LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION April 14, 2025

The Work Session of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. Members present were Todd Angerman, Michael Gruszka, John Alessia, John Yelkich; and Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer. Shane Tucker arrived at 6:05 pm. Staff present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief Jim Woestman, Fire Chief Chris Gamblin, and GIS Director Greg White. Town Attorney David Westland and Corby Thompson, Financial Advisor, Krohn & Associates, joined via Zoom.

Town Manager Hedrix reviewed the Evergreen Park Shelter reconstruction project, the insurance funds received and the use of TIF funds for part of the project. The project would include some electrical work and lighting.

Waste hauler fees were discussed. The rate of \$110.50 per 1,000 gallons and the current residential flat rate of \$67.00 per month. Tracey from Bruce Septic and Dirk Feikema of Feikema & Son discussed their companies and the towns they work with. It was noted that most of whom they work for are outside of the Town's corporate limits. It was noted that the Town does not need to accept the waste from them and the costs associated with doing so. Councilman Alessia recommends a rate of \$85.00 per 1,000 gallons until the end of the year and a rate of \$110.50 on January 1, 2026. This will be added to the agenda for consideration.

Town Manager Hendrix discussed transient merchants and vendors as it relates to background checks and fees. Various background check companies were discussed as well as the vendor paying the background check fee. Various vendor fees were discussed. The Town Code will need to be reviewed and updated.

Burr Street Improvements going towards the school and the upcoming CCMG call for projects. There is an Abonmarche Consultant contract on the agenda for consideration.

The status of construction projects including the West Side Sewer extension is under construction. The EQ Basin has an agreement for consideration this evening. Washington Street and Liberty Street are starting this week. The Maintenance Facility has an agreement. Nassau Park is under construction.

Town Manager Hendrix discussed a request to INDOT to extend the median at SR 2/Burr heading west.

The work session adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Todd Angerman, President

Attest:

Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer