LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC HEARINGS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Present: Hale, Regan, Benedict, Anderson, Blough, Thompson
Absent: Vanderziel
Also in attendance - 13 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, Anderson seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - ORDINANCE 01-2016 PUD REZONING - Hale opened the public hearing for Ordinance 01-206 PUD Rezoning at 7:03. There were no comments. Hale closed the hearing and opened the public hearing for the **2016/2017 BUDGET**. There were no comments. Hale closed the hearing and opened the public hearing for the Senior Neighbor request for **KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**. There were no comments. Hale closed the hearing at 7:07 pm.

MINUTES – Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2016. Motion carried.

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

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

BS&A Software	Support	$2,540.00
Canfield Heating & Pl	Repair	$933.50
City of Lowell	Water/Sewer	$17,699.63
Etna Supply	Check Valve	$934.56
Lowell Chamber Foundation	Cleanup Day	$1,000.00
Infrastructure Altern	Water & Sewer Op	$10,847.50
Lawn RX	Lawn Care	$3,917.00
Mission Communication	Yearly Monitoring	$694.00
Olin Excavating	N. Park Project	$9,324.25
Supply Geeks	Supplies	$620.78
Wade Trim	Planning Svcs	$4,014.45

Motion carried.

Blough moved, Anderson seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - $20,290.43; Sewer Fund - $8,931.38; Park Fund - $9,372.91; Water Fund - $15,638.76; Check Nos. 11029-11060; Payroll Nos. 1585-1606. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer and the LAFA submitted written reports. Blough also reported for the Fire Authority. Lisa Plank, Director of the Lowell Area Museum, was present to give their annual report. Mandy Bolter, Kent County Commissioner, gave an update for the Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

ORDINANCE 01-2016 PUD REZONING - Todd West of Advanced Homes talked about the 15 home development he is proposing to build in the Alden Ridge Open Space Planned Unit Development. Ordinance 01-2016 changes the zoning for parcel numbers 41-20-11-351-500 (R-1 Rural Residential) and 41-20-14-100-074 (Ag-2 Rural Agriculture) to Alden Ridge Open Space Planned Unit Development. The parcels total 30.61 acres of property located at 2909 Alden Nash Avenue. The Ordinance provides the conditions of development, utilities, streets, landscaping and all other aspects of the final development plans. The Board determined that the trees along Alden Nash would not need to be planted until the completion of the first home instead of June 1, 2016 as stated. Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to adopt Ordinance 01-2016 with the change to Section 2 (m) Landscaping to allow the trees to be installed upon completion of the first home. Ayes: Hale, Regan, Benedict, Anderson, Blough, Thompson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2016/2017 PROPOSED BUDGET - As there were no comments or changes to the proposed budget, Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to adopt the 2016/2017 proposed budget as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS - The Lowell Senior Neighbors have requested funding for their programs in the amount of $9,500. Lowell Township's estimated 2016/2017 allocation is $6,287.00. Regan moved, Anderson seconded, to allocate the Township's share of the 2016/2017 Kent County Community Block Grant Funds to the Lowell Senior Neighbors up to $9,500. Motion carried.

THE RIGHT PLACE - The Right Place submitted a letter request for funding for the next five years. They are requesting an amount of $1,000 to be paid annually. After discussion, Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to continue support of the Right Place in the amount of $600.00 per year for five years. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT - Several Board of Review members have resigned recently and the alternate member position is open. An application from Donald DenBoer was received and considered to fill the position. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to appoint Donald DenBoer to fill the alternate position on the Board of Review until the term expires on December 31, 2016. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 02-2016 TEMPORARY HOUSING FACILITY - Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, gave an overview of the ordinance which would add definitions and regulations to allow a temporary housing facility to operate in the Commercial District with a special use permit. After discussion, Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to adopt Ordinance 02-2016, correcting a typo in section 22.08(g). Ayes: Hale, Regan, Benedict, Anderson, Blough, Thompson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Three citizens commented.

ADJOURNMENT – Blough moved, Thompson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk Charter Township of Lowell	Jerry Hale, Supervisor