

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

Present: Hale, Regan, Blough, Thompson  
Absent: Stougaard, Anderson, VanderZiel

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

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

**MINUTES** – Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 15, 2011. Motion carried.

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

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

Bowne Twp Fire	2 Qtr Fire	\$9,004.58
City of Lowell	Water/Sewer	\$26,589.46
DeYoung Concrete	M21 Sidewalk	\$7,606.29
East Jordan	Hydrant Repair	\$648.73
Etna Supply	Meters, Reader	\$1,359.38
GrandTech	Generators	\$11,178.00
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$3,627.25
Law Weathers	Attorney	\$1,136.70
Lee’s Trenching	HS Wtr Connect	\$19,172.00
Luscious Landscapes	Mowing, Maint	\$3,722.50
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$3,699.00
McNally Elevator	Weight Test	\$510.00
Terra Verde	Erosion Repair	\$1,494.86

Motion carried.

Blough moved, Thompson seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$37,043.59; Sewer Fund - \$21,149.92; Water Fund - \$42,918.19; Check Nos. 18936-18979, Payroll Nos. 9263- 9283. Motion carried.

**REPORTS** – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Fire Authority submitted written reports. Blough reported about the Fire Authority meeting he attended earlier in the day. Representatives from Kent District Library were present to give their annual report.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE SERVER** – A proposal from Addorio Technologies to upgrade the server was discussed. The proposal would update to a 2008 server for a cost of \$4,353.00 which includes the server, installation and two external hard drives. The last upgrade was in 2005. Thompson had questions about upgrading to a newer version of Windows. After discussion, Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to accept the proposal from Addorio Technologies to upgrade the server. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2011-04 WATER SERVICE CHARGES** – Resolution 2011-04 for water service charges was reviewed. Changes to the charges include hydrant fees. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to adopt Resolution 2011-04. Motion carried.

**TRAIL DEVELOPMENTS** – Regan reported that the first phase of the LARA trail will be dedicated on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. and invited the Board to attend. There was also information about the Alma to Owosso rail trail which would include the LARA trail through the City of Lowell and east through Lowell Township. This is being funded with state and federal grants as well as the Meijer Foundation and local funding. The Township is being asked for a commitment for \$5,000 in matching funds. Thompson moved, Regan seconded, to authorize support from Lowell Township for \$5,000 in funding for the Alma to Owosso rail trail. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION OF TAX ABATEMENT POLICY** – A proposed Kent County Township Guide for Economic Development was given to the Board for discussion. This information will come back to the Board at a future meeting for review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Regan moved, Thompson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Charter Township of Lowell

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Jerry Hale, Supervisor