

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 21, 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** – Regan moved, Blough seconded, to approve the agenda with an addition under 14A – Resolution 2007-05 to establish fee for outdoor vendor license. Motion carried.

**MINUTES** – Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2007. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Bonn moved, Blough seconded to accept the April 30, 2007 Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

**BILLS** – Thompson moved, Regan seconded, to approve the March 2007 year end bills. Motion carried. (Stougaard arrived)  
Blough moved, Bonn seconded to pay the special bills:

Aquatic Consulting Svcs	Gypsy Moth	\$925.00
BS&A Software	Support	\$870.00
City of Lowell	Fire & Rescue	\$3,408.00
City of Lowell	Wtr,Swr	\$13,958.90
Dell Marketing	Computer	\$743.00
Dirt Cheap	Spr Cleanup	\$910.00
Etna Supply	Water Meters	\$2,570.00
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$1,710.00
Kent County Treasure	Fire Assessment	\$6,685.70
Luscious Landscapes	Lawn Maint	\$3,215.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$2,597.76
Michigan Mun League	Policy Premium	\$1,428.00
Mika, Meyers, Beckett	Attorney	\$7,518.11
Plummer’s Enviro	Sewer	\$986.35
SOS Office Supply	Supplies	\$896.03
Vtec Engineering	Engineering Svcs	\$1,221.40

Motion carried.

Regan moved, Stougaard seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$41,844.09, Sewer Fund - \$7,731.99, Water Fund - \$12,882.47; Check Nos. 16626-16684; Payroll Nos. 8075-8100. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Several citizens commented.

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-2007** - Building codes. The corrections to the ordinance discussed at the April meeting have been made and Blumm corrected the section numbers. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to approve Ordinance 02-2007. Motion carried. The ordinance will go into effect seven days after publication. Cascade Inspection Services, as Cascade Township’s Building Department, also serves as Lowell Township’s Building Inspections Department.

**GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING** – Approximately 290 acres in the Township need to be sprayed. The cost is \$28.00 per acre. There is \$5,065.62 remaining in the gypsy moth fund which would only cover a portion of the cost of spraying. The remainder of the money will come out of the general fund. Blough moved, Bonn seconded, to allow the Supervisor to sign the contract with Mid-Michigan Helicopter to spray for gypsy moths and to ask about a guarantee for results. Motion carried.

**COUNTY PARK UPDATE** – Roger Sabine from the Kent County Parks Department was present to update the Board on the proposed County Park, located between Alden Nash and Segwun, Cascade Road and 36<sup>th</sup> Street. They have acquired another parcel of property on Alden Nash and Cascade Road. There is no immediate plan to develop the park at this time.

**FINAL BUDGET APPROVAL** – The Clerk presented the final budget for 2006/2007. Revenues are \$634,054.96 and expenditures total \$602,180.28. Stougaard moved, Blough seconded to accept the final budget for 2006/2007. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 03-2007** – Accessory buildings and structures. Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair was present to talk to the Board about the proposed ordinance. The planning commission recommended to the Board at their April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting that the ordinance be adopted. Persha moved, Regan seconded, to adopt ordinance 03-2007 accessory buildings and structures. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 04-2007** – Outdoor vendors. The Planning Commission recommended draft four of the outdoor vendor ordinance be adopted. Blough moved, Bonn seconded, ordinance 04-2007 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2007-05** – Resolution 2007-05 to establish fees for the outdoor vendor license was read by the Supervisor. It was decided after discussion to set the fee at \$20.00 for the application. Blough moved, Bonn seconded to approve Resolution 2007-05. Motion carried. This fee can be reviewed at any time.

**HOPE NETWORK CONTRACT** – Hope Network submitted a contract for 2006/2007 for the North Kent Transit Service. Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, to allow the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract. Motion carried.

**NEWSLETTER** – The Supervisor updated the Board on the newsletter that is currently being drafted. It will include information about the upcoming public meetings for the master plan, tax information, and a calendar of events in the Township.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – POLICY REVISION** – A revision to the policies and procedures was submitted for approval. Several items need to be updated, including meeting agenda, public participation, posting, and board correspondence. After discussion, Bonn moved, Persha seconded, to accept the revised policies and procedures for meeting agenda, public participation, posting and board correspondence. Motion carried.

**REPORTS** – Reports from Infrastructure Alternatives and the Assessor were received. Blumm reported on the fire board meeting and a fire on Township property.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS** – Several citizens commented.

**AJOURNMENT** – Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, the meeting adjourn at 9:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Charter Township of Lowell

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Paula Blumm, Supervisor