

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

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

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

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

MINUTES – Fletcher moved, Blough seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2004 be approved. Motion carried.

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

BILLS – Blumm moved, Regan seconded, the special bills be paid with the understanding that the engineering and legal bills specific to the rowing club be charged back to the rowing club:

City of Lowell	Wtr, Swr	\$15,929.00
City of Lowell	Fire, Rescue, Swr	\$2,522.68
Advanced Plumbing	Twp Park	\$540.00
FHC	Boiler Maint	\$523.22
Main Street Planning	Planning	\$2,623.10
Infrastructure	Wtr & Swr	\$2,320.00
MDEQ	Wtr Permits	\$977.19
MDEQ	Park Permit	\$500.00
US Postage	Tax Bills	\$618.00
V-Tec Engineering	Twp Park	\$2,973.80

Motion carried.

R. Huver moved, Blumm seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$22,992.54, Sewer Fund - \$7,905.45, Water Fund - \$13,891.91; Check Nos. 15223-15285; Payroll Nos. 7243-7267. Motion carried.

FIRE TRUCK – The City of Lowell is financing the amount of \$48,507 owed by the City, Vergennes Township and Lowell Township for the purchase of a new fire truck, and purchase and painting of the 1988 pumper truck from the County, at an interest rate of 3.1%. Lowell Township’s share is \$16,169 and will be paid with interest over the next three years with the first payment due December 2005. Timpson moved, R. Huver seconded, the amount be approved for payment. Motion carried.

LOWELL AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY AGREEMENT – There was discussion about future costs to the Township for the trails. Most of the maintenance will come from volunteer groups. The Township will contribute \$1,000 a year for the first five years. Blumm moved, Fletcher seconded, the Board adopt Resolution No. 2004-05 - A

Resolution Approving An Interlocal Agreement Between Lowell Charter Township, Vergennes Township and the City of Lowell; ayes – Blough, Fletcher, Timpson, R. Huver, Blumm, Regan; nays – none; absent – J. Huver. Motion carried.

Blumm moved, Blough seconded, the Board adopt Resolution No. 2004-07 – A Resolution of Instruction From The Charter Township Of Lowell To Its Representatives To The Lowell Area Recreation Authority; ayes – Fletcher, Timpson, Blumm, Regan, Blough; nays – R. Huver; absent – J. Huver. Motion carried.

Timpson moved, Blumm seconded, Leslie Stougaard, Al Halbeisen, and Betsy Davidson serve on the LARA Board representing Lowell Township. Motion carried.

PARK – The excavation of the pond at the Grand River Riverfront Park has not met the requirements of the MDEQ. There is an additional 3116 cubic yards of fill that must be taken off site. There is no cost estimate for this yet.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – A committee of Board members have been working on policies and procedures for the Township offices. Blumm moved, Fletcher seconded, the Employee Handbook, Administrative Procedures, and Purchasing Policy be adopted. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-06 POVERTY EXEMPTIONS – Timpson moved, Blumm seconded, Resolution No. 2004-06 - A Resolution To Establish Board Of Review Policies And Guidelines For Poverty Exemptions be adopted; ayes – Timpson, R. Huver, Blumm, Regan, Blough, Fletcher; nays – none; absent – J. Huver. Motion carried.

DOG KENNEL LICENSE – DIANE BLACK – Diane Black, 3030 Timpson Avenue, requested approval for a kennel license. Timpson tried to talk to the neighbors and did not find any of them home. He did talk to a neighbor next door who had no complaints. There was discussion about the number of dogs she would have. Timpson recommended approval of the license. Fletcher moved, Timpson seconded, the license be approved for 10 dogs. Motion carried.

REPORTS - Sandy Graham, Alto Librarian, submitted a written report.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – There were no citizens comments.

ADJOURNMENT – R. Huver moved, Blumm seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor