LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 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 – Vanderziel moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES – Blough moved, Anderson seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2015. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Benedict presented a list of uncollected personal property taxes from 2004 and 2007. She would like to strike the uncollected taxes for the five parcels listed. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to authorize the Treasurer to strike the taxes as listed. Motion carried. Benedict also talked to Board about the fees charged for collecting school taxes in July. Lowell Township, Bowne Township and Vergennes Township would all like to ask the same amount - $3.00/parcel for Lowell Schools and $.40/parcel for KISD and GRCC. The Board was in agreement with the fees. This is a small increase from the current fees which were last increased in 2010. Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

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

Brian Karle	Escrow Refund	$791.00
Bowne Twp Treasurer	Fire - 4th Qtr	$10,100.78
Bowne Twp Treasurer	Del Sewer	$730.70
City of Lowell	Water/Sewer	$25,848.46
City of Lowell	Fire	$32,467.35
Etna Supply	Meters	$1,800.00
HUB International	Twp Insurance	$7,955.00
Independent Bank	CD 9036 Renewal	$28,204.28
Infrastructure Altern	Water & Sewer Op	$10,847.50
Kim DeWaard	Clean	$500.00
Land & Resource	North Park	$4,890.00
Wade Trim	Planning Svcs	$3,047.20

Motion carried.

Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, the current bills be approved; General Fund - $62,745.84; Sewer Fund - $46,117.69; Park Fund - $4,930.78; Water Fund - $22,192.98; Check Nos. 10989-11028; Payroll Nos. 1558-1584. Motion carried.

REPORTS – The Ordinance Enforcement Officer, LAFA, and the Bowne Township Fire Dept. submitted written reports. Birgit Klohs was present to give a presentation for The Right Place.

CORRESPONDENCE - The GVMC submitted a letter asking for support to fight the DAS tower issue. DAS, a wireless provider, would like to install poles in the public right-of-ways. The GVMC is asking for financial help so that they can work with an attorney. Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to support the request from GVMC.

NORTH PARK PROJECT - An invoice from Olin Excavating was presented for payment. Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to approve payment no. 3 for Olin Excavating for $9,324.25. Motion carried. The Township will be doing a survey and petition for the North Park project at the March Community Expo. The goal is to educate the public about the project and to gather community support for the project. Hale is working to get a survey set up that can be used at the Expo and on the Township's website.

A $5,000.00 donation for the project was given by Charlie Bernard, Bernards Ace Hardware.

2015/2016 BUDGET UPDATE - 3RD QTR - The Clerk reviewed the budget through the third quarter. A separate fund for the North Park project has been set up. The revenue and expenses for the project have been transferred out of the General Fund and set up under it's own fund number. There are also amendments to general operating, computer, roads, deputy clerk and deputy treasurer. Thompson moved, Blough seconded, to approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2016/2017 - The proposed budget was reviewed. Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded, to set the public hearing for the proposed 2016/2017 budget for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried

ZBA REAPPOINTMENT - Regan moved, Vanderziel seconded, to reappoint Bill Thompson as the Board Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term. Motion carried.

SENIOR NEIGHBORS REQUEST FOR CDBG FUNDS - The Senior Neighbors have requested the Township allocate $9,500 of their CDBG funds to the Senior Neighbors for the 2016/2017 year. The estimated allocation of CDBG funds to the Township is $6,287.00. A public hearing will have to be held before the Township can allocate funds. Regan moved, Thompson seconded, to hold a public hearing on February 16, 2016 for the request for funds for the Lowell Senior Neighbors. Motion carried.

PUD REZONING - SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE - The Planning Commission at their January 11, 2016 meeting approved the PUD rezoning request from Advanced Homes for two parcels located at 2909 Alden Nash, Lowell, MI to be changed from R-1 and Ag-2 to Open Space Planned Unit Development. A public hearing by the Township Board needs to be held before the final approval is given. Thompson moved, Anderson seconded, to set the public hearing for February 16, 2016. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Jerry Miller, Vice Chair of the Kent Conservation District, gave the annual report for the District.

ADJOURNMENT – Regan moved, Thompson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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