

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008**

Present: Blumm, Regan, Stougaard, Blough, Bonn, Persha, Thompson
Absent: None

Supervisor Paula Blumm called the meeting to order in the Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – SAD LIGHTING DISTRICT – Supervisor Blumm opened the public hearing for the Whispering Hills special assessment district. As no one from Whispering Hills was present to comment, Blumm closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Supervisor Blumm opened the public hearing for the Cumberland Ridge special assessment district at 7:02 p.m. As no one from Cumberland Ridge was present to comment, Blumm closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

MINUTES – A correction to the April 21st minutes is needed under Recreation Plan Resolution 2008-10; DEQ should be changed to DNR. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2008 with the correction. Motion carried.

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

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

Addorio	Comp Maint	\$648.46
City of Lowell	Wtr,Swr,	\$14,814.58
City of Lowell	Fire, Rescue	\$2,604.00
BS & A Software	Support 08/09	\$895.00
Dirt Cheap	Cemetery	\$750.00
Hasselbring Clark	Copier	\$4,450.00
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$2,825.55
Lowell Ledger	Advertising	\$1,007.60
Luscious Landscapes	Lawn Maint	\$3,530.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$3,498.85
Michigan Municipal L	Premium	\$1,323.00
Mika, Meyers	Attorney	\$728.00
Thomas Yarch	Bond Refund	\$5,000.00
Vtec Engineering	Engineering	\$3,987.73

Motion carried.

Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$37,510.33, Sewer Fund - \$8,153.02, Water Fund - \$10,780.30; Check Nos. 17167-17214; Payroll Nos. 8384-8409. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Assessor submitted written reports. Blough reported on a meeting he attended for the Kent County Parks master plan.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Road Commission has changed the date of the lunch meeting with Township officials. It will be the 27th of May.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – WHISPERING HILLS RESOLUTION 2008-11- Resolution 2008-11 confirms the special assessment roll for the Whispering Hills lighting district. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to adopt Resolution 2008-11. Motion carried.

CUMBERLAND RIDGE RESOLUTION 2008-12 – Resolution 2008-12 confirms the special assessment roll for the Cumberland Ridge lighting district. Thompson moved, Regan seconded, to adopt Resolution 2008-12. Motion carried.

2007-2008 FINAL BUDGET – The Clerk submitted the final budget for 2007-2008 for approval. Total revenues are \$635,742.22 with expenditures of \$590,499.27. There is an excess of revenue over expenditures of \$45,243.22 Conservative spending and an increase in interest income helped to contribute to the increase in fund balance. Revenue sharing is \$5,283 short of the Department of Treasury’s estimated amounts. Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, to approve the final budget number for 2007/2008. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS APPLICATION – MERRIMAN – Blough reported for the Purchase of Development Rights committee which met to review the application for the Merriman property located at 5412 Bancroft Avenue. Merriman has already had development rights purchased for 58 acres of his property and would like to have an additional 15 acres considered for purchase of development rights. Blough stated that the committee recommends denying the application because the land is master planned for light industrial zoning. The master plan is in the process of being updated and in the new plan this property will not be planned for light industrial. If the plan is adopted, Merriman is urged to reapply for purchase of development rights. Bonn moved, Stougaard seconded, to accept the PDR committee’s recommendation and deny the application. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Two citizens commented, one was from Whispering Hills and arrived after the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT – Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the meeting adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Paula Blumm, Supervisor