



Regular Board Minutes March 18, 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, Burt, Blough, Anderson
Absent: Benedict, Thompson, Vanderziel

AGENDA APPROVAL – Motion by Anderson, seconded by Blough to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Motion by Blough, seconded by Burt to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 19, 2019, as amended. Motion carried.

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – PAYROLL – Motion by Blough, seconded by Anderson to pay the accounts payables and payroll as presented. Accounts payable checks 12629-12665 for \$420,989.99 and payroll checks 2459-2481, totaling \$19,180.38. Motion carried.

REPORTS – Ordinance Enforcement Report submitted. Trustee Blough reported for the Fire Authority and noted that the new fire truck arrived on Friday, March 15th. The fire truck was paid for out of the fire authority budget and \$46,000 is still available in the fire authority budget. Lisa Plank from the Lowell Area Historical Museum presented their annual museum report as well as highlighted the events to come. Sandy Graham from the Alto branch of Kent District Library gave a library report. The branch received their grant to complete their reading garden. Sandy introduced the new Manager-in-training.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Lowell Crew would like permission to row out of the south side of the Grand River Riverfront Park, Monday – Friday, 5:30 – 7:30pm. A citizen read a letter of objection regarding construction and expired building permits at Cumberland Ridge. A citizen offered support and insights to the Board in helping to amend the marijuana ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

North Park – Update – Dan Fredericks from LRE gave a bridge construction update.

NEW BUSINESS

Gypsy Moth Suppression Service Agreement – Motion by Anderson, seconded by Burt to allow the supervisor to sign the gypsy moth suppression service agreement minus item D under item B. (this agreement is to spray Bacillus Thuringiensis “BT” to 1706 acres @ \$68.55 per acre). Motion carried.

Kent County Fire Commission Members Contract - Motion by Anderson, seconded by Burttt to approve the Kent County Fire Commission members contract. Motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals Escrow Deposit – Fee Schedule – Motion by Burttt, seconded by Anderson to amend the fee schedule to add an escrow deposit of \$1,000 for the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Motion carried 3-1, Trustee Blough voted Nay.

Appoint William Thompson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 Year Term - Motion by Anderson, seconded by Blough to appoint Bill Thompson to the ZBA for a 3-year term 2019-2022. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer Balances for Incorrect Rates – Motion by Blough, seconded by Anderson to approve the sewer rate of \$1.45 per 1,000 gallons and the water rate of \$3.24 per 1,000 gallons starting on the next billing date – March, 2019 . Motion carried.

Bids for Vacant Property at 1562 Cumberland Ave – No motion.

North Riverfront Park Budget Amendment – Motion by Burttt, seconded by Anderson to approve the transfer of \$460,000 from fund balance to the Park Fund for North Riverfront Park for FY 2018-19. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Anderson, seconded by Blough to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Monica Burttt, Clerk

Jerry Hale, Supervisor