

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2004**

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

MINUTES – Fletcher moved, R. Huver seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2004 be approved. Motion carried. Blumm moved, Blough seconded, the minutes of the special meeting of March 4, 2004 be approved with a spelling correction. Motion carried.

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

BILLS – R. Huver moved, Fletcher seconded, the special bills, including the fire bill from Bowne Township for \$23,049.91, be paid as follows:

City of Lowell	Water & Sewer	\$14,738.44
City of Lowell	Fire & Rescue	\$20,582.90
Infrastructure Alt	Wtr & Swr Op	\$2,781.29
Kent Cty Treas	Fire & PTAS	\$10,253.98
Lowell Twp	Loan Repaymt	\$25,000.00
Lowell Twp Wtr	Hydrant Fees	\$10,000.00
Miller Canfield	Bonds	\$5,500.00
Main Street Planning	Planning	\$544.17
Rhoades, McKee	Attorney	\$937.50
SOS Office	Supplies	\$608.90

Motion carried.

Blumm moved, Blough seconded, the current bills be paid; General Fund - \$54,840.42, Sewer Fund - \$7,313.65, and Water Fund \$43,318.06; Check Nos. 14822-14870 and Payroll Nos. 7040-7067. Motion carried.

MOWING BIDS – Three bids were received - Luscious Landscapes, Clean Cut Lawn Care, and D & S Quality Lawn Care and Snow Plowing. Supervisor Timpson turned the meeting over to Trustee Huver due to a conflict of interest. R. Huver recommended the bid be awarded to Luscious Landscapes with the bid of \$7,275.00 for the Hall and Cemeteries, \$370.00 per mowing for the Park, \$975.00 per fertilization of the Park and \$25.00 per cleaning of the restrooms. There was discussion about fertilizer and the differences in the way the jobs were bid. R. Huver moved, Blumm seconded, the bid be awarded to Luscious Landscapes. Motion carried.

LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Frank Martin was present to discuss the letter written to the Board requesting funds for equipment purchased with \$76,700 in grant money from FEMA. Lowell Township, Vergennes Township and the City of Lowell

must pay a total of 10% in matching funds. Our share of this amount would be \$2,557. Blumm asked that the fire department let the Township know about any grant requiring matching funds before the grant application is submitted. Blumm moved, Fletcher seconded, the request for matching money be approved. Motion carried. The money will be spent for an exhaust emissions removal system for the truck bays, six self-contained breathing apparatus and a laptop computer. Chief Martin also requested a letter of support for a grant application for \$100,000 from the Lowell Area Community Fund toward a new fire truck. The bid for the new truck is \$285,000. The County will pay \$166,000 to \$168,000 toward the new truck. Trustee Blumm will compose a letter of support from the Board to be signed by the Supervisor.

MAINSTREET PLANNING PROPOSAL – The Planning Commission requested an estimate of cost from MainStreet Planning to assist them with a list of projects for 2004. Tim Johnson responded with a letter listing the scope of work and a not to exceed cost of \$3,500. R. Huver moved, Fletcher seconded, the bid from MainStreet Planning be accepted with a not to exceed cost of \$3,500. Motion carried. There was also a proposal to work on a Subdivision Ordinance for a not to exceed cost of \$1,000. Blough would like to go to the Planning Commission to see if they would like to work on this before the Board approves the expenditure.

FULLER SEPTIC REQUEST – A letter of response from Infrastructure Alternatives was presented concerning the request from Tom Tschannen to use the forcemain on Bowes Road to dispose of pretreated septage. Infrastructure recommends denying this request for several reasons. Blumm moved, Blough seconded, to accept the recommendation of Infrastructure Alternatives to deny the request from Fuller Septic to connect to the Township's forcemain. Motion carried.

REPORTS – Gary Postma from the PDR committee was present to thank the Board for the resolution in support of Purchase of Development Rights. He also submitted a written report. The Assessor, Ordinance Enforcement Officer, and Alto Librarian submitted written reports.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – There were no citizens' comments.

ADJOURNMENT – J. Huver moved, Fletcher seconded, the meeting adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor