

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009**

Present: Hale, Regan, Stougaard, Anderson, Blough, Thompson, VanderZiel  
Absent: None

Supervisor Jerry Hale called the meeting to order in the Township Hall at 7:00 pm.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** – Stougaard moved, Regan seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. (VanderZiel arrived)

**MINUTES** – Stougaard moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 31, 2009. Motion carried. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2009. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Stougaard presented information about a new investment option. After discussion, no action was taken. Blough moved, Thompson seconded, to accept the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

**BILLS** – Blough moved, Thompson seconded, to pay the special bills:

Bowne Twp	Fire	\$13,009.78
Buist Electric	Streetlight Rpr	\$994.00
City of Lowell	Wtr, Swr, Fire	\$39,164.89
East Jordan	Wtr Supplies	\$902.33
Hungerford Aldrin	Auditor	\$5,000.00
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$3,382.00
Kent Cty Road Comm	Dustlayer	\$2,470.30
Lee’s Trenching	Lift St Rpr	\$11,100.00
Luscious Landscapes	Lawn Maint	\$695.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$2,717.00
Ryan’s Sewer	Sewer Repairs	\$3,435.00
USA BlueBook	Locator	\$2,869.70
Wire Transfer	Bond Interest Pymt	\$4,825.00

Motion carried.

Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$52,796.60, Sewer Fund - \$22,260.18, Water Fund - \$26,540.11; Check Nos. 17973-18011, Payroll Nos. 8766- 8791. Motion carried.

**REPORTS** – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer submitted a written report. Blough reported for the Lowell Fire Authority. Regan reported for LARA.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – A letter of request was received from Charles Myers asking that the Board re-appoint him to the Kent District Library Board of Trustees. Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to re-appoint Charles Myers to the KDL Board. Motion carried.

**BUILDING PERMIT FEE INCREASE** – VanderZiel stated that after talking to Butch Visser he was in agreement with the fee change for commercial remodeling permits. Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to approve the building permit fee increases as presented. Motion carried.

**BUDGET UPDATE** – The Clerk updated the budget for the second quarter.

**ORDINANCE NO. 05-2009 AG-1 LOT SPLITS** – Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, was present to give an overview of the proposed ordinance. After the public hearing held by the Planning Commission at their September 14, 2009 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended the Township Board adopt the Ordinance. After discussion, there were questions about a parcel being recognized as an “original” parcel. Thompson moved, VanderZiel seconded, to table the Ordinance until the November regular Board meeting and to get a legal opinion. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 06-2009 ESSENTIAL SERVICES** – Dave Simmonds presented an overview of the Essential Services Ordinance to the Board. The Planning Commission recommended at their meeting on September 14, 2009 that the Board adopt the Ordinance. Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 06-2009 Essential Services. Motion carried.

**SMITH APPLICATION - PA 116** – Terry and Joice Smith submitted applications for parcels of their farmland to be entered into the Farmland Preservation Program (PA116). VanderZiel moved, Anderson seconded, to approve the applications. Motion carried.

**SNOWPLOW BIDS** – Two bids were received to plow snow for the Township for the 2009/2010 season. Scenic Expressions bid \$2, 080 and included a bid for the lift stations for \$120.00. Terry Smith bid \$3,000. Thompson moved, Regan seconded, to approve the bid from Scenic Expressions. Motion carried.

**ZBA APPOINTMENT** - Mary Mayhew’s term on the Zoning Board of Appeals expired in March 2009. Stougaard moved, Regan seconded, to re-appoint Mary Mayhew to another three year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No comment.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, the meeting adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Charter Township of Lowell

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Jerry Hale, Supervisor