

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016**

Present: Hale, Regan, Benedict, Anderson, Blough, Thompson, Vanderziel

Absent: None

Also in attendance - 6 Citizens

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

Hale stated that Anderson was giving a presentation at the Vergennes Township Board meeting with members of the Trail Authority.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Vanderziel moved, Benedict seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES –Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 29, 2016. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS – Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to pay the special bills:

City of Lowell	Water/Sewer/Fire	\$54,713.48
Dirt Cheap	Cemetery	\$1,225.00
Lowell Twp Gen Fund	Hydrant Fees	\$12,700.00
Land & Resource	Engineering North Park	\$3,840.13
Lowell Area Historical M	Annual Support	\$2,500.00
Main Street Planning	Planning Svcs	\$2,978.60
Stealth Pest Mgmt	Annual Fee	\$513.00
Wade Trim	Planning Svcs	\$2,789.50

Motion carried.

Vanderziel moved, Blough seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$45,047.22; Sewer Fund - \$5,606.21; Park Fund - \$2,647.22; Water Fund - \$17,148.50; Check Nos. 11122-11153; Payroll Nos. 1622-1654. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Fire Authority, and Alto Library submitted written reports.

CORRESPONDENCE - A map from the KC Road Commission for improvements along Snow Avenue was discussed.

BOILER REPLACEMENT - Franklin Holwerda Company submitted a proposal to replace the boiler at the Township Hall for a cost of \$18,893.00. Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Franklin Holwerda Company to have the boiler replaced. Motion carried.

STORAGE BUILDING - ELECTRICAL BID - Three proposals were received for completing the electrical work for the new service building at the Township Hall - Buist Electric - \$11,220, Rickert Electric - \$9,965.00, and Lumen Electric - \$9,585.00.

Vanderziel moved, Benedict seconded, to hire Rickert Electric to complete the electrical work for the new storage barn. Motion carried.

NORTH PARK PROJECT - LAND AND RESOURCE ENGINEERING PROPOSAL - A proposal to complete a MDEQ permit application for the proposed pedestrian bridge over the Grand River for a cost of \$2,500 was received from Land And Resource Engineering. The proposal lists the scope of services for the project. Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the proposal from Land & Resource Engineering. Motion carried. (Anderson arrived)

ORDINANCE 03-2016 LOT LINES - Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, was present to explain the proposed changes to the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance for Lot Lines. The Ordinance changes the definitions for front lot line and road frontage, adds Section 4.44 Measurement of Road Frontage, and changes the word "lot" to "road" in Section 4.23. Thompson moved, Regan seconded, to adopt Ordinance 03-2016 Lot Lines; ayes - Hale, Regan, Benedict, Anderson, Blough, Thompson; nays - Vanderziel. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Six citizens commented, one citizen also submitted written comments.

ADJOURNMENT – Vanderziel moved, Blough seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Jerry Hale, Supervisor