

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 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 6:58 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Timpson moved, Blough seconded, the minutes of June 20, 2005 be removed from the table. Motion carried. Stougaard moved, Den Houter seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2005 be approved. Motion carried. Stougaard moved, Regan seconded, the motion in the minutes of June 20, 2005 for paving 36th Street, “The road construction begin in 2006/2007 after review of the budget in February 2006”, be reconsidered. Motion carried. The motion was back on the floor for a roll call vote; ayes, Blough, Timpson, Huver; nays – Bonn, Stougaard, Den Houter, Regan. Motion was defeated. Huver moved, Bonn seconded, the wellhead resolution be brought to the workshop meeting and the regular meeting for a vote in September. Motion carried. Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2005 be approved. Motion carried.

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

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

City of Lowell	Wtr,Swr,Fire,Res	\$36,285.12
AGI	Computer Maint	\$519.79
Main Street Planning	Planning	\$1,818.23
Luscious Landscapes	Lawn Maint	\$2,612.50
Infrastructure Alt	Wtr & Swr	\$2,304.70
Plante & Moran	Auditor	\$5,300.00
Mika, Meyers	Attorney	\$2,046.70
O.E.Bieri	Park	\$13,560.00
Vtec Engineering	Engineering	\$2,385.00

Also wire transfer of bond payment for \$6,803.75.

Motion carried.

Stougaard moved, Regan seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$41,818.49, Sewer Fund - \$10,224.44, Water Fund - \$34,691.70; Check Nos. 15641-15677; Payroll Nos. 7485-7514. Motion carried.

WHISPERING HILLS PHASE IV – Ron Devries was present to answer questions about Phase IV of the Whispering Hills development. There will be 27 lots in this phase. There were questions about streetlights and road frontage requirements. These have already been addressed on the plan. This plan will come back to the Board for final

approval after it is approved by the County. Regan moved, Bonn seconded, preliminary approval of Phase IV of the Whispering Hills development be given. Motion carried.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS – FRANCHISE AGREEMENT RENEWAL – The franchise agreement with Charter Communications expired in July of 2005. The agreement would renew the contract for another fifteen years. Regan moved, Den Houter seconded, the contract be renewed. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - Timpson would like to hire Joe Daller for the position of Ordinance Enforcement Officer. The Board met him at the August 1, 2005 workshop meeting. Resolution 01-0806 establishes the position as an employee of the Township. There was discussion about the number of hours that he would work. The Board would like to see him working a set schedule averaging 12 hours per week. Timpson moved, Regan seconded, the Township hire Joe Daller as Ordinance Enforcement Officer to work at least 12 hours per week. Motion carried.

PARK – Mark Fryling was present to answer questions for the crew team. Regan asked why a chain link structure was put up to house the crew boats without the Board's knowledge. There were also questions about their usage of the docks. They have not paid fees for the summer. He stated that they only have a spring program and are not using the docks during the remainder of the year. They were concerned about liability if someone got hurt on the boat trailers. The Board discussed some of the options; removing it, leaving the fence and having the crew team landscape around it, or charging them a fee for storing the boats. Timpson suggested meeting with the leaders of the crew team to discuss the options and to develop a policy for the crew team. This will be brought back to the next meeting.

REPORTS – Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission secretary, was present to report for the Planning Commission.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Paula Blumm commented that if the crew team is using public space to store boats then they should be charged rent.

AJOURNMENT – Timpson moved, Bonn seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor