

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2006**

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

PUBLIC HEARING- BUDGET – Supervisor Timpson opened the public hearing for the budget for 2006/2007. P. Blumm, Park Committee Chairman, requested consideration for extra funds for the park. Huver asked about roads. A citizen asked about planning and zoning costs. Huver moved, Stougaard seconded, the public hearing close at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2006 be accepted. Motion carried. Bonn moved, Blough seconded, the minutes of the special meeting of January 23, 2006 be accepted. Motion carried. Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, the minutes of the special meeting of February 7, 2006 be accepted. Motion carried.

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

BILLS – Huver moved, Stougaard seconded, the special bills to include the wire transfer be paid:

Bank of New York (Wire) Bond Pymt	\$56,803.75
City of Lowell Wtr, Swr, Fr, Res	\$19,743.70
KCI Postage	\$611.60
Infrastructure Altern Water/Sewer	\$8,534.02
Luscious Landscapes Park Maint	\$900.00
MainStreet Planning Svs Planning	\$6,986.46
Mika, Meyers Attorney	\$3,825.50

Motion carried.

Blough moved, Bonn seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$28,846.63, Sewer Fund - \$27,764.29, Water Fund - \$54,459.54; Check Nos. 15907-15945; Payroll Nos. 7677-7705. Motion carried.

BUDGET 2006/2007 – The proposed budget for 2006/2006 has estimated revenues of \$576,980 and estimated expenditures of \$565,985 with \$10,995 not committed. There have been requests for funding from the Lowell Historical Museum. Rockford Ambulance, and Bowne Township’s fire department. After discussion, Regan moved, Bonn seconded, the budget be approved with \$8,495 to be put in General Government to be considered for use in the upcoming year and \$2,500 be given to the Lowell Historical Museum and ask that they come back to the Board again next year. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2006 - LOT LINES, ROAD FRONTAGE, CUL-DE-SACS, ETC – Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chairman, was present to answer questions about the Ordinance. Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, Ordinance No. 01-2006 be adopted; ayes – Stougaard, Timpson, Huver, Den Houter, Regan, Blough, Bonn; nays – none. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2006 – AMENDMENTS TO 6.6.2 THROUGH 6.7.3 – Mr. Simmonds gave an overview of the ordinance amendment to the Board. Huver moved, Den Houter seconded, Ordinance No. 02-2006 be accepted; ayes – Timpson, Huver, Den Houter, Regan, Blough, Bonn, Stougaard; nays – none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-02 - WRITE OFF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES – The Treasurer submitted a resolution with a list of personal property tax parcels to be considered to write off as uncollectable. Bonn moved, Regan seconded, Resolution No. 2006-02 be accepted; ayes - Huver, Den Houter, Regan, Blough, Bonn, Stougaard, Timpson; nays- none. Motion carried.

GYPSY MOTH – A contract from Mid-Michigan Helicopters was submitted for approval to spray for gypsy moths in the spring. The cost of spraying will be \$23,100. Timpson moved, Huver seconded, he sign the contract. Motion carried.

PARK – Paula Blumm, Park Committee Chairman, was present to show the Board the landscape plan that was developed by Twin Lakes Nursery. She would like to write a grant proposal to the Lowell Area Community Fund for \$45,000 to begin the first phase of the plan. She would like to include the Lowell Historical Museum in the grant proposal to work on a joint project for the exercise stations. She will come back to the Board for approval of the grant proposal. She will contact the DEQ to review the plan before any work begins. There will also be programs to sponsor benches and other improvements in the park. There will be a party at the park on August 12.

REPORTS – Den Houter reported for the Planning Commission.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – One citizen commented.

AJOURNMENT – Den Houter moved, Stougaard seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor