



Regular Board Minutes July 20, 2020

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, Benedict, Vanderziel, Anderson, Blough, Thompson
Absent:

AGENDA APPROVAL – Motion by Blough, seconded by Vanderziel to amend the agenda to include a letter from Township attorney Jeff Sluggett regarding sewer and water and a closed session to discuss a zoning agreement with Timpson,

MINUTES – Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burt to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of June 15, 2020, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Anderson to approve the June 29th special board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE / PAYROLL – Motion by Thompson, seconded by Vanderziel to authorize payment of the accounts payable and the payroll checks as presented. Accounts payable checks 13332 - 13382 for \$140,330.38 and the June payroll checks. Motion carried.

REPORTS – Zoning Enforcement. Fire Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Scott Noto, introduced himself as a candidate for Kent County Circuit Court Judge. Heidi Olesko – would like, “lawful nonconforming use” reinstated in the fill ordinance under section “O”. Mary Beth Reed and Carol Venneman spoke in agreement with Heidi Olesko’s comments regarding section “O” of the fill ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Fill Ordinance 2020-02 – Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burt, to adopt ordinance 2020-02 with the following correction: Change item i-5) Time Limits to Item J) and move all following items down a letter. Roll Call Vote: Benedict– Yes, Vanderziel– Yes, Blough– Yes, Thompson– Yes, Anderson– Yes, Burt– Yes, Hale- Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Sewer and Water Attorney Letter - Motion by Thompson, seconded by Vanderziel to authorize the Supervisor to move forward with Twp attorney Sluggett’s suggestion of using Miller Canfield as bond council, Warren Creamer as financial advisor, and Moore & Bruggink as special engineering consultant to obtain a proposal. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Behrens MicrobeCare Application Quote – No action taken.

Closed Session - Motion by Thompson, seconded by Blough to go into closed session at 8:00 p.m. with the Township attorney to discuss privileged and confidential written communications regarding the Timpson fill operation. Roll Call Vote: Benedict- Yes, Burttt- Yes, Thompson- Yes, Blough- Yes, Anderson- Yes, Vanderziel- Yes, Hale- Yes. Motion carried 7-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Vanderziel, seconded by Blough to go back into open session at 8:58 p.m.. Motion carried.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Vanderziel to authorize the Twp attorney to present the Township’s final offer to the Timpson’s attorney as discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS – FY 2020/21 Budget – 1st QTR

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Thompson, seconded by Blough to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Monica Burttt, Clerk

Jerry Hale, Supervisor