

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Blough moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2016. Motion carried.

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

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

Addorio Technologies LLC	Web Mgmt	\$809.40
City of Lowell	Water/Sewer	\$18,927.11
Infrastructure Alternatives	Water/Sewer Op	\$4,738.00
KCI	Tax Bills	\$1,632.52
Land & Resource	Engineering	\$6,400.76
MISS DIG	MISS DIG	\$695.46
Zach's Clean Cut	Park Mowing	\$3,052.24

Motion carried.

Vanderziel moved, Anderson seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$12,882.44; Sewer Fund - \$8,847.51; Park Fund - \$6,468.21; Water Fund - \$16,155.86; Check Nos. 11495-11523; Payroll Nos. 1807-1828. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Ordinance Enforcement Office and LAFA submitted written reports.

CORRESPONDENCE - None.

NORTH PARK PROJECT - Four citizens were present to talk to the Board about putting Pickle Ball courts in the new park. There is interest in the sport, but not many courts in the area. The Board was in favor of adding them to the park but will need help with funding.

A letter was received from the Department of Natural Resources informing the Township that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application was denied. There were many grant applications and Lowell Township's application did not have enough points to qualify for funding.

Dan Fredricks, Land and Resource, and Guy Nelson, TEG, were present to update the cost estimates for the three bridge options. A large historical bridge was found in Portland Oregon that could be considered for part of the structure. There was discussion about long term maintenance costs for each bridge type. The Board is in favor of the timber truss bridge, but will relook at historical bridges if one can be found

similar to the bridge in Portland. The Board would like Land & Resource to move ahead with the MDEQ permit application. Vanderziel moved, Thompson seconded, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the MDEQ permit application and to authorize payment of \$500.00 to the State of Michigan for the permit application. Motion carried.

INSURANCE RENEWAL - Trident Insurance Services submitted a proposal for renewal of the Township's insurance coverage for 2017. There is a 2% increase from last year. The cost of the new policy is \$8,112. Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the renewal and to decline terrorism coverage for 2017. Motion carried.

2017/2018 PROPOSED BUDGET - There were no changes in the proposed budget from the previous month.

ZBA, LCTV, LAFA, PLANNING COMMISSION, BOR REAPPOINTMENTS - Applications are being accepted for the ZBA position. They will be considered at the January meeting.

Thompson moved, Benedict seconded, to reappoint Scott Edwards to the Planning Commission for a three year term. Motion carried.

Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to reappoint James Foerch, Nancie Matthews, Sandy Graham and Donald DenBoer (alternate) to the Board of Review for two year terms. Motion carried.

Anderson moved, Thompson seconded, to reappoint William Thompson as the Lowell Township Board Representative to the Lowell Cable TV Board for a four year term. Motion carried.

Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to reappoint Susan Reister to the Lowell Area Fire Authority for a four year term. Motion carried.

MEETING DATES - 2017 - Vanderziel moved, Anderson seconded, to approve the meeting dates for 2017. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments.

ADJOURNMENT - Anderson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Jerry Hale, Supervisor