

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2003**

Present: Timpson, J. Huver, R. Huver, Blumm, Regan
Absent: Fletcher, Blough

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

AGENDA APPROVAL – Regan moved, R. Huver seconded, CARRIED, the agenda be approved with the addition of Whispering Hills Plat.

MINUTES – Blumm moved, R. Huver seconded, CARRIED, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2003 be approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Timpson moved, J. Huver seconded, CARRIED, the Treasurer’s report be accepted as given.

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

Shaler Excavating	Park	\$9,318.00
City of Lowell	Sewer Admin	\$1,094.55
City of Lowell	Water & Sewer	\$16,318.54
Dirt Cheap	Cemetery Maint	\$580.00
Laura Stob	Assessing	\$924.00
Vickie VanderLugt	Assessing	\$1,056.00
Etna Supply	Meters & Supplies	\$5,533.00
Infrastructure Altern	Water & Sewer Oper	\$2,109.14
Laura Stob	Assessing	\$1,760.00
Luscious Landscapes	Mowing	\$2,255.00
Rhodes, McKee	Attorney	\$997.50
Scrub-A-Home	Wtr Tower Cleaning	\$3,500.00
Vickie VanderLugt	Assessing	\$1,188.00

Blumm moved, Regan seconded, CARRIED, the current bills be paid; General Fund - \$29,540.00: Sewer Fund - \$8,014.51 and Water Fund \$22,892.75; Check Nos. 14376-14420 and Payroll Nos. 6721-6799.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – The Clerk presented the financial statement for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003. Revenues for the year were \$659,664.32 and expenditures were \$583,530.57, with additional expenditures for the Township Park project for \$138,028.88 which brought the total expenditures for the year to \$721,559.45.20. Blumm moved, R. Huver seconded, CARRIED, the 2002/2003 final budget be approved as presented. (See attached)

FEE SCHEDULE – The current fee schedule was last updated in May 2001 and needs to be reviewed again. Current costs exceed the fees the Township is charging for services. After discussion. Blumm moved, J. Huver seconded, CARRIED, the fee schedule be tabled until the next meeting and the Clerk will bring back recommendations to the Board.

WEST NILE VIRUS – A letter from David Groenleer, Supervisor of Plainfield Township, to the County Administrator and the County Road Commission concerning the issue of West Nile Virus was received at the Township. The Supervisors would like the County Road Commission or the County to help the Townships by sharing the costs of larviciding storm water catch basins in the public right-of-ways. The County has not responded to the letter yet. Timpson moved, R. Huver seconded, CARRIED, the Township watch the situation and be ready to do what the County plans within reason.

KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION – 36TH STREET – KC Road Commission would like approval to proceed with the engineering on 36th Street from Pratt Lake to the County line. If the Township decided to proceed with paving in the future the Road Commission would share the costs of the engineering. The bill could be held until the paving project begins. R. Huver moved, Timpson seconded, CARRIED, Timpson be allowed to approve up to \$14,000 for engineering.

REPORTS – Jerry Denning, OEO, submitted a written report. Supervisor Timpson received a letter from Bill Hardiman regarding his visit to the Township on May 9, 2003.

OTHER – WHISPERING HILLS PLAT – A letter was received from Moore and Bruggink wanting to extend sewer lines to the entrance of Eastgate. They requested cost estimates from Dykema who is currently working on Cumberland Avenue. The estimated cost of construction for the project is \$36,000. After discussion, Blumm moved, R. Huver seconded, CARRIED, we tell Moore and Bruggink that we are not ready to pursue the project at this time.

R. Huver reported on the Cemetery and progress at the Park. The Merriman Cemetery committee will help pay for cleanup at the Cemetery. The Cemetery signs are not up yet. The park is not progressing as scheduled. Luscious Landscapes would like to spray for poison ivy at the park.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – John and Sue Tomkins were present to ask when the ticket was going to be issued for the RV that is parked on Bewell. Dee and Cliff Bonn are upset with the Township for not taking care of the problem. Gerald Persha also commented on the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Timpson responded that he would talk to the Ordinance Enforcement Officer and call the Tomkins to let them know the status of the ticket. Herb VanderBilt was present to ask about the Township website.

ADJOURNMENT – R. Huver moved, Blumm seconded, CARRIED, the meeting adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

John R. Timpson, Supervisor