



Regular Board Minutes December 16, 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, Benedict, Anderson, Blough, Thompson, Vanderziel
Absent: None

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

MINUTES – Motion by Thompson, seconded by Benedict to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 18, 2019, as presented. Motion carried.

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE / PAYROLL – Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burt to authorize payment of accounts payables and payroll as presented. Accounts payable checks 13057 – 13092 for \$215,381.25 and payroll checks 2689 – 2712. Motion carried.

REPORTS – Zoning Enforcement. Fire Authority. Kent Conservation District Presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Citizen read a letter regarding her mother’s concerns with the Cumberland Ridge Condominiums Association and possible future development.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OLD BUSINESS

North Park Project – Discussion regarding snow removal for the trail, bridge, and parking lots. No action taken.

1st Reading of Fill Ordinance - Motion by Vanderziel, seconded by Blough, to pass the draft fill zoning ordinance onto the Planning Commission and then onto the Township attorney. Roll Call: Thompson– Aye, Benedict– Aye, Vanderziel– Aye, Blough– Aye, Anderson- Aye, Hale– Aye, Burt– Nay. Motion carried 6-1.

Motion by Vanderziel, seconded by Anderson to enact a 6-month moratorium on new filling sites that are larger than 1-acre or until the fill ordinance can be enacted. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appointments – Carlton Blough – Fire Authority 2-year term - Motion by Thompson, seconded by Vanderziel to reappoint Carlton Blough to the Fire Authority. Motion carried.

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Committee Appointments – Scott Edwards - Planning Commission 3-year term - Motion by Thompson, seconded by Anderson to reappoint Scott Edwards to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Approve Meeting Dates for 2020 - Motion by Thompson, seconded by Anderson, to accept the 2020 meeting dates as presented. Motion carried.

Approve Holidays for 2020 - Motion by Thompson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the 2020 Holiday schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Vanderziel, seconded by Anderson to close the office Tuesday, December 31st, 2019 and to pay the hourly office staff for the holiday. Motion carried.

Insurance Renewal for 2020 – HUB International - Motion by Vanderziel, seconded by Anderson, to renew the 2020 HUB International insurance plan as written. Motion carried.

Proposed Budget 2020/2021 - Motion by Thompson, seconded by Anderson, to include the 1.9% cost of living salary adjustment and the \$5 per meeting pay increase for Board Trustees and setting the miscellaneous per meeting pay to \$100 as presented. Motion carried.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Email Domain Address – Motion by Thompson, seconded by Vanderziel to authorize the adoption of the new @lowelltp.org domain address. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Vanderziel, seconded by Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Monica Burt, Clerk

Jerry Hale, Supervisor