

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 7:06 P.M. by President Todd Angerman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters called the roll. Members present were Michael Gruszka, Todd Angerman, John Alessia, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Also present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Asst. Police Chief Robert Hornickel, GIS Director Greg White, Attorney David Westland , and one interested citizen.

TREASURER'S REPORT - July 2021

Councilman Alessia made a motion to approve the July 2021 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Tucker made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 26th, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he had reviewed White Vouchers #10839 - #10895, White-Police #6121 - #6126 , Water #2573 - #2613, Waste Water #4474- #4512, and Stormwater Utility #7081 - #7084. Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRANCES, PROCLAMATIONS

Letter of resignation from Plan Commission - LeAnn Angerman - Councilman Yelkich made a motion to accept the letter of resignation, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #2021-11 - Transfer of Funds - Park Fund - Clerk-Treasurer Walters stated this is for work being done by Gariup in the various parks with the matching amount grant received by the CDBG. Clerk-Treasurer Walters stated since there are line items within the Park Operating budget line items were transferred rather than use the Park Improvement Fund. Councilman Gruszka moved to approve Resolution #2021-11, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appointment to Police Commission - Councilman Alessia made a recommendation to appoint David Regan, seconded by Councilman Yelkich. Councilman Gruszka asked if there were any other candidates who applied. President Angerman stated an application from Mark Schwartz was also received. The motion did not pass with two ayes and three nays on roll call vote. Councilman Gruszka, Councilman Tucker, and Councilman Angerman voting nay. Councilman Gruszka made a motion to appoint Mark Schwartz, seconded by Councilman Tucker. The motion passed with three ayes and two nays on roll call vote. Councilman Alessia and Councilman Yelkich voting nay.

Approve contract with Milestone Contractors North for 2021 Community Crossing Grant \$1,265,295.40 - Town Manager Hendrix stated Walsh & Kelly have changed their name to Milestone. Mr. Hendrix stated this if for the \$1,000,000.00 - 2021 Community Crossing Grant from INDOT, with the project starting this year and continuing through 2022. He stated the grant is 75/25%, with INDOT paying up to \$1,000,000.00. Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the contract with Milestone Contractors North, seconded by Councilman Tucker. The motion passed with four ayes and one abstain on roll call vote. Councilman Alessia voting abstain.

Tabled from previous meetings:

03/22 - Contract with Lake County Sheriff's Department for animal control service -
04/26 - Propose a Community Garden

NEW BUSINESS

Release Maintenance Bond - Letter of Credit #CL753LC - Sierra Ridge, Unit 1, \$141,106.50 - Councilman Gruszka made a motion to release Maintenance Bond for Sierra Ridge, seconded by Councilman Tucker. President Angerman asked Town Manager Hendrix if everything has been met? Mr. Hendrix stated yes, inspections have been done and everything is ok. The motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Extension of garbage contract with Republic Services - Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the garbage contract with Republic Services with the added verbiage on increasing the administrative fee to \$.90 total, seconded by Councilman Yelkich. Town Attorney Westland stated he will prepare an ordinance change for the \$.90 administration fee change. Clerk-Treasurer Walters asked how long the extension was for. Town Manager Hendrix stated this is for a two year extension. The motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Request for sponsorship of Rebuilding Together - Town Manager Hendrix stated every four years Rebuilding Together is done in Lowell, the council sponsors one of the homes. Clerk-Treasurer Walters stated the main sponsorship is \$2,000.00. She stated there is a line item in the budget for election expenses which won't be used this year that can be transferred to community relations. Clerk Walters stated there are other sponsorship

amounts available. Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve a \$2,000.00 sponsorship, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Request for sidewalk - Herbert Duensing - Town Manager Hendrix stated there are two sections of sidewalk that don't meet up, showing pictures to the council. Mr. Duensing stated he isn't sure if this was surveyed wrong in the beginning. Mr. Hendrix stated he doesn't have a problem filling it in, and the town doing the work, stating it might take time to complete. He stated next time service repairs and sidewalks are done, this job can be added at that time. Mr. Hendrix stated this can be paid by the sidewalk fund. Mr. Hendrix stated when inspections are done on new construction homes, they make sure sidewalks are done to the property lines. Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the sidewalk repair, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

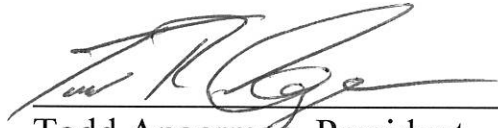
President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 23rd at 7:00 P.M.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Gruszka made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 P.M., seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes.



Todd Angerman, President

Attest:



Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer