

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 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 – Blumm asked to add 9 under new business, request for kennel license by Shirley Heiman. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, the agenda be approved with the addition. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – RECREATION PLAN – Supervisor Blumm opened the public hearing for the recreation plan at 7:01 p.m. Trustee Blough commented that some of the data (traffic counts) are not current and he wanted the Veen Observatory included in the list of recreational facilities. Trustee Persha disagreed with listing the Observatory stating that is educational, not recreational. Blumm stated that it could be either and would like an opinion from the Grand Rapids Astronomical Association before adding it. Scott Rissi, Park Committee Chair, stated that the park committee approves of the recreation plan. As there were no other comments, the Supervisor closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES – Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2007. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Included with the Treasurer’s report is a quarterly investment report. Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

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

AGI	Web Maint	\$841.90
City of Lowell	Wtr,Swr,	\$14,354.08
City of Lowell	Fire, Rescue	\$3,000.00
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$6,517.79
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$3,799.02
McNally Elevator	Inspections	\$882.44
Mika, Meyers	Attorney	\$5,297.66
Vtec Engineering	Engineering	\$1,117.50
Michigan Mun League	Insur Premium	\$9,208.00

Motion carried.

Bonn moved, Thompson seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$38,089.80, Sewer Fund - \$6,908.74, Water Fund - \$14,804.05; Check Nos. 16987-17041; Payroll Nos. 8282-8306. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Assessor and Ordinance Enforcement Officer submitted written reports. Blough and Blumm reported on the MTA conference they attended in Detroit. Blough reported for the PDR committee. The Merriman farm purchase of development rights should be finalized in February.

CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence.

RECREATION PLAN - Blough moved, Thompson seconded, to accept the Recreation Plan as presented. Motion carried

GYPSY MOTH MAP – A map and listing of gypsy moth problem areas in the Township was discussed. There are 572 acres projected to be sprayed in May. The Supervisor will bring back a cost estimate for approval at the next meeting.

BUDGET UPDATE – The budget was updated through the third quarter.

BUDGET 2008/2009 – Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, to set the public hearing date for the 2008/2009 proposed budget for February 19, 2008 in conjunction with the regular meeting.

REQUESTS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS – There are two requests for Community Development funds – the North Kent Transit Service and Lowell Senior Neighbors. Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, to allocate \$3,000 for the North Kent Transit Service. Motion carried. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to allocate \$5,500 for the Lowell Senior Neighbors. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 2008-01 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIGHTING DISTRICT - WHISPERING HILLS – A special assessment district needs to be established to pay for street lighting in the Whispering Hills subdivision. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-01. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-02 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIGHTING DISTRICT – CUMBERLAND RIDGE – A lighting district also needs to be set up for Cumberland Ridge. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-02. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-03 PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION – This resolution will allow the Township to work on it's utilities in MDOT's road right of ways in the Township. Bonn moved, Thompson seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-03. Motion carried.

SUPPORT LETTER FOR IONIA-GREENVILLE-LOWELL TRAIL – Blumm requested approval to send a letter of support for acquisition of the Ionia-Greenville-Lowell railroad corridor for the development of trails. Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, to authorize the Supervisor to send the letter of support for the Ionia-Greenville-Lowell railroad acquisition for trails. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS – There are openings on the Board of Review for a regular member and alternates. Blumm recommends James Foerch as the regular member, and Lisa Reid and Nancie Matthews as alternates. The appointments will expire in December 2008. Persha moved, Stougaard seconded, James Foerch be appointed to the Board of Review. Motion carried. Bonn moved, Blough second, Lisa Reid be appointed as an alternate. Motion carried. Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, Nancie Matthews be appointed as an alternate. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR KENNEL LICENSE – Shirley Heiman, 9801 Fulton Street, has requested approval from the Township to apply to the County for a kennel license for six dogs. Persha moved, Regan seconded, to approve the request to apply to the County for a kennel license. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Four citizens commented.

ADJOURNMENT – Persha moved, Stougaard seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:31 p.m.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Paula Blumm, Supervisor