

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2005**

Present: Timpson, Regan, Stougaard, Blough, Bonn, Den Houter, Huver  
Absent: None

The meeting was called to order in the Township Hall by the Supervisor, John Timpson, at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** – Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**MINUTES** – Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 21, 2005 be approved. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Regan moved, Bonn seconded, the Treasurer’s report be accepted. Motion carried.

**BILLS** – Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, the special bills be paid:

City of Lowell	Wtr, Swr	\$14,035.74
City of Lowell	Swr Admin	\$1,043.27
Main Street Planning	Planning	\$2,323.79
Luscious Landscapes	Lawn Maint	\$1,950.00
US Bank Corp	Bond Pymt	\$42,357.50
Infrastructure Alt	Wtr & Swr	\$2,655.98
V Tec Engineering	Eng Svcs	\$655.00

Motion carried.

Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$16,642.41, Sewer Fund - \$8,337.53, Water Fund - \$53,455.79; Check Nos. 15466-15509; Payroll Nos. 7369-7399. Motion carried.

**REZONING – PP# 41-20-34-300-016** – Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Secretary, was present to talk to the Board about the Planning Commission’s recommendation to rezone 10 acres of property at 5960 Alden Nash SE from AG1 to Light Industrial. The property is located on the east side of Alden Nash near 60<sup>th</sup> Street and is not master planned to be Light Industrial, but the property to the west is. The Planning Commission recommended to the Board to approve rezoning of the property to Light Industrial. Any use of the property would have to be approved through a special use permit. After discussion, Huver moved, Blough seconded, the Board approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation and rezone Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-34-300-016 from Prime Agriculture (AG1) to Light Industrial; ayes – Bonn, Stougaard, Timpson, Huver, Den Houter, Regan, Blough; nays- none; motion carried.

**LAND CONSERVANCY REQUEST** – The Land Conservancy of West Michigan has applied for a special use permit to establish the Bradford White Nature Preserve on property located between Alden Nash and 36<sup>th</sup> Street. They are a nonprofit

conservation organization and are requesting that the \$150 fee be waived. Bonn moved, Blough seconded, the Conservancy pay the fee for the special use permit application. Motion carried.

**LETTER TO ROBERT GROOTERS** - The Supervisor would like to send a letter to Robert Grooters requesting he apply to rezone the Light Industrial land he owns near I96 to Industrial PUD. After discussion, Timpson moved, Stougaard seconded, the reference to Ag-2 be deleted and the letter be sent to the attorney to be reviewed before sending it to Mr. Grooters. Motion carried.

**JOINT MEETING** - The Board and the Planning Commission would like to have a joint workshop meeting. It is being scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2005. The Township Board will not have a workshop meeting on Monday, May 2, 2005.

**PARK** - Members of the Lowell High School Crew team were present. The Board discussed purchasing dock sections for the Park. The Crew team would like the dock to be at least 7.5' x 40' (16 sections). Two cost estimates were given by Camp and Cruise, \$7,332 for 16 sections, and \$11,392 for 24 sections. There is approximately \$2,000 left from the Englehardt grant to be used for the docks. There was discussion about the size of the dock. Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, the Township buy 24 sections of dock for the Park. Motion carried. Stougaard stated that she would like to see an annual commitment from the Crew team. The team will pay \$600 per season to use the docks.

**REPORTS** - Sandy Graham, Alto Library, submitted a written report. Blough reported for the Planning Commission. The Supervisor read a declaration for Chemical Awareness Week - May 1-7, 2005. Huver moved, Blough seconded, Timpson sign the declaration. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS** - Paula Blumm commented on the letter to Mr. Grooters. Scott Bohr commented on safety and noise issues concerning the sand mining on the Timpson property on Segwun.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Huver moved, Bonn seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Charter Township of Lowell

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John R. Timpson, Supervisor