

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017**

Present: Hale, Regan, Anderson, Blough, Vanderziel  
Absent: Benedict, Thompson  
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** – Vanderziel moved, Anderson seconded, to add Infrastructure Alternative’s contract under new business and approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**MINUTES** – Anderson moved, Blough seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2017. Motion carried.

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

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

City of Lowell	Water/Sewer	\$18,075.99
Bloom, Sluggett	Attorney	\$722.00
Etna Supply	Meters	\$2820.00
FHC	Water Leak	\$610.32
Grand Rapids Eastern	Park RR Crossing	\$930.80
Infrastructure Alternatives	Water/Sewer Op	\$5,775.50
Land & Resource	North Park	\$7,252.50
Lowell Ledger	Advertising	\$566.15
Lowell Twp Wtr Fund	Hydrant Fees	\$12,700
Robert Toland Consulting	Planning Svcs	\$1,612.50
Stealth	Pest Control	\$547.20
WAM	Assessment Notices	\$1,184.38

Motion carried.

Blough moved, Anderson seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - \$24,730.48; Park Fund - \$7,319.69; Sewer Fund - \$10,867.02; Water Fund - \$22,121.46; Check Nos. 11600-11626; Payroll Nos. 1876-1898. Motion carried.

**REPORTS** – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer and the Lowell Area Fire Authority submitted written reports. Blough also reported for the Fire Authority. He informed the Board that Rockford Ambulance is moving out of their building.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None.

**2016/2017 BUDGET AMENDMENTS** - There are budget amendments for expenditures to reallocate the funds. Regan moved, Vanderziel seconded, to approve the amendments to expenditures as presented. Motion carried.

**NORTH PARK PROJECT** - Members of the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trail gave a presentation of the trail project and talked about the connection thru Lowell. They need the LARA group to decide on the route for the trail through the Lowell area which will connect to the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trail at Foreman to the north and Jackson Street to the east. They also asked the Board to support their effort with a resolution.

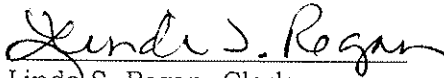
Anderson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to support the Resolution For A Walkable Community. Motion carried. Vanderziel moved, Anderson seconded, to ask the Fred Meijer River Valley Trail group to approach LARA about the trail through Lowell. Motion carried.

**PROPOSAL FROM INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES** - A three year proposal for services from Infrastructure Alternatives was discussed. The Township is currently using Infrastructure to operate the water and waste water systems on a part time basis. The proposal would have the operator working full time after October 2017. Regan moved, Vanderziel seconded, to approve the contract with Infrastructure Alternatives thru March 31, 2020. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - One citizen commented.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Anderson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Charter Township of Lowell

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Jerry Hale, Supervisor