

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 25, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 7:08 P.M. by Council President Todd Angerman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Jill Murr called the roll. The members present were Mike Gruszka, Todd Angerman, John Alessia, and Shane Tucker. Councilman John Yelkich was absent. Staff present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief Woestman, Fire Chief Chris Gamblin and GIS Director Greg White. Town Attorney David Westland was present and Financial Advisor Corby Thompson joined via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the August 11, 2025 Work Session and Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Tucker; motion carried with four ayes on voice vote.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Angerman reviewed the vouchers: White Vouchers #13960 – 14022 \$ 995,164.26, White – Police #1505 – 1512 \$886.91, Wastewater #8189 – 8223 \$ 449,432.46, and Stormwater Utility #6562 – 6568 \$17,454.09. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the vouchers as listed; motion carried with four ayes on voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2025-06 – A Resolution articulating the “Sense of the Town Council” vehemently opposing the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission’s approval of NIPSCO’s increase to residential electrical rates of approximately sixteen and three quarters percent (16.75%). Cause No. 45160. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Resolution N. 2025-06; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Resolution No. 2025-07 – Appropriation Transfers

Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve Resolution No. 2025-07 – Appropriation Transfers; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Grimmer Construction, Inc, PR#3 – WWTP EQ Basin

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Grimmer Construction, Inc, PR#3 – WWTP EQ Basin, voucher #8222 - \$283,482.00; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

R&R Sewer, Inc, PR#6 – West Side Sewer Extension

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve R&R Sewer, Inc, PR#6 – West Side Sewer Extension, white voucher #14022 - \$548,476.25 and wastewater voucher #8223 \$71,052.70 for a total of \$619,528.95; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

R&R Sewer, Inc, Change Order #2

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to table R&R Sewer Change Order #2; motion carried with four ayes on voice vote.

Award McConnell Pond Reconstruction Project

Town Manager Hendrix stated that quotes were requested from four contractors – R&R Sewer Zies & Sons, Austgen Equipment and V&H Excavating; only two quotes were received. Austgen Equipment in the amount of \$75,860.00 and V&H Excavating in the amount of \$95,000.00. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessi to defer this to the Stormwater Board; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Wastewater Treatment Plant cleaning and/or repairs to aerators and chemical feed tank

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to declare an emergency and obtain quotes from Bowen Engineering and Grimmer Construction for the cleaning and/or repairs to the aerators and chemical feed tank at the wastewater treatment plant; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Town Pub Special Event Permits

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the Town Pub Special Event Permits noting the band will not be past 11:00 pm and the beer garden will be out front; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Baird Engagement Letter – Underwriting and placement agent for the Maintenance Facility Project Bonds and Training Facility Bonds

Discussion occurred on the engagement letter and the projects. Financial Advisor Corby Thompson stated that this will give them the potential to work on the bonds and allow them to explore the options. If the project(s) do not occur the Town does not pay anything. If the projects are financed together there are potential cost savings. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the Baird Engagement Letter; motion carried with three ayes and one nay by Councilman Alessia on roll call vote.

Training Facility

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to direct the Town Manager to obtain an architect engineering proposal to determine costs for the training facility; motion carried with three ayes and one nay by Councilman Alessia on roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting – Monday, September 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

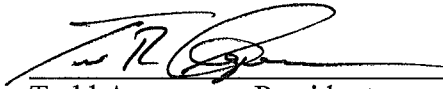
Chuck Abraham, South Lake Co. Sun, requested a copy of the presentation from the RDC meeting and the resolutions.

Name inaudible, of Mohawk, discussed his NIPSCO bill, inquired on sidewalks and streets with potholes in Indian Heights, and trees that are blocking stop signs. Discussion occurred on NIPSCO increases, streets and sidewalks. Town Manager Hendrix will review the exit from Sheets Funeral home by Parrot Place on Route 2 across from Chase.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to adjourn at 7:35 pm; motion carried with four ayes on voice vote.

Attest:



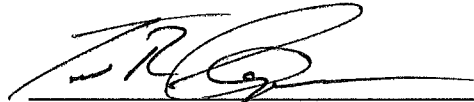
Todd Angerman, President



Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION
August 25, 2025**

On Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:00 pm the Lowell Town Council met in Executive Session pursuant to Litigation I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), (2) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following: (B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. Councilmembers present were Todd Angerman, Michael Gruszka, John Alessia, and Shane Tucker. John Yelkich was absent. Staff present were Clerk-Treasurer Jill Murr, Town Manager Craig Hendrix, WWTP Superintendent Dan Myers, WWTP Assistant Superintendent Scott Ondas. Town Attorney David Westland was present and Kate Ziino, Wessler Engineering, joined via Zoom. No matter was discussed except for the purpose of the notice required. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.



Todd Angerman, President

Attest:



Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer