

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2004**

Present: Timpson, Fletcher, R. Huver, Blough, Blumm, Regan  
Absent: J. Huver

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL** – Fletcher moved, Blough seconded, the agenda be approved.

**MINUTES** – R. Huver moved, Blumm seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2004 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – There is no Treasurer’s report. It will be submitted at a later date.

**BILLS** – Fletcher moved, Blough seconded, the special bills be paid as follows:

City of Lowell	Water & Sewer	\$13,117.80
City of Lowell	Fire & Rescue, Swr	\$2,235.24
Laser’s Resource	Printer	\$999.00
Fifth Third Bank	Bond Pymt	\$59,366.25
Lowell Ledger	Advertising	\$1,726.15
MainStreet Planning	Services	\$2,068.62
Moore & Bruggink	Reliability Study	\$1,705.93
V-Tec Engineering	Engineer	\$2,125.00

Motion carried.

Blumm moved, R. Huver seconded, the current bills be paid; General Fund - \$19,263.83, Sewer Fund - \$17,454.44, and Water Fund \$60,037.86; Check Nos. 14781-14821 and Payroll Nos. 7012-7039. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2004-02 – WATER SERVICE CHARGES** - The water service charges for connection and front footage fees have not been increased since they went into effect in 1994. At this time, Infrastructure Alternatives recommends that the water connection fee be raised from \$1,000 to \$2,000. They also recommended the front footage fee be raised from \$35.00/foot to \$50.00/foot. These changes will not go into effect until July 1, 2004 so that any projects in progress have the chance to pay at the current rate. Blumm moved, Fletcher seconded, Resolution 2004-02 establishing water service system charges be adopted. Ayes – R. Huver, Blumm, Regan, Blough, Fletcher, Timpson; nays- none; absent – J. Huver. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2004-03 – ESTABLISH POVERTY EXEMPTIONS** – Blumm moved, Timpson seconded, Resolution 2004-03 be adopted to establish Board of Review guidelines for poverty exemptions. Ayes – Blumm, Regan, Blough, Fletcher, Timpson, R. Huver; nays – none; absent – J. Huver. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS – NORTH KENT TRANSIT SYSTEM** – Funding for the 2003/2004 year for Hope Network/North Kent Transit Service is \$3,000. As of January 31<sup>st</sup> Township riders have used \$2,624. The Township will have to increase the amount allocated to continue the service through June. Fletcher moved, Regan seconded, \$1,500 be provided from Community Development Funds to take us to June 30, 2004 and the Board investigate funding for the group home and the retirement home for their transportation needs. Motion carried.

**PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS APPLICATIONS** – Two applications for the Purchase of Development rights were received. The PDR committee reviewed both applications and recommended that the application for Joseph Merriman, 5214 Bancroft Avenue, be approved for all of the nominated 67 acres except the approximately 14 acres master planned for light industrial. Blough moved the application for Joseph Merriman be approved with the removal of the land master planned for light industrial, Blumm supported, stating that by approving the application the Township is not committing to any financial liability to purchase development rights. Motion carried. The application for Robert Pitt, 5453 Morse Lake, does not qualify because there are only 14.3 nominated acres and that is not enough to qualify. Blumm moved, Blough seconded, the application for Robert Pitt be denied based on the recommendation of the PDR committee. Motion carried.

**INTERNET PROVIDER** – Betsy Davidson, Addorio Global Innovation, researched the cost of connecting to high speed internet at the Township. There were questions about the costs that need to be answered by Betsy. Blumm moved, Blough seconded, the Board approve connecting to high speed internet service after checking the numbers again with Betsy. Motion carried.

**REPORTS** – Jerry Denning, Ordinance Enforcement Officer, submitted a written report. Carlton Blough reported for the Planning Commission.

**OTHER** – Tom Tschannen, Fuller Septic Service, 2051 Bowes Road, talked to the Board about using the sewer line in Bowes Road. He would use the City's capacity at the Sewer Treatment Plant. After discussion, the Board will not make a decision without talking to the Township Engineer and the City of Lowell. Mr. Tschannen will bring a check for \$2,000 to be placed in escrow to pay for consultation with the Engineer.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Fletcher moved, Blough seconded, the meeting adjourn at 9:00 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