

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

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

Supervisor Paula Blumm called the meeting to order in the Township Hall at 7:03 p.m.

After the Pledge, Blumm opened the public hearing for the proposed 2007/2008 budget. Several citizens had questions about planning and zoning costs. Blumm closed the budget hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Blumm opened the regular meeting and welcomed new trustee Bill Thompson.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Blumm moved, Blough seconded, to add Resolution No. 2007-02 under 13a. Motion carried. Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Bonn moved, Stougaard seconded, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 15, 2007. Motion carried. Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, to accept the minutes of the special meeting of January 23, 2007. Motion carried. Bonn moved, Stougaard seconded, to accept the minutes of the special meeting of February 5, 2007. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – January’s report was submitted. Blough moved, Bonn seconded, the report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

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

City of Lowell	Wtr, Swr,	\$13,332.22
City of Lowell	Fire, Rescue	\$2,424.00
Corrpro Waterworks	Wtr Twr Insp	\$535.00
Barco Products	Park	\$3,419.20
Dell	Computer	\$828.00
FHC	Furnace	\$970.16
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$10,277.07
KCI	Postage	\$705.94
Luscious Landscapes	Park	\$1,457.00
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$4,449.44
Mich Municipal L	Insurance	\$9,109.00
Mika, Meyers, Beckett	Attorney	\$4,101.11
Bank of New York - Wire	Transfer – Bond	\$55,803.75

Motion carried.

Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$42,253.77, Sewer Fund - \$34,642.11, Water Fund - \$46,429.29; Check Nos. 16499-16546; Payroll Nos. 7997-8021. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – BUDGET UPDATE – The Clerk submitted the financial report and budget update for the third quarter.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2007/2008 – Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the proposed budget for 2007/2008 be approved as presented at the public hearing. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS – There are positions open on various boards, commissions and committees. Blumm recommended Trustee Thompson be appointed to fill the position of board representative on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Bonn moved, Regan seconded, Bill Thompson be appointed as board rep on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried. The term expires Feb 2010. Blumm recommended that Scott Edwards be appointed to fill the citizen opening on the ZBA. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, Edwards be appointed to the ZBA. Motion carried. The term expires Feb 2008. Blumm recommended Trustee Blough be appointed to fill the board representative position on the Planning Commission. Bonn moved, Thompson seconded, Blough be appointed to the Planning Commission as board representative. Motion carried. The term expires Jan 2009. The board representative position on the Lowell Area Recreation Authority is currently open. Blumm recommended Regan fill that position. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, Regan be appointed to LARA. Motion carried. Two trustees need to fill the Election Commission positions that are open. Thompson moved, Stougaard seconded, Trustees Bonn and Blough be appointed to the Election Commission. Motion carried. Blumm recommended Scott Rissi to fill the vacant park committee chair position. Bonn moved, Blough seconded, Riese be appointed as chair of the park committee. Motion carried.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE PROPOSAL – MainStreet Planning submitted a proposal for the Master Plan update. The proposal includes a cost to do an online survey. Blumm would like to have someone else do this so that the survey form could be modified and used again. Total cost of the update will not exceed \$10,570. It will take about eight months to complete.

COMPUTER UPDGRADES – Blumm submitted a proposal from Addorio to update the Township website for a cost of \$550. There was also a cost of \$800 for a new computer for the Treasurer and upgrades for Microsoft Office 2007, Powerpoint 2007, and Windows XP for \$4,690.11 for all of the computers. Blumm will ask for another proposal for Microsoft Office. Stougaard moved, Thompson seconded, to add the \$550 and \$800 to the computer budget for upgrades. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-02 – Resolution 2007-02 will allow taxpayers to protest their assessment to the Board of Review in writing. Blough moved, Stougaard seconded, Resolution No. 2007-02 be adopted. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF JOINT MEETING – A joint meeting is planned for March 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for the Township Board, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals. Topics will include conflict of interest and the master plan update.

REPORTS – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Water Operator submitted written reports.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – There were several citizens' comments.

AJOURNMENT – Stougaard moved, Bonn seconded, the meeting adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Paula Blumm, Supervisor

