



Regular Meeting Minutes March 19, 2018

Present: Hale, Benedict, Burt, Blough, Vanderziel
Absent: Anderson, Thompson
Also in attendance – 7 Citizens

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

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

MINUTES – Blough made a motion, seconded by Benedict to approve the minutes of the special meeting for February 13, 2018, as presented. Motion carried.

Burt made a motion, seconded by Benedict to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 20, 2018, as presented. Motion carried.

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - PAYROLL – Blough made a motion, seconded by Vanderziel to approve payment of accounts payable checks 12104-12129, totaling \$76,864.78; and payroll checks 2176-2198, totaling \$18,327.48. Motion carried.

REPORTS - The Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Lowell Fire Authority submitted reports.

CORRESPONDENCE –Hale noted there was an increase in the 2017 Kent County Fire Assessment. Blough reported that the process for calculating the assessment is outdated, and will need reviewing soon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS

Hale noted that the North Park Bridge construction bid packets would be available March 22, 2018, for pick up. He also noted that the only damage from the recent flood at the South Riverfront Park was the playground area.

Hale and Lisa Plank, Executive Director of the Lowell Area Museum, presented Betty Yeiter with a plaque of appreciation for her continued support for education and a generous donation towards the upcoming learning center at the North Riverfront Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Second Reading and Adoption of Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance 01-2018 – Burttt made a motion, seconded by Vanderziel to adopt the Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance 01-2018. Motion carried.

Stony Bluff Preliminary Plat Approval – Phase II – Vanderziel made a motion, seconded by Blough to approve the preliminary plat approval for Stony Bluff – Phase II. Motion carried.

Amendment to Lowell Area Trailway Agreement – Blough made a motion, seconded by Vanderziel to approve the amendment to add Article VI – Personal and Real Property; Section E. MDNR Grant Requirements, to the Lowell Area Trailway Agreement dated November 15, 2004. Motion carried.

Proposal for Preventative Backflow Testing – Benedict made a motion, seconded by Vanderziel to approve the proposal from Affordable Plumbing Services to perform backflow testing @ \$48.00 per unit. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Salary Approval – Blough made a motion, seconded by Hale to approve the salary of \$20,800 for the Deputy Clerk. Motion carried.

Emergency Access at North Riverfront Park – The Board discussed putting a locked gate at the North Riverfront Park and the adjoining property owned by Impact Church for the use of fire emergency vehicles only. More discussion on this subject at a later date. Board discussed safety issues if the park cross connection was allowed to be used for church traffic. Hale noted that the Planning Commission is requiring Impact Church to get approval in writing from Walgreen Management approving the use of the Walgreen cross connection thru their access point. Impact Church is in the process of trying to obtain this letter of approval from Walgreens.

ADJOURNMENT – Blough made a motion, seconded by Vanderziel to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Monica Burttt, Clerk

Jerry Hale, Supervisor