

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2005**

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

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

AGENDA APPROVAL – Huver moved to approve the agenda removing item number 9 – park landscaping proposals. Motion failed for lack of support. Regan moved, Bonn seconded, the agenda be approved as written. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Regan moved, Stougaard seconded, the minutes of the special meeting of October 3, 2005 be removed from the table. Motion carried. The minutes need to be corrected under park to read “and nos. 4 and 5 totaling \$5,105”. Huver moved, Bonn seconded, the minutes be approved with the correction. Motion carried. Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of October 17, 2005 be approved. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer would like to add Mercantile Bank to the list of approved depositories. We currently have CD’s with them through Edward Jones. They offer a good rate of interest. Huver would like to know more about their interest rates before approval is given. Huver moved, Regan seconded, the Treasurer’s report be accepted. Motion carried.

BILLS – Stougaard moved, Regan seconded, the special bills be paid:

City of Lowell	Wtr, Swr, Fire, Res	\$19,177.14
Dirt Cheap Excavating	Cem Maint	\$500.00
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer Oper	\$5,595.54
Kent County Road Com	Dustlayer	\$5,070.86
Luscious Landscapes	Lawn Maint	\$2,680.00
Main Street Planning	Planning	\$4,379.18
Mika, Meyers	Attorney	\$7,459.83
North Country Trail	Trail	\$3,500.00
O’Mara Plumbing	Park	\$540.00
Rieth-Riley	Park	\$22,680.00
Vtec Engineering	Engineering	\$526.00

Motion carried.

Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$56,860.73, Sewer Fund - \$10,141.39, Water Fund - \$18,160.81; Check Nos. 15769-15820; Payroll Nos. 7583-7611. Motion carried.

SECURITY PROPOSALS – Two proposals for a security system at the Township offices were submitted. Midstate Security bid \$1,572 for equipment and \$22.00 per month for monitoring. ADT bid \$1,852 to purchase the equipment and \$30.00 per month for monitoring, or \$1,204 to lease the equipment and \$35.00 per month for monitoring. Bonn moved, Stougaard seconded, the Board accept Midstate Security’s bid of \$1,572 and \$22.00/month. Motion carried.

PARK LANDSCAPING PROPOSALS – Huver moved the proposals for landscaping be tabled until we know where Riverside Park is and until we see the bid sheet. Motion

failed for lack of support. There were two proposals for developing a landscape plan for the Township Park. Twin Lakes Nursery bid \$1,980 and Rooks Landscaping bid \$3,450. Paula Blumm, Park Committee Chairman, was present to talk about the bids. She recommended Twin Lakes Nursery. Regan moved, Stougaard seconded, to accept the Park Committee Chairman's recommendation and approve the bid from Twin Lakes Nursery for \$1,980. Motion carried.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES – Advisory Committees were established in 2003. These were established to collect information and make recommendations. They consisted of at least two board members and citizens of the Township. Regan moved, Den Houter seconded, to re-establish the advisory committees – Infrastructure Committee, Policy and Procedures Committee, Cemetery Management Committee, Public Safety Committee, and Recreation Committee. Motion carried. Assignments to the committees will be discussed at the next workshop meeting.

REPORTS – Sandy Graham, Alto Librarian, and Joe Dollar, Ordinance Enforcement Officer, submitted written reports.

OTHER – Timpson was contacted by a company selling portable defibrillators who would like to sell the Township one for use at the Hall. Bonn spoke in favor of the purchase, but would like to check with our insurance company. Regan will contact the insurance company and will also get information about the cost of the defibrillator.

John Cornish has submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission effective November 30, 2005. Regan moved, Bonn seconded, Tim Clements be appointed to fill John Cornish's term on the Planning Commission which ends in July, 2007. Motion carried.

The MTA conference is in Grand Rapids in January 2006. Some of the Trustees are interested in attending. Anyone going needs to fill out the application and bring it back to the next meeting for approval.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – No comments.

AJOURNMENT – Huver moved, Stougaard seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor