

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

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

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

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

MINUTES – Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2008. Motion carried. (Persha arrived)

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

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

City of Lowell	Wtr,Swr	\$17,567.41
Addorio Tech	Comp Maint	\$769.70
Etna Supply	Meters, Wire	\$2,152.10
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$2,153.75
Kent County Road Comm	Maint	\$26,468.42
Kent County Treasurer	Oblique Photo	\$1,707.36
Luscious Landscapes	Lawn Maint	\$1,020.00
Marla M. Rausch	Assessing	\$2,105.83
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$2880.36
Mika, Meyers,Beckett	Attorney	\$1,507.35
O.E. Bieri & Sons	Park - Rocks	\$800.00
Vtec Engineering	Engineering	\$1,315.00

Motion carried.

Stougaard moved, Thompson seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$52,914.12, Sewer Fund - \$7,526.69, Water Fund - \$16,259.82; Check Nos. 17446-17518; Payroll Nos. 8523-8546. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Assessor and Ordinance Enforcement Officer submitted written reports.

CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence.

JOINT FIRE AUTHORITY AGREEMENT- RESOLUTION NO. 2008-16 – The final draft of the joint fire authority agreement was discussed. Blumm, Bonn and Blough have worked with the City and Vergennes Township for over a year to complete the agreement. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-19 approving the Joint Fire And Emergency Services Authority Agreement. Motion carried.

LAWNMOWING BID – A proposal was received from Luscious Landscapes for mowing the Township Hall, Cemeteries and Park. The cost is the same as the last two years. Blumm recommended accepting the bid. Bonn moved, Thompson seconded, to accept the proposal from Luscious Landscapes for the 2009 season for the Township Hall, Cemeteries and Park. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 04-2008 WIND ENERGY – Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, was present to give an overview of the proposed ordinance. The ordinance establishes the standards and procedures by which the installation and operation of a wind energy system shall be regulated within the Township. The Planning Commission, at their October 13th meeting, recommended the Board adopt the ordinance. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to adopt Ordinance 04-2008 Wind Energy. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 04-2008 MET TOWER – Mr. Simmonds gave an overview of the proposed ordinance. This ordinance allows Meteorological Towers as a Special Use in certain zoning districts and provides requirements for review by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission, at their October 13th meeting, recommended the Board adopt the ordinance. Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, to adopt Ordinance 05-2008 MET Tower. Motion carried.

The moratorium placed on wind generators/towers was renewed in July 2008. Now that the Ordinances are in place, Blough moved, Thompson seconded, to remove the moratorium on wind towers when the Ordinances take effect. Motion carried. The Ordinances will take effect on December 3, 2008.

RELIABILITY STUDY – A proposal was received from Infrastructure Alternatives to update the reliability study for the Township’s water system. This is required by the DEQ to be done every five years. The last study was completed in 2003. The proposed cost of the update is \$4,500 to \$7,500. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to accept the proposal from Infrastructure Alternatives to update the reliability study for a cost up to \$7,500. Motion carried.

REAPPOINTMENTS – PLANNING COMMISSION – David Simmond’s term on the Planning Commission expires in January. Blumm moved, Stougaard seconded, to reappoint Dave Simmonds to the Planning Commission for three years. Motion carried. Carlton Blough’s term as Board Representative on the Planning Commission also expires in January. Blumm moved, Thompson seconded, to reappoint Carlton Blough to the Planning Commission for three years. Motion carried.

REAPPOINTMENTS – BOARD OF REVIEW – All of the Board of Review terms expire in December. These are two year terms. Blumm moved, Blough seconded, to reappoint David Simmonds. Motion carried. Blumm moved, Stougaard seconded, to reappoint Barbara Tromblay. Motion carried. Blumm moved, Bonn seconded, to reappoint James Foerch. Motion carried. Blumm moved, Blough seconded, to reappoint Lisa Reid as alternate. Motion carried. Blumm moved, Stougaard seconded, to reappoint Nancie Matthews as alternate. Motion carried.

LOWELL COMMUNITY CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS - A resolution from the City of Lowell establishing the Lowell Community Cable TV Advisory Board was reviewed. There is a position on the Cable Board for a Township Board member and for a citizen of the Township. Blumm moved, Stougaard seconded, to appoint Trustee Thompson to the advisory board for a term ending December 31, 2012. Motion carried. Blumm moved, Stougaard seconded, to appoint Sue Simmonds to the board as citizen representative for a term ending December 31, 2010. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Several citizens commented.

ADJOURNMENT – Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Paula Blumm, Supervisor