

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008**

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

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

AGENDA APPROVAL – Hale would like to add Scenic Expressions snow plow proposal under old business. Regan moved, Blough seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried. (Thompson arrived)

MINUTES – Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Stougaard submitted a written report for November. Thompson moved, Regan seconded, to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

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

City of Lowell	Wtr,Swr, Fire Res	\$16,571.15
Addorio Tech	Comp Maint	\$1,712.50
Bowne Twp	08/09 4 th Qtr Fire	\$12,117.89
Hungerford, Aldrin	Auditor	\$781.00
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$2,528.85
KCI	Tax Bills	\$1,000.28
Lowell Rec Authority	09 Annual Dues	\$1,000.00
Marla M. Rausch	Assessing	\$2,005.83
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$2,781.36
Mika, Meyers,Beckett	Attorney	\$1,554.00

Motion carried.

Blough moved, Thompson seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$35,507.06, Sewer Fund - \$8,087.56, Water Fund - \$11,033.14; Check Nos. 17519-17563; Payroll Nos. 8547-8566. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Assessor and Ordinance Enforcement Officer submitted written reports. Blough reported for the Planning Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence.

2009/2010 BUDGET – A preliminary copy of the 2009/2010 budget was presented for discussion.

SNOWPLOWING PROPOSAL – Scenic Expressions submitted a proposal to plow snow at the park and the lift stations. The cost for the park is \$425.00 for the season and the cost for the lift stations is \$120.00 for the season. There was discussion about needing signs at the park holding the Township harmless if someone is hurt using the park during the winter. Thompson moved, VanderZiel seconded, to approve proposal 1127 to plow the park and lift stations and the Township will provide appropriate signage at the park. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-17 PARTIAL TERMINATION OF PROPERTY FROM FARMLAND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AGREEMENT – Timpson Orchards has requested approval to remove four acres of property with the house, located at 3025 Segwun Avenue, from the Farmland Development Rights Agreement. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2008-17 Partial Termination of Property From Farmland Development Rights Agreement. Motion carried.

PROPOSALS TO RE-FORMAT ZONING ORDINANCE – Proposals from MainStreet Planning and Addorio Global Innovations to re-format the Township Zoning Ordinance were discussed. Tim Johnson from MainStreet Planning is proposing to re-organize and re-format the Zoning Ordinance by creating a template for each zoning district and Betsy Davidson from Addorio will fill in the uses from the existing tables. The Ordinance will be re-numbered and a new table of contents and subject index will be created. MainStreet Planning proposes a cost of \$3500 and Addorio proposes a cost of \$2100. A public hearing will be held before the final revision is re-adopted by the Township Board. Money for the project will be transferred from the recreation budget. Regan moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the proposals from MainStreet Planning and Addorio Global Innovations to re-format the Zoning Ordinance using money from the Recreation budget. Motion carried.

MEETING DATES 2009 – Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, to approve the calendar of meeting dates for 2009. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three citizens commented.

ADJOURNMENT – Thompson moved, Regan seconded, the meeting adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Jerry Hale, Supervisor