

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:04 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 Todd Angerman, Michael Gruszka, John Alessia, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Also present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief James Woestman, Town Attorney David Westland via Zoom, GIS Director Greg White, one member of the press, and four interested citizens present, and one via Zoom.

TREASURER’S REPORT - June 2022

Councilman Alessia made a motion to approve the June 2022 Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the regular meeting and work session minutes from June 27th , seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he had reviewed the following vouchers: White Vouchers #10674 - #10735, White-Police #1107 - #1109, Water #2221 - #2225 , Waste Water #4422- #4483, and Stormwater Utility #6081 - #6086. Councilman Yelkich made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance #2022-13 -Amend Special Event Permit - eliminating the \$25.00 fee - Councilman Gruszka moved to hold over Ordinance #2022-13 for second reading, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Ordinance #2022-14 - amend Sewer Rates & Charges for sewer metered rates over three phases - Councilman Alessia moved to hold over Ordinance #2022-14 and Set for Public Hearing to be held on Monday, August 22nd , seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote. The notice will be publicized and placed on the website and listed on the customers sewer bill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Evergreen Park Project - Act on Change Order #1 with Grimmer and authorize amended agreement with Indiana American Water - Mr. Hendrix stated when the Water Utility was sold the Town had already entered into an agreement for a new water line with Grimmer Construction and the Town assigned an agreement for Indiana American Water to take over the project. The Change Order is for the reconstruction of the parking lot at Evergreen Park and will be paid directly by the town. The project is set to begin July 18th and completed by August 24th. Mr. Hendrix stated the Town will need to authorize

Attorney Westland to amend the agreement with Indiana American Water. Councilman Tucker moved to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$170,000 and authorize Attorney Westland to prepare amended agreement with Indiana American Water, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Act on Joint Interlocal and Mutual Aid Agreement - South Lake County Crash Reconstruction Team - Chief of Police Jim Woestman stated that the Lake County Sheriff's Department no longer offers a crash reconstruction team and the communities of Schererville, St. John, Dyer, Cedar Lake, Lowell, and Crown Point are combining their experienced officers and creating their own team. He stated Lowell will provide two of our officers to the team, and if an accident ever happens in Lowell the team will be called. Councilman Tucker moved to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

John Cannon, Outreach Rep for Attorney General Todd Rokita - Mr. Cannon gave an overview of the services the Attorney General's Office provides for municipalities and their citizens. He spoke of the Indiana Unclaimed Website for unclaimed funds owed to Hoosiers, Identity Theft recovery plans, unsolicited phone calls, and the Opioids Settlement. Brochures for the services were left at Town Hall for citizens.

Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters asked for direction on the 2023 Budget. Council agreed for her to work with the financial consultant and bring a draft to an August work session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 25th at 7:00 P.M.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

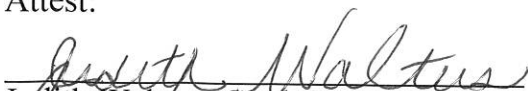
Chuck Abraham, Lowell Tribune, asked Chief Woestman who was in charge of the Reconstruction Team, and Chief Woestman stated a Commander at the Dyer Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Alessia made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 P.M., seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes.


Todd Angerman, President

Attest:


Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer