

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

Present: Hale, Regan, Benedict, Anderson, Blough, Vanderziel  
Absent: Thompson  
Also in attendance - 3 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** – Vanderziel moved, Anderson seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING - 2017/2018 PROPOSED BUDGET** - The Supervisor opened the public hearing for the 2017/2018 proposed budget. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing.

**MINUTES** – Anderson moved, Benedict seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2017. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Vanderziel moved, Anderson seconded, to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

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

City of Lowell	Water/Sewer	\$18,265.43
Bowne Twp Treasurer	Fire	\$10,190.21
BS&A Software	17/18 Support Fees	\$2,571.00
Buist Electric	Streetlight Repair	\$549.00
FHC	Water Leak Repair	\$3,878.93
Infrastructure Alternatives	Water/Sewer Op	\$4,175.50
Land & Resource	North Park	\$1,650.00
Lawn RX	Lawn Care	\$649.14
Lowell Area Fire Auth	3 Qtr Pymt	\$33,832.50
Lowell Area Rec Auth	Annual Pymt	\$2,000.00
MDEQ	Permit Application	\$500.00
Mission Communications	Annual Svc	\$694.80
Robert Toland Consulting	Planning Svcs	\$1,687.50
West MI Tree Svc	Tree Fertilization	\$538.00

Motion carried.

Vanderziel moved, Benedict seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$63,938.61; Park Fund - \$2,220.13; Sewer Fund - \$9,242.52; Water Fund - \$14,988.78; Check Nos. 11552-11599; Payroll Nos. 1853-1875. Motion carried.

**REPORTS** – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer, LAFA and the Kent County Sheriff’s Department submitted written reports. Lisa Plank, Executive Director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum, was present to give an annual report for the Museum. Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, gave the annual report for the Planning Commission. Blough reported for the Lowell Area Fire Authority.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None.

**2017/2018 PROPOSED BUDGET** - Vanderziel moved, Anderson seconded, to adopt the 2017/2018 budget. Motion carried.

**STONY BLUFF - FINAL APPROVAL - PHASE ONE** - The first phase of the Stony Bluff development was submitted for final approval. There are 31 lots. A copy of the surety bond naming Lowell Township was included. Vanderziel moved, Blough seconded to approve the first phase of Stony Bluff and authorize the Clerk to sign the plat. Motion carried.

**NORTH PARK PROJECT** - Land & Resource submitted a proposal to prepare bid specifications and packets for the next phase of improvements to the North Park. The proposal is for \$6,200. Anderson moved, Regan seconded, to approve the proposal. Motion carried. Dan Hendricks, Land & Resource, and TEG Civil Structural gave an overview of the progress to date. The historical bridge the Board was considering is no longer available. The best option at this time is a timber truss bridge. The engineers would like to resubmit the application for the MDEQ Trust Fund Grant. Anderson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the grant application. Motion carried.

**WATER SPECIFICATIONS UPDATE** - The MDEQ recommended updates to the Lowell Township Water Specifications. Vanderziel moved, Anderson seconded, to approve the updated water specifications. Motion carried.

**TOWNSHIP HALL LOWER LEVEL IMPROVEMENTS** - The lower level is in need of new carpet in the meeting room and flooring in the kitchen. Rockford Floor Covering's proposal for carpet is \$7,545.46 and Architectural Building Restoration's proposal for a permanent floor in the kitchen is \$1,800.00. Anderson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to approve the proposals for improvements. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - Three citizens commented.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Anderson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Charter Township of Lowell

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Jerry Hale, Supervisor