

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 10, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:00 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, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Councilman Alessia was absent. Also present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief James Woestman, GIS Director Greg White, and Town Attorney David Westland. Also present was one member of the press via Zoom, and six interested citizen.

TREASURER'S REPORT - June 2023

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the June 2023 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Tucker made a motion to approve the regular meeting and work session minutes from June 26th, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he had reviewed the following vouchers: White Vouchers #10711 - #10767 - \$522,263.43, White- Police - #1096-#1100 - \$5,113.73, Waste Water #4510- #4554 - \$341,589.59, and Stormwater Utility #6093 - #6102 - \$ 30,633.86. Councilman Yelkich made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance #2023-09 - Additional Appropriation - Park Capital Improvement - \$310,000 - A Public Hearing was opened by President Angerman, and there being no comments the hearing was closed. Councilman Yelkich moved to hold Ordinance #2023-09 over for a second reading, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Resolution #2023-05 - Transfer of Funds with M.V.H. and Park Fund for the purchase of utility vehicle - Councilman Tucker moved to adopt Resolution #2023-05, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WWTP Improvement Project - Approve Pay Request #11 - Bowen Engineering - \$163,121.68 less retainage and approve Sewer Voucher #4554 - \$154,965.60 - Councilman Gruszka moved to approve Pay Request #11 and Sewer Voucher #4554 to Bowen Engineering, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Tabled from previous meeting -
6/26 - West Side Sewer Project - professional service agreement - American Valuation Appraisal Service - Councilman Yelkich moved to remain tabled until the next regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for stop sign Marion Drive/Debra Lane - A request for a stop sign had been received from Jason Logan of 17292 Marion Drive for the intersection of Marion and Debra Lane. Councilman Gruszka moved to grant the request, seconded by Council Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote. Town Manager Hendrix will have an ordinance amendment ready for the next meeting, so enforcement can begin after it has been adopted.

Enter into SRO Memorandum of Understanding - Tri-Creel School Corporation - Attorney Westland stated the school had requested a change in the agreement concerning compensation and requested the item be tabled until it can be discussed further at the next work session. Councilman Gruszka moved to table, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

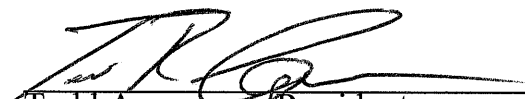
Chuck Abraham, Lowell Tribune, asked about the additional appropriation, and was informed it was for the construction of the pickle ball court. President Angerman stated some of the funds will come from the townships.

Debra Newton, 609 Gatewood Drive, stated there is a large tree that split in half and is hanging onto their property at the back of their lot which is owned by the Town . She stated they are worried it may fall in a storm and cause damage. She did note that they have seen Nipsco working there also since it is near a power line. She stated she had spoken with someone from the town who had suggested they come to a council meeting to ask it to be removed. Town Manager Hendrix stated the property is a wetland, and he will have someone look at tomorrow and he will also contact Nipsco.

Jeron Cannon, along with his mother, was present to apologize for his involvement in the vandalism that occurred at Evergreen Park with the bathroom sink being damaged. Per Town Judge Richard Shapiro's order those involved are to do community service, agree to pay restitution and publicly apologize for their involvement. Jeron stated that he was sorry that he accidentally broke the sink and that he had learned his lesson. Council members thanked him for "manning up" and taken responsibility for what he had done.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Yelkich made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 P.M., seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes.



Todd Angerman, President

Attest:



Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer