



Regular Board Minutes February 19, 2019

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Hale, Benedict, Burt, Blough, Thompson,
Absent: Anderson, Vanderziel

AGENDA APPROVAL – Motion by Thompson, seconded by Benedict to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES – JANUARY 21, 2019 – Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burt to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 21, 2019, as amended. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Motion by Blough, seconded by Thompson to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – PAYROLL – Motion by Thompson, seconded by Blough to pay the accounts payables and payroll as presented. Accounts payable checks 12590-12628 for \$724,870.19 and payroll checks 2432–2458, totaling \$19,278.34. Motion carried.

REPORTS – Ordinance Enforcement, Lowell Fire Department and Kent District Library submitted written reports. Blough reported for the Fire Authority and noted that the new fire truck will be arriving around March 1, 2019, and the budget was approved. Peter Haefner from Vredeveld Haefner consultants provided an overview of the meeting that took place with the City of Lowell and Lowell Township to discuss contract rates. The wastewater rates and water rates were examined and reviewed to identify discrepancies. He noted that the next steps are to prepare final recalculated rates and balances due; update contracts as applicable; meet as required per contract for rate reviews and proposed/planned capital improvement requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY BUDGET 2019/2020

Motion by Burt, seconded by Thompson to open the public hearing for the FY Budget 2019/2020 at 7:35 pm. Motion carried.

No comments were made.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burt to close the public hearing at 7:36 pm. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

North Park – Pay Application No. 6 – Anlaan Corporation - Motion by Thompson, seconded by ~~Vanderziel~~ **Benedict** to approve pay application No. 6 for \$73,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Benedict to pay Western Wood structures \$15,000 of the \$50,000 that is being held and continue to hold the remaining \$35,000 pending resolution of the dispute between Western Wood Structures and Anlaan Corporation. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-03 For Fiscal Year Budget 2019/2020 – Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burttt to adopt Resolution 2019-03 for the Fiscal Year Budget 2019/2020. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-05 for Supervisor Salary - Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burttt to adopt Resolution 2019-05 establishing the Township Supervisor annual salary. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-06 for Clerk Salary – Motion by Thompson, seconded by Benedict to adopt Resolution 2019-06 for the Township Clerk annual salary. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-07 for Treasurer Salary - Motion by Thompson, seconded by Blough to adopt Resolution 2019-07 for the Township Treasurer annual salary. Motion carried.

Purchase of New Generator for Lift Station – Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burttt to authorize the Supervisor to contract for a new generator for the lift station and moving the old generator to the water tower for a total cost not to exceed \$15,000. Motion carried.

Discussion on Public Safety/Gypsy Moth Millage – Board members discussed the options to raise funds for the spraying of gypsy moths and fire safety. They discussed the possibility of requesting a public safety millage and having a special election in August.

Master Plan Update – Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chairman noted that a review of Master Plan needs to be completed in 2019 for any changes or updates. He asked the Board to submit any changes relating to the Master Plan to the Planning Commission for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Burttt, seconded by Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Monica Burttt, Clerk

Jerry Hale, Supervisor