from Luscious Landscapes to mow the park, Township Hall, and cemeteries for the same cost as last year. Bonn moved, Stougaard seconded, to accept the proposal for the 2008 season. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – One citizen commented.

ADJOURNMENT – Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:19 p.m.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Paula Blumm, Supervisor