

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016**

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

Absent: None

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

MINUTES – Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2016. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Benedict has two special assessments from the Drain Commission totaling \$3.37 that she would like to pay out of the overage in the tax account rather than creating and mailing a tax bill. Both are for railroad property which doesn't receive a tax bill. Thompson moved, Blough seconded to pay the special assessments out of the excess funds in the tax account. Motion carried. Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

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

Addorio	Computer Maint	\$580.69
City of Lowell	Water/Sewer	\$25,567.71
David Schmuker	Paint Fire Hydrants	\$1,395.00
Grand Valley Metro Council	Dues	\$1,606.00
Horians Lawn Care	Mowing	\$785.00
Infrastructure Alternatives	Water/Sewer Op	\$4,926.00
Land & Resource	Engineering	\$16,905.41
Main Street Planning	Planning Svcs	\$1,511.00
Terra Verde	Fall Cleanup	\$1,113.00
Zach's Clean Cut	Park Mowing	\$2,707.50

Motion carried.

Blough moved, Anderson seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$133,108.22; Sewer Fund - \$8,173.75; Park Fund - \$16,905.41; Water Fund - \$24,971.79; Check Nos. 11380-11419; Payroll Nos. 1768-1784. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Alto Librarian, and the Lowell Area Fire Department submitted written reports. Blough reported for the Fire Authority and commented that there was an overage in fund balance and that the City of Lowell and Vergennes Township were in favor of skipping a quarterly payment to lower the fund balance. Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to approve skipping the next quarterly payment if there is a consensus with the City of Lowell and Vergennes Township to do so. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - None.

NORTH PARK PROJECT - Hale informed the Board that the Lowell Area Community Fund has awarded the Township a \$100,000 grant for the North Park project. Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to authorize the Supervisor to accept the \$100,000 grant for the North Park project. Motion carried.

Dan Fredricks, Land and Resource, and representatives from TEG Civil Structural Engineering were present to give the Board an update on the bridge project. They presented several examples of bridge crossing locations and bridge designs to discuss. The crossing within the park boundaries was the most desirable, although it could be more expensive. The design of the structure was narrowed down to a timber frame bridge or using several historic bridges. The engineers will come back to the next meeting with more information about both with more detailed cost estimates. The Board is concerned about long term maintenance costs and would like to have more information about potential ongoing costs.

BUDGET UPDATE - 2ND QUARTER - The Clerk reviewed the budget. There are several budget amendments for expenditures. Thompson moved, Benedict seconded, to approve the budget amendments for the second quarter through September. Motion carried. The Clerk also stated that revenue sharing is \$20,000 below projections and looks to be even lower next year.

SNOW PLOW CONTRACT - Scenic Expressions submitted a contract to plow snow for another season. The contract is for \$3,909.50, slightly higher than last year. The problem of where to pile the snow at the Township hall was discussed. Vanderziel moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the contract for the 2016/2017 season and to pay in full by the end of October to take advantage of the 3% discount. Motion carried. Hale will talk to them about piling the snow.

PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments.

ADJOURNMENT - Thompson moved, Regan seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Jerry Hale, Supervisor