

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2005**

Present: Timpson, Regan, Stougaard, Blough, Bonn, Huver
Absent: Den Houter

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

AGENDA APPROVAL – Regan moved, Bonn seconded, the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES – R. Huver moved, Stougaard seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 18, 2005 be approved. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer submitted written reports including investments and maturity schedules. Stougaard also asked to be able to submit a request to the schools for a fee increase to collect summer property taxes. The current amount for the Lowell and Caledonia schools is \$1.90 per parcel and this would be increased to \$2.50. The Township has only been collecting \$1.50 and the increase would offset the amount lost in previous years. Grand Rapids Community College and Kent Intermediate School District would be \$.35 per parcel. Regan moved, Blough seconded, the Treasure send request letters to the schools to increase the fee for summer tax collection. Motion carried.

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

City of Lowell	Wtr,Swr	\$18,144.39
City of Lowell	Rescue	\$891.00
Main Street Planning	Planning	\$3,132.11
Luscious Landscapes	Lawn Maint	\$2,610.00
Camp & Cruise	Dock - Park	\$11,588.20
Infrastructure Alt	Wtr & Swr	\$2,908.10
BS&A Software	Tax System	\$ 800.00
Mich Municipal Leag	2005 Premium	\$1,485.00
Mika Meyers	Attny	\$4,983.50
Motion carried.		

Stougaard moved, Regan seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$31,144.08, Sewer Fund - \$9,506.11, Water Fund - \$17,433.17; Check Nos. 15510-15555; Payroll Nos. 7400-7429. Motion carried.

YEAR END BUDGET UPDATE – The Clerk had a financial report for the fourth quarter along with the final budget for 2004/2005. Total revenue for the year was \$636,266.91 and expenditures were \$510,986.08. Timpson moved, Stougaard seconded, the final budget be accepted as give. Motion carried.

PAY INCREASE RECOMMENDATION - The Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor wrote a letter recommending pay increases be given with a list of wage recommendations attached. Bonn moved, Blough seconded, to accept the recommendation and increase wages beginning May 1, 2005. Motion carried. (List attached)

SEWER CONNECTION REQUEST - Jim Karris requested permission to connect future development of the south portion of parcel # 41-20-09-200-003 to the City of Lowell's sewer pump station instead of the sewer line in the front of the property on Fulton Street. Kent Trieweiller, Infrastructure Alternatives, reviewed the request and responded to the Township. He does not see a problem with the connection to the city with the understanding that they will still be a Township sewer customer and will be billed by the Township. The Big Boy restaurant and the front corner parcel will connect to the Township line on Fulton Street. He will lay the dry sewer line now with the understanding that the parcel being served will need to be rezoned and any site plan for the parcel will have to be approved through the Planning Commission. Timpson moved, Blough seconded, they be allowed to connect the south portion of the parcel to the city sewer pump station. Motion carried.

REPORTS – Sandy Graham, Alto Library, was present and submitted a written report. She reported that the Merriman Cemetery committee will have their annual meeting at the cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 29.

OTHER – Timpson talked about the rescue bill the Township received showing an average of nine responders to rescue calls. The Township only paid for four responders in the past. He will attend the fire meeting at the City on Tuesday, May 17 to discuss this with the fire chief. Huver talked about getting cemetery records on a computer program. There will be a park meeting on Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m..

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Keiser Downing, 11376 Foreman Farms Court, was present to complain about water damage to his home when the meter was changed. He needs to make an appointment with the Supervisor.

AJOURNMENT – Regan moved, Stougaard seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor