

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2004**

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

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

AGENDA APPROVAL – Fletcher moved, J. Huver seconded, the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

MINUTES – R. Huver moved, Blumm seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 21, 2004 be accepted as printed. Motion carried. (Blough arrived)

TREASURER’S REPORT – Fletcher moved, R. Huver seconded, the Treasurer’s report be accepted. Motion carried.

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

City of Lowell	Fire, Rescue	\$1,626.38
City of Lowell	Wtr, Swr,	\$15,155.94
Infrastructure Alt	Wtr & Swr Op	\$5,757.25
Luscious Landscapes	Contract	\$2,090.00
Jorje Villa	Refund	\$691.72
Vtec Engineering	Engineering	\$2,212.50
Kent County Treas	BOR	\$2,086.70
Etna Supply	Meters	\$1,312.00
Main Street Planning	Planning	\$910.77
Mika, Meyers	Attorney	\$627.30
Plante & Moran	Auditor	\$9,480.00
Tim Forrell	Escrow & Fee	\$2,250.00
Venture Products	Twp Park	\$5,452.55

Motion carried.

Blumm moved, Blough seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$38,334.36, Sewer Fund - \$8,928.13, Water Fund - \$15,911.16; Check Nos. 15035-15079; Payroll Nos. 7144-7168. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – BUDGET UPDATE – The Clerk presented the current budget for the first quarter of 2004/2005. Current revenues are \$112,223.41 and expenditures are \$111,091.77. Blumm moved, Blough seconded, the budget be amended to add \$20,630 for revenue received for the Metro Act and the money be allocated for expenditures for road improvements. Motion carried.

REAPPOINTMENTS – PLANNING COMMISSION – Fletcher moved, R. Huver seconded, John Cornish and Mark Batchelor be re-appointed to the Planning Commission for three year terms. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2004 – ADULT ENTERTAINMENT – Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission secretary, was present to talk about the Adult Entertainment Ordinance. The Planning Commission, at their June 14, 2004 meeting, recommended that the Township Board adopt the Adult Entertainment Ordinance. Blumm moved, Fletcher seconded, to adopt the Adult Entertainment Ordinance No. 05-2004 as recommended by the Planning Commission; ayes – Blumm, Regan, Blough, Fletcher, J. Huver, Timpson, R. Huver; nays – none; absent – none. Motion carried.

HOPE NETWORK CONTRACT – Funding allocated for the 2003/2004 year has run out and there is an invoice for \$576.00 that has not been paid. Timpson moved, J. Huver seconded, the contract be amended to allocate a total of \$5,000 for Hope Network for the 2003/2004 year. Motion carried.

COMPUTER – The assessor’s assistant needs a new computer. A quote was obtained to replace her computer with a Dell 4600 for the cost of \$773.10. Timpson moved, Regan seconded, the computer be replaced. Motion carried.

PARK – The gravel parking lot is complete and has spaces for approximately 40 cars. The floors have been refinished and the Supervisor will pay the remainder of the Fleis and VandenBrink bill after deducting the bill for the floors. We still need as built prints for the Park. Blough talked about taking soil samples to determine how the Park should be fertilized.

COMMERCIAL ORDINANCE – Timpson was concerned about the new setbacks for the Commercial Ordinance. The floodplain is high on the south side of M21. Dave Simmonds explained the rationale for the setbacks.

REPORTS – No reports were submitted.

OTHER – The Supervisor received two quotes to put shelves in the storage rooms at the Township Hall. Deter Home Remodeling quoted a cost of \$4,824.00 and Brodien Remodeling quoted a cost of \$4,322.00. Fletcher moved, R. Huver seconded, the Township hire Bodien to put shelving in the storage rooms. Motion carried.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS – Mark Fryling and Missy Harrison were present to ask the Board to consider allowing them to put in floating docks at the Township Park for their crew team to use. Questions about liability will have to be answered before any decision will be made.

Rick Owen, 2774 Bewell, talked to the Board about the difficulty he is having finding a place to store his RV on his property.

Charles Miller, Fulton Street, asked about the possibility of getting help to have signs put up on the entrances to the City and Township to prevent trucks from using their engine brakes.

GM Ross, 10561 36th Street, commented on the candidate brochures he found in the Township lobby.

Dennis Sanford, Planning Commission, talked about the lighting violations at Classic Car Co. and Harold Zeigler Ford, and about Dykema Excavating processing gravel in a residential area without a special use permit.

Gerald Persha, Grand River, commented on the Ordinance Enforcement Officer and offered to loan the Township a light meter and help train someone to use it.

ADJOURNMENT – R. Huver moved, Blumm seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor