

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2007**

Present: Blumm, Regan, Stougaard, Blough, Bonn
Absent: Thompson

Supervisor Paula Blumm called the meeting to order in the Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Blough asked to add Timpson Transport/Timpson Orchards under 15a. Blough moved, Bonn seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Bonn moved, Stougaard seconded, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2007. Motion carried. Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, to accept the minutes of the special meeting of March 5, 2007. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – No Treasurer’s report.

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

Bowne Township	Fire	\$10,583.30
City of Lowell	Fire,Res,Wtr,Swr	\$35,842.22
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$4,097.00
Lowell Twp	Hydrant Fees	\$10,000.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$3,088.23
Mika, Meyers, Beckett	Attorney	\$9,250.18

Motion carried.

Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$66,882.94, Sewer Fund - \$10,436.93, Water Fund - \$9,440.42; Check Nos. 16547-16587; Payroll Nos. 8022-8045. Motion carried.

WATER LOAN PAYOFF – The Water Fund owes \$51,887.92 to the General Fund for a loan for the purchase of the west side pump station. The auditors suggested last fall that the loan be paid off. Stougaard moved, Regan seconded, the loan be repaid. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS – There are several amendments to the current budget. Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, to accept the budget amendments.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT – There were two applications for Trustee to fill the position left vacant by Richard Huver. Blumm recommended Gerald Persha. He ran for Trustee in 2004 and has served on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, Gerald Persha be appointed to fill the Trustee position. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-01 – Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chairman, was present to talk to the Board about the proposed ordinance amendment to allow marketing of agricultural products. Bonn moved, Stougaard seconded, to table draft four of the amendment for the sale of farm products. Motion carried.

MCI ORDINANCE - FIRST READING – The proposed ordinance amendment is to correct the original ordinance to allow the Township to recover costs. A companion ordinance will go to the Planning Commission for review. Both will come back to the Board for adoption.

BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE – FIRST READING – This is a replacement for the current ordinance which is outdated. This ordinance will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

WEGE PROPOSAL – Blumm attended a meeting with the School, Vergennes Township, Lowell City and the YMCA to hear a presentation about donation of land that Mr. Peter Wege is proposing for recreational purposes. More information will follow.

EATERN TOWNSHIPS PHOTO SHOW – The eastern townships are having a photo contest/show. Applications are available at the Township.

CPR TRAINING – Training has been scheduled for March 27th in the evening. A time has not been set yet.

TIMPSON TRANSPORT/TIMPSON ORCHARDS – Blumm updated the Board on the status of the letter written to Timpson Transport notifying them that they are in violation of the zoning ordinance.

REPORTS – No reports.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – There were several citizens' comments.
John Timpson submitted a proposal to purchase Township land.

AJOURNMENT – Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:51 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Paula Blumm, Supervisor