

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 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 4:00 p.m.

RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY – Rob Corbett from North Country Trails presented a letter requesting \$3,500 to pay for attorney fees to research five miles of railroad property from Grand River Avenue to Elmdale for the future purchase of the property to be developed as trails. North Country Trails will cover costs above \$3,500. The Township currently has \$30,000 from the Lowell Area Community Fund to pay for the acquisition of the property. The money can be used to do the research. Trustee Fletcher requested a memo from Rob stating that NCT would pay for overages in costs. There was discussion about future responsibilities for the Trail if purchased. North Country Trails would use volunteers to help maintain the trail. An offer for the trail cannot be made until the research has been done on the properties. Blumm moved, Fletcher seconded, the Township allocate up to \$3,500 to be used to do the title searches and for legal expenses for the abandoned railroad from Grand River Ave to Elmdale. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 01-2004 - Bonds for the Township water improvements issued in 1994 can be refinanced for a savings of approximately \$49,900. Bond attorney Steve Frank, with Miller, Canfield, is working with the Township. The costs to refinance would be approximately \$13,000. Fletcher moved, Blough seconded, Ordinance No. 01-2004 be adopted on the recommendation of the attorney; ayes – Fletcher, Blough, R. Huver, Blumm, Regan; nays – none; absent – J. Huver. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – Regan moved, Blumm seconded, the meeting adjourn at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor