

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2007**

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

Supervisor Paula Blumm called the meeting to order in the Township Hall at 7:02 p.m.

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

MINUTES – Bonn moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2007. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Thompson moved, Bonn seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

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

City of Lowell	Wtr,Swr,Fr,Resc	\$23,983.44
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$3,488.21
KCI	Tax Bills	\$1,074.69
Luscious Landscapes	Lawn Maint	\$4,765.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$5,330.44
Mika, Meyers, Beckett	Attorney	\$3,935.31
USA Bluebook	Water Supplies	\$1,712.63
V-Tec Engineering	Engineering	\$1,526.00

Motion carried.

Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$28,618.46, Sewer Fund - \$6,984.85, Water Fund - \$21,479.19; Check Nos. 16733-16772; Payroll Nos. 8126-8147. Motion carried.

REPORTS – West Michigan Trails and the Township Assessor submitted written reports. Blumm reported on the Township Park. Persha reported on the meeting concerning the Wege property donation.

CORRESPONDENCE – A letter was received from Lowell Cable Television informing the Township of the sale of the cable company.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Blumm received 14 applications for the position of ordinance enforcement officer, 8 of which she interviewed. Blumm moved, seconded by Persha, to hire Marc Larabel to work 12-15 hours per week at the rate of \$14.00 per hour with the rate of pay to be reviewed after 90 days. Motion carried.

MILLAGE RATE APPROVAL – The maximum allowable 2007 millage rate for Lowell Township is 0.7571. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to set the millage rate at 0.7571. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 05-2007 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Ordinance 05-2007 is an amendment to Section 6.8 Penalties. The Planning Commission recommended at their May 14th meeting that the amendment be adopted. Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, Ordinance 05-2007 be adopted. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 06-2007 GENERAL LAW AMENDMENT – Ordinance 06-2007 is an amendment to Sections 1.08, 2, 7, and 8 of the general law Ordinance No. 03-19-01 which provides for municipal civil infractions. Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, Ordinance 06-2007 be adopted. Motion carried.

KENT COUNTY PRESERVATION BOARD – Gary Rolls, Kendra Wills, and Denny Heffron updated the Board on the progress of the Merriman application for purchase of development rights. They are still looking for funding. They would also like the Township to reconsider the future land use of 14 acres of the property east of the drain which is not included in the application. It is currently master planned to be light industrial and does not qualify for preservation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-06 – Resolution No. 2007-06 authorizes the Township to charge a 3% late penalty on taxes paid after the due date of February 14 and before March 1. Blough moved, Thompson seconded, to adopted Resolution No. 2007-06. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Several citizens commented.

AJOURNMENT – Bonn moved, Stougaard seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Paula Blumm, Supervisor