



Regular Meeting Minutes January 15, 2018

Present: Hale, Benedict, Burt, Anderson, Blough, Thompson, Vanderziel

Absent: None

Also in attendance – Dan Fredricks

Supervisor Jerry Hale called the meeting to order in the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI at 7:00 pm.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Vanderziel made a motion, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Vanderziel made a motion, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for December 18, 2017, as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Thompson made a motion, seconded by Vanderziel to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and to authorize the treasurer to strike the taxes for two parcels from 2011 & 2012 for a total amount of \$48.64. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - PAYROLL – Thompson made a motion, seconded by Vanderziel to approve payment of accounts payable checks 12026-12063, totaling \$288,705.53; and payroll checks 2126-2153, totaling \$16,382.37. Motion carried.

REPORTS - The Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Lowell Fire Department, and Bowne Township submitted written reports. Blough reported for the Fire Authority, and Anderson reported for the (LARA) Lowell Area Recreation Authority.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS

North Park Update – Dan Frederick, Land & Resource, gave an overview of the progress at the North Riverfront Park and reviewed the tentative bridge project timeline. The tentative schedule is as follows:

1. Shop Drawings from WWS: February 9, 2018
2. Final Bridge Plans, Specs, and Estimate: February 28, 2018
3. Project Letting, Review Bids & Select Contractor: March 2018
4. Mobilization: Spring 2018
5. Deliver Truss: August 2018
6. Final Completion: November 2018

Payment Application Approval – Thompson made a motion, seconded by Vanderziel to approve Payment Application No. 4, for the North Riverfront Park - Phase III for \$52,929.00 to Groundhawk Excavating, LLC. Motion carried.

Proposal Approval – LaFramboise Fur Trading Post Replica Building – The Lowell Area Historical Museum approached Lowell Township about constructing a learning center at the North Riverfront Park. The learning center would be a replica of the LaFramboise Fur Trading Post from the 1800's. Betty Yeiter has expressed interest in providing a donation to help with this project.

Post Associates Architects submitted a project cost estimate to construct the learning center for \$145,000.00, and Land & Resource submitted a proposal to provide engineering and architectural services for \$12,900 for this project. Vanderziel made a motion, seconded by Anderson to approve the Supervisor to accept the proposals from Post Associates and Land & Resource contingent upon receiving a portion of the funds. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2018/2019 Proposed Budget – The Board reviewed the proposed budget for FY 2018/2019 and made some proposed changes. Blough made a motion, seconded by Anderson to set the budget hearing for approval of the FY 2018-2019 budget on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, the next regular Board meeting. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Vanderziel, seconded by Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Monica Burt, Clerk

Jerry Hale, Supervisor