

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2004**

Present: Timpson, Fletcher, R. Huver, J. Huver, Blough, Blumm, Regan
Absent: None

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

AGENDA APPROVAL – Fletcher moved, J. Huver seconded, the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Blumm moved, Blough seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2004 be accepted. Motion carried.

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

BILLS – R. Huver moved, Blumm seconded, the special bills be paid as follows:

City of Lowell	Fire, Rescue	\$1,309.00
City of Lowell	Wtr, Swr	\$18,020.12
Infrastructure Alt	Wtr & Swr Op	\$1,440.00
Luscious Landscapes	Contract	\$3,265.00
Mark Brodien	Construction	\$2,000.00
Vtec Engineering	Engineering	\$1,955.20
Kent County Road	Park	\$2,941.20
BS&A	Assessing	\$600.00
Main Street Planning	Planning	\$880.40
O.E. Bieri	Park	\$5,445.00
Plante & Moran	Auditor	\$4,100.00
McNally	Elevator	\$585.13
SOS Office	Supplies	\$583.05

Motion carried.

Blough moved, Fletcher seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$37,434.08, Sewer Fund - \$6,598.01, Water Fund - \$15,361.73; Check Nos. 15080-15142; Payroll Nos. 7169-7196. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – The Clerk submitted the financial statement for the first quarter.

PROPOSAL – MAINSTREET PLANNING – Tim Johnson, MainStreet Planning submitted a proposal to work at the Township office one day per week for three hours to provide planning and zoning services. He will charge the Township for the hours he works plus mileage and drive time. He will waive the retainer fee we are currently paying. Blumm moved, Regan seconded, the proposal from MainStreet Planning to work one morning per week be accepted. Motion carried.

HOPE NETWORK CONTRACT – Regan moved, Fletcher seconded, the contract for Hope Network be renewed for the 2004/2005 year for \$3,000. Motion carried.

TRAILS – Rob Corbett was present to talk about North Country Trails and the Lowell Area Recreation Authority and their collaboration to raise funds through the creation of a joint development coordinator position. A letter of support has been written to be submitted with their application for funding of this position to the Grand Rapids Foundation. Blumm moved, Fletcher seconded, the Supervisor be instructed to sign the letter of support for the North Country Trails and Lowell Area Recreation Authority for collaborated fundraising. Motion carried. North Country Trails is continuing to communicate with the railroad to try to obtain property in Lowell Township. Blumm reported that the final draft of the joint agreement of the Lowell Area Recreation Authority will be available for approval at the next meeting.

PARK – A proposal between the Township and Lowell schools has been written by the Township attorney for use of the park by the Lowell High School crew team. They would like to install temporary floating docks at the Park. More information is needed; site plan, DEQ permission, fees, hours of use, before a decision can be made. Blumm moved, Fletcher seconded, the proposed agreement be tabled. Motion carried.

REPORTS – Written reports were submitted from the Alto Library and the Assessor.

OTHER – There will be a Park Committee meeting on August 30, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Park.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – No citizens' comments.

ADJOURNMENT – Fletcher moved, J. Huver seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor