

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2003**

Present: Timpson, Fletcher, Blough, J. Huver, R. Huver, 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 – Blough moved, J. Huver seconded, the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

WHISPERING HILLS PLAT – Zach Voogt from Moore & Bruggink was present to request plat approval for Phase II of the Whispering Hills Plat. The only change to the original plan was where the road comes into Cumberland Avenue. It has been moved 15 feet to the north. The Planning Commission gave preliminary approval on September 9, 2002. Blumm moved, Fletcher seconded, Phase II of the Whispering Hills Plat be approved as presented with the conditions the Planning Commission put on it. Motion carried.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT – LAND EXCHANGE – Zach Voogt, representing T & M Partners, LLC, presented a proposal to swap land the Township owns next to their property. The exchange would modify the property line along a ravine. After discussion, Blumm stated that she would like to look at the property before making a decision. Mr. Voogt left the information for the Board to review.

MINUTES – Blumm moved, Blough seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2003 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

City of Lowell	Water & Sewer	\$15,716.20
Mi Townships Assoc	2003/2004 Dues	\$2,521.43
Vickie VanderLugt	Assessing	\$3,344.00
Dixon Engineering	Wtr Tower Inspection	\$2,054.25
City of Lowell	Fire, Rescue, Swr	\$3,801.78
State of MI	Unemployment	\$4,209.41
Laura Stob	Assessing	\$4,510.00
Digital Image	Cemetery Signs	\$525.00
Luscious Landscapes	Mowing	\$3,212.00
Rhoades, McKee	Attorney	\$3,202.49
Plante & Moran	Auditor	\$5,925.00
Infrastructure	Wtr & Swr	\$7,763.13

Motion carried.

J. Huver moved, Blumm seconded, the current bills be paid; General Fund - \$42,421.09; Sewer Fund - \$8,431.16 and Water Fund \$20,218.12; Check Nos. 14463-14515 and Payroll Nos. 6825-6848. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – FIRST QUARTER – The Clerk presented the financial report for the first quarter of the fiscal year. Blumm moved, Fletcher seconded, the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

LIGHTING ORDINANCE – The lighting committee was present to talk about the Outdoor Lighting Requirements and Restrictions Ordinance they have been working on. Blumm moved, Blough seconded, the proposed Lighting Ordinance be sent to the Attorney for comment and then sent back to the Planning Commission for a public hearing. Motion carried.

PARK – FINAL APPROVAL – The building inspector has a list of issues with the project at the Township Park that need to be corrected before final approval can be given. A meeting will be set between the contractor, engineer, building inspector and the Township to go over what will be done to correct the problems in the next week.

PLANTE & MORAN – A letter agreement to complete the work needed to bring the Township into compliance with GASB 34 was presented by Plante & Moran. They will complete the work for an estimated cost of \$3,000 to \$5,000. Fletcher moved, Blumm seconded, the Township hire Plante & Moran to bring us into compliance with GASB 34 for a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE – TRANSFER – Fletcher moved, Regan seconded, the resolution to transfer ownership of the Resort License for 13955 Cascade Road from Deer Run Golf Club, Limited Partnership, to G & L Golf, LLC be approved, ayes: J. Huver, Timpson, R. Huver, Blumm, Regan, Blough, Fletcher; nays: none. Motion carried.

VICTORIAN OAKS – Timpson recommended that the Victorian Oaks Development be allowed to use an 8 inch water pipe instead of the 12 inch that was previously planned for. The DEQ would have to approve the change. There was discussion concerning the Water and Sewer Ordinances. Blumm moved, Timpson seconded, the Ordinances be sent to Attorney Reinsma to be updated. Motion carried.

REPORTS – Blough reported for the Planning Commission. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on July 28th to discuss future development of the M21 corridor and the Township Board is invited to attend. There is a meeting in Lansing about the purchasing of development rights in August. Blough cannot attend and would like to send Herb VanderBilt in his place. Blumm moved, Blough seconded, Mr. VanderBilt be allowed to attend the meeting. Motion carried. Blough also reported on the meeting he attended with the School to talk about cable television.

OTHER – Mike Langdon sent a request to rent the Township Hall to start a church. After discussion it was decided that the Township would not change the rental agreement rules. They would be allowed to rent the hall four times a year as allowed in the rules previously established by the Board.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – Gladys Fletcher asked about the Concord Grove Farm.

ADJOURNMENT – J. Huver moved, R. Huver seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor