

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2006**

Present: Timpson, Regan, Stougaard, Blumm, Bonn, Huver
Absent: Blough

The meeting was called to order in the Township Hall by the Supervisor, John Timpson, at 7:03 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Stougaard moved, Blumm seconded, the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Huver moved, Stougaard seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of July 17, 2006 be approved. Motion carried. Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the workshop/closed session minutes of July 24, 2006 be approved. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer submitted the June and July Treasurer’s reports and the quarterly investment report. Regan moved, Bonn seconded, the reports be accepted. Motion carried.

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

City of Lowell	Wtr, Sewer	\$24,888.28
City of Lowell	Fire, Rescue	\$2,448.00
AGI	Computer Maint	\$822.38
BS&A Software	Annual Support	\$645.00
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$3,332.50
Luscious Landscapes	Lawn Maint	\$4,375.00
MainStreet Planning Svs	Planning	\$2,324.96
Mika, Meyers	Attorney	\$7,130.88
Superior Business	Tax Bill Mailing	\$1,2473.43
Vtec Engineering	Engineering	\$2,338.50
Xerox Corp	Copier Maint	\$708.00
Wire Transfer	Bond Interest	\$5,803.75

Motion carried.

Blumm moved, Stougaard seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$43,432.73, Sewer Fund - \$12,359.06, Water Fund - \$26,027.03; Check Nos. 16233-16289; Payroll Nos. 7844-7868. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE – FIRST QUARTER – The Clerk submitted the first quarter financial statement and budget update. Stougaard moved, Blumm seconded, the reports be accepted. Motion carried.

ROCKFORD AMBULANCE – Roger Morgan, Rockford Ambulance, and Frank Martin, Lowell Fire Chief, presented the newest proposal for an addition to the fire station for housing for the ambulance. The estimated cost for the new proposal is \$303,500. Lowell Township is asked to contribute \$16,000. The Treasurer asked for more information – financial statements. Stougaard moved, Blumm seconded, the proposal be tabled until we have a chance to review the information and then we will get back to them. Motion carried.

BILLBOARD PERMIT – Notice of a lawsuit against Lowell Township, filed by CBS Outdoor, Inc., for the denial of a billboard on Timpson Orchard’s property on Alden

Nash and Cascade Road has been received by the Clerk. Bonn and Regan both stated that although they did not think that this area was the proper place for a highway billboard, Township money could be better spent in other areas than defending the decision to deny the permit. Regan moved, Huver seconded, the billboard permit application be approved for a billboard on Timpson Orchard's property; ayes - Bonn, Stougaard, Huver, Blumm, Regan; nays - none; abstain - Timpson. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS - PROPERTY APPROVAL - Mr. Gary Ross, Purchase of Development Rights committee member, was present to talk to the Board about the Committee's decision to approve the application from Joseph Merriman for up to 64 acres of property (PP#41-20-33-200-001) for purchase of development rights. Huver moved, Blumm seconded, to allow Joseph Merriman purchase of development rights. Motion carried.

FIRE AGREEMENT - BOWNE TOWNSHIP - Bonn moved, Huver seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-07 between Bowne and Lowell Townships for fire and rescue service for twelve sections of Lowell Township south of Cascade Road; ayes - Stougaard, Timpson, Huver, Blumm, Regan, Bonn; nays - none. Motion carried.

REZONING - FLAT RIVER MINISTRIES - Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, was present to tell the Board about the Planning Commission's decision to recommend rezoning 4.51 acres of property located at 11535 East Fulton from R-3 to Commercial (PP# 41-20-04-378-012) at their August 14 meeting. This property was previously Cumberland Manor and the Flat River Outreach Ministries would like to purchase the property. Huver moved, Bonn seconded, to allow the rezoning to Commercial. Motion carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENT - PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE - Two Board members are interested in serving as Planning Commission Representative - Carlton Blough and Paula Blumm. Timpson recommended Blough be reappointed. Bonn moved, Regan seconded, the Board vote between the two candidates. Motion carried. Bonn, Stougaard, Regan voted for Blumm. Timpson, Huver voted for Blough. As Blough was not in attendance to vote, Blumm abstained. Blumm will serve as Planning Commission Representative. The term expires January 20, 2009.

REPORTS - Paula Blumm, Park Committee Chair, reported for the Park.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS - Several citizens commented.

AJOURNMENT - Huver moved, Regan seconded, the meeting adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor