

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007**

Present: Blumm, Regan, Stougaard, Blough, Bonn, Persha, Thompson
Absent: None

Supervisor Paula Blumm called the meeting to order in the Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Blough moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 17, 2007. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Bonn moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the Treasurer’s report.

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

City of Lowell	Wtr,Swr,	\$20,827.83
Infrastructure Altern	Water/Sewer	\$3,162.09
MainStreet Planning	Planning Svcs	\$3,546.140
Twin Lakes Nursery	Landscaping	\$8,597.38
Wire Transfer	Bond Int	\$6,107.50

Motion carried.

Blough moved, Bonn seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$22,437.14, Sewer Fund - \$7,497.03, Water Fund - \$17,458.82; Check Nos. 16862-16893; Payroll Nos. 8201-8225. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Assessor submitted written reports. Blumm reported on the park. There has been more vandalism and the docks have been removed for the season. The restrooms are still open, but will be closed as soon as the weather gets colder. There will be a community meeting at the Lowell Township Hall on October 25 at 7:00 p.m. to gather public input for the community recreation plan. Blumm also reported for the fire board. Lowell City, Vergennes and Lowell Township are updating the fire agreement and are working to form an authority. The agreement will come back to the Board for approval. Blumm reported on a meeting with the road commission where they looked at all of the gravel roads in the Township to prioritize improvements.

CORRESPONDENCE – No new correspondence.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER PAY RATE REVIEW – The ordinance enforcement officer is due for a 90 day pay rate review. Blumm recommends that he be given a raise from \$14.00 to \$16.00 per hour effective October 16, 2007. Thompson moved, Bonn seconded, to accept Blumm’s recommendation and increase his pay to \$16.00 per hour effective October 16th. Motion carried.

BUDGET UPDATE – Regan gave a six month update of the budget. An amendment from Legislative to Other for \$1,000 needs to be made. Blough moved, Thompson seconded, to amend the budget moving \$1,000 from Legislative to Other. Motion carried.

WIND GENERATOR MORATORIUM – An application to erect a wind generator has been received. Our current zoning ordinance does not regulate wind generators. Blumm recommends a moratorium until this can be reviewed and an ordinance can be written. There are issues with height and noise. Blough moved, Bonn seconded, to place a moratorium on wind generators for nine months beginning October 15th. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-08 – Resolution No. 2007-08 waives the penalty for failure to notify the assessing office of transfer of ownership. Blough moved, Thompson seconded, to adopt resolution 2007-08. Motion carried.

SNOWPLOW CONTRACT – Terry B. Smith submitted a snow plowing bid for the Township Hall for \$650.00 for the season. He has plowed the hall for several years. Bonn moved, Stougaard seconded, to accept the bid if he has a liability insurance policy. Motion carried.

MTA CONFERENCE – The MTA conference is being held in Detroit January 8th thru 11th. Trustees interested in going need to let the Supervisor or Clerk know within the next few weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT – A citizen commented.

AJOURNMENT – Bonn moved, Stougaard seconded, the meeting adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Paula Blumm, Supervisor