

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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 – Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Blumm stated that the word “upper” should be removed from the motion under parking lot repair. Bonn moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2008 with the correction. Motion carried.

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

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

Apex Software	Support	\$545.00
Addorio	Comp Maint	\$671.72
Bowne Twp Treasurer	Fire	\$12,117.89
City of Lowell	Wtr, Swr, Fire, Res	\$30,991.80
East Jordan Iron	Water Repairs	\$796.17
Galloup Company	Wtr Twr Radio	\$3,895.50
Hungerford, Aldrin	Auditor	\$5,550.00
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$3,375.46
Luscious Landscapes	Lawn Maint	\$1,210.00
Lowell Rotary Club	Dues 08/09	\$525.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$2,227.22
Stormzand Asphalt	Hall Parking Lot	\$7,417.00

Motion carried.

Stougaard moved, Thompson seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$43,643.60, Sewer Fund - \$8,290.91, Water Fund - \$30,114.03; Check Nos. 17356-17409; Payroll Nos. 8481-8501. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Assessor and Ordinance Enforcement Officer submitted written reports. Representatives of the Kent District Library and the Alto and Lowell librarians were present to give the annual library report.

CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence.

LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND APPOINTMENT – A letter was received from Kate Luckert Schmid of the Lowell Area Community Fund explaining why they are not extending the invitation to Kathryn Den Houter to join the committee as the Lowell Township representative. They are requesting two more names be submitted for consideration. Regan moved, Thompson seconded, Paula Blumm’s name be submitted for consideration. Motion carried. Blumm moved, Stougaard seconded, David Simmonds name also be submitted for consideration. Motion carried.

JOINT FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AGREEMENT –A draft of the Joint Fire and Emergency Services Agreement was presented for discussion. The agreement is

between the City of Lowell, Vergennes Township and Lowell Township. Blumm, Bonn, and Blough have been working on this agreement with the City and Vergennes for over a year. The agreement forms a fire authority. Township will be responsible for added costs with the new agreement. The Board would like to see a financial analysis of the costs compared to what we are currently paying, and clarification of how the population will be determined. They would also like an inventory of the assets to be transferred to the Authority by the City before the agreement is signed. Blumm will bring back more information at the next meeting.

ORDINANCE 03-2008 AMENDMENT TO TERMS – Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, was present to explain the proposed changes to terms in the zoning ordinance. Many of the terms deal with the duties for the building official which are specified in the State of Michigan building codes which the Township has already adopted, so the zoning ordinance needs to be updated to reflect the changes. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to adopt Ordinance 03-2008. Motion carried.

GYPSY MOTH SURVEY – There was discussion about the need to do a survey this year. Persha was not in favor of surveying and spraying. After discussion, Blumm moved, Blough seconded to do the gypsy moth survey for \$7,975 with money from the general fund. Ayes – Blumm, Regan, Stougaard, Bonn, Blough, Thompson, Nays – Persha. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT – Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Paula Blumm, Supervisor