

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007**

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 added Planning Commission Annual Report under reports. Regan moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Bonn moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2007. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – There are two new investments for the sewer fund totaling \$100,000. Blough moved, Bonn seconded, to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

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

AGI	Web Maint	\$1,450.00
Bowne Twp Fire	Fire	\$10,897.79
City of Lowell	Wtr,Swr,	\$14,783.67
City of Lowell	Fire Truck	\$5,462.41
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$2,798.75
KCI	Newsletter	\$864.08
Luscious Landscapes	Mowing	\$1,170.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$4,414.39
Mika, Meyers	Attorney	\$2,218.93

Motion carried.

Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$39,359.82, Sewer Fund - \$6,926.75, Water Fund - \$11,824.18; Check Nos. 16944-16986; Payroll Nos. 8253-8281. Motion carried.

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

Scott Rissi, Park Committee Chair, talked about the draft recreation plan. The park committee reviewed the proposed plan at their December 5th meeting. The plan will come to the Township Board for a public hearing before approval.

Blumm and Persha asked for Board comments on the draft Lowell Area Community Needs Analysis. They will be attending a meeting on December 20 at 7:00 p.m. to give input from Lowell Township. There was discussion on expanding the authority of LARA to take over maintenance, scheduling and operations of the community parks, the need for a pool, the need for more sports fields, and the possibility of using the donated land for a YMCA. The consensus is that the board doesn’t see the need to expand LARA and the property would be a good location for a YMCA building with a pool.

Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, presented the annual Planning Commission report.

CORRESPONDENCE – Correspondence from the attorney informed the Township that the lawsuit LaVerne Smith v Lowell Charter Township has been dismissed with prejudice.

OUR LOVE SKATEPARK COMMITTEE PRESENTATION – Representatives from the Our Love Skatepark Committee were present to talk about the project and the need for funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-09 GUIDELINES FOR POVERTY EXPEMPTION – Stougaard moved, Regan seconded, Resolution No. 2007-09 be adopted. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10 THE RIGHT TO APPROVE OR REJECT MASTER PLAN – Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, Resolution No. 2007-10 be adopted. Motion carried.

RECREATON PLAN – SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE – Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, the public hearing for the recreation plan be set for January 21, 2008 in conjunction with the regular board meeting. Motion carried.

MEETING DATES FOR 2008 – Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the 2008 meeting dates for the Township Board, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals as presented. Motion carried.

ELECTION WORKERS – SALARY REVIEW – The Election Committee is recommending a \$1.00 per hour raise for the election workers and chairs. The precinct workers are currently paid \$8.00 per hour and the chairperson is paid \$9.00 per hour. Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the pay raise be approved. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZBA APPOINTMENTS – Regan moved, Stougaard seconded, to re-appoint Scott Edwards to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term ending February 5, 2011. Motion carried.

Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, to re-appoint Tim Clements to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term ending February 5, 2011. Motion carried.

Stougaard moved, Thompson seconded, to re-appoint Dennis Sanford to the Planning Commission for a three year term ending January 18, 2011. Motion carried.

Joice Smith and Gladys Fletcher have resigned from the Board of Review. A notice will be placed in the newsletter for any one interested in filling these positions.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three citizens commented.

AJOURNMENT – Regan moved, Persha seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:56 p.m.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Paula Blumm, Supervisor

