

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 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, Regan seconded, the agenda be approved.
Motion carried.

MINUTES – Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2004 be approved. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer submitted a written report. Regan moved, Den Houter seconded, the report be accepted. Motion carried.

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

City of Lowell	Wtr, Swr	\$11,569.84
City of Lowell	Fire, Rescue, Swr	\$6,884.28
Main Street Planning	Planning	\$5,887.95
AGI	Computer	\$1,450.00
Infrastructure Alt	Wtr	\$562.01
MiMunLeague	Insurance	\$8,724.00

Motion carried.

Stougaard moved, Regan seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$30,861.05, Sewer Fund - \$10,362.87, Water Fund - \$7,490.17; Check Nos. 15331-15372; Payroll Nos. 7292-7317. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – BUDGET UPDATE – The Clerk submitted the financial report showing receipts, expenditures and transfers for the third quarter. The budget for the third quarter was also presented. Amendments were made to revenues for the Englehart grant for \$12,815 and to expenditures for roads, recreation, and planning and zoning for \$12,815. Timpson moved, Stougaard seconded, the budget report be accepted. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2005-01 – MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATE – Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, Resolution No. 2005-01, A Resolution Authorizing An Alternative Starting Date For The March Board Of Review be adopted; ayes - Stougaard, Timpson, Huver, Den Houter, Regan, Blough, Bonn; nays - none; motion carried.

MEETING DATES – Regan moved, Bonn seconded, the meeting dates for the 2005 year for the Township Board, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals be approved. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS – Timpson recommended re-appointments for William Thompson and Tim Clements to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three years terms and for Dennis Sanford to the Planning Commission for a three year term. Huver moved, Blough seconded, Thompson, Clements and Sanford be reappointed. Motion carried.

BUDGET – PROPOSED 2005/2006 – The proposed budget for 2005/2006 was discussed. Proposed revenues and estimated expenditures are \$542,000. Stougaard moved, Den Houter seconded, the proposed budget be accepted. Motion carried. The public hearing date will be set for February 22, 2005.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS – Lowell Township currently has \$23,113 in unprogrammed funds from the community development department. Sidewalks and the North Kent Transit service were discussed. Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, to let the amount ride for a year. Motion carried.

PARK – LAWN MAINTENANCE – Luscious Landscapes submitted a proposal to continue lawn service for the Township Hall and cemeteries for the same cost as last year - \$7,275. Timpson recommended that we keep them another year. Bonn moved, Blough seconded, the Board accept the quote for lawn maintenance. Motion carried. Fees for the crew team were discussed. Huver wants the dates for the recreation committee meetings added to the meeting list. They will meet whenever there is a fifth Monday in a month.

REPORTS – Blough reported on the Planning Commission. Written reports were submitted from the Alto Librarian and Assessor. Huver reported on a Road Commission meeting he attended with the Trustees.

OTHER - A letter was submitted from Plante & Moran to extend the audit contract for an additional year for a cost of \$13,500. Regan moved, Den Houter seconded, the contract be extended for another year. Motion carried. 425 agreements were discussed.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Paula Blumm commented on 425 agreements and encouraged communication with the surrounding governments.

ADJOURNMENT – Regan moved, Bonn seconded, the meeting adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor