

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2004**

Present: Timpson, Fletcher, R. Huver, J. Huver, Blough, Blumm, Regan
Absent: None

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

AGENDA APPROVAL – Regan moved, J. Huver seconded, the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

MINUTES – R. Huver moved, Blumm seconded, the minutes of the special meeting of August 10, 2004 be approved. Motion carried. Blumm moved, Blough seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of August 16, 2004 be approved. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer submitted a written report.

BILLS – Fletcher moved, R. Huver seconded, the special bills be paid as follows:

City of Lowell	Fire, Rescue	\$2,587.00
City of Lowell	Wtr, Swr	\$17,409.20
Infrastructure Alt	Wtr & Swr Op	\$5,170.00
Luscious Landscapes	Contract	\$2,035.00
Mark Brodien	Construction	\$2,591.42
Vtec Engineering	Engineering	\$1,957.40
Dell Marketing	Computer	\$878.01
Main Street Planning	Planning	\$2,655.35
Mika, Meyers	Attorney	\$1,829.50
The Bank of New York	Bonds	\$7,866.25

Motion carried.

Blumm moved, J. Huver seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$26,293.56, Sewer Fund - \$9,431.00, Water Fund - \$23,337.27; Check Nos. 15143-15188; Payroll Nos. 7197-7219. Motion carried.

LARA AGREEMENT – A revised agreement was submitted for discussion. The City of Lowell would like to make changes, so it is going back to the trail committee for further review before coming back to the Board. The School might want to become involved. There was discussion about the budget for the trails. The governments involved would only be paying for the maintenance of the trails. The Board might want to talk to the Road Commission about connecting the new county park to the trail system when Alden Nash is re-paved.

PARK – The Supervisor received an email from the DEQ that stated they would like to use the original plan for the overlook. They do not want the proposed concrete block overlook because they would like the space below the overlook to be open over the water. The Supervisor will talk to the Engineer to see what can be done. The gravel parking lot cannot be paved until the overlook is complete. There was also discussion

about connecting the park path to the bike path along Grand River Drive when the paving is done. There is grant money for this. A plan will have to be drawn and the Engineer will have to see if permits will be needed.

HALL HOURS – Blumm moved, Blough seconded, the Board permanently set the Township office hours of operation on Fridays from 9 AM to 12PM. Motion carried.

REPORTS – Written reports were submitted from the Alto Library and the Assessor. Blough reported for the Planning Commission.

OTHER – The Supervisor would like to hold off on scouting for gypsy moths this year. There is not enough activity to warrant spraying. Blumm moved, Regan seconded, the Township not spray for gypsy moths this year. Motion carried.

Missy Harrison and Mark Fryling were present to answer questions about the crew team and their request to put in temporary docks at the Township Park. They don't think they will need to get a permit to remove trees for access, but the DEQ would have to be consulted. They will store the boats on their trailers at the park. They will have liability insurance. The docks will be taken out of the water when the season is over. There was discussion about user fees. The fee would have to be determined. R. Huver offered to meet them at the Park to determine a spot where the docks could go. They will come back to the Board with a site plan.

Blough moved, Blumm seconded, the Township subscribe to the Urban Rural Connection. Motion carried.

Blumm asked about the mining activity in Whispering Hills. There are still no safety fences around the area being mined. This should be added to site plan conditions for approval.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – No citizens' comments.

ADJOURNMENT – J. Huver moved, R. Huver seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor