

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:03 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, John Alessia, Todd Angerman, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. 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, and five interested citizen.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - July 2023

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the July 2023 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 and work session minutes from July 24th, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

President Angerman stated he had reviewed the following vouchers: White Vouchers #10827 - #10918 - \$1,088,504.91, White- Police - #1108-#1115 - \$4,213.59, Waste Water #4588- #4659 - \$292,229.69, and Stormwater Utility #6109 - #6126 - \$ 59,162.86. Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS**

Presentation from Dean & Barbara White Foundation - Attorney Joseph Svetanoff, representing the White Foundation, presented an executed grant application and will work with Mr. Hendrix and Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters on wiring instruction for the 3.5 million dollar grant. He stated the agreement was signed by Craig White, President and William Hanna, Executive Director, and they wish the best of luck and are proud to be part of this project. Council members thanked them again for their contribution.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> reading - Ordinance #2023-10 - PUD-R - Kingston Ridge Subdivision - A favorable recommendation had been received from the Lowell Plan Commission. Councilman Yelkich moved to adopt Ordinance #2023-10, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

1<sup>st</sup> reading - Ordinance #2023-11 - amend Sewer Inspection Fee - \$150 - Councilman Alessia moved to hold Ordinance #2023-11 over for a second reading, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

1<sup>st</sup> reading - Ordinance #2023-12 - amend Sewer Connection Charge - \$3100 per base unit and Sewer Collection charge - \$1700 per base unit - Councilman Tucker moved to hold Ordinance #2023-12 for a second reading, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Councilman Alessia moved to set a Public Hearing on Ordinance #2023-11 and #2023-12 for the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

WWTP Improvement Project - Approve Pay Request #12 - Bowen Engineering - \$15,467.00 less retainage and approve Sewer Voucher #4658 - \$14,693.65 - Councilman Gruszka moved to approve Pay Request #12 and Sewer Voucher #4658 to Bowen Engineering, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Police Commission - One application had been received. Councilman Alessia moved to table, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes.

Tabled from previous meeting -  
7/10 - Enter into SRO Memorandum of Understanding - Tri-Creek School Corporation - Councilman Gruszka moved to untable, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes. Councilman Gruszka moved to approve the amended agreement dated 8/10/2023, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Enter into agreement with CSX Railroad for an irregularly shaped parcel of land, containing .38 acres for Nassau Park - As discussed at the work session, this parcel will be used for the trial and parking lot, no building will be erected on it. The annual lease payment will be \$1200. Councilman Gruszka moved to accept the agreement with CSX Railroad, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Enter into Joint Inter-local Agreement with Lake County - West Side Sewer Project - \$1,100,000.00 for improvement costs - The County is contributing some of their AARP funds to provide a sewer extension to Route 41/Lake Prairie School. Councilman Gruszka moved to enter into the agreement, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Request for Cumulative Capital Improvement Funds - Lowell Police Department - A \$6,000 proposal to remodel the Corporal area at the Lowell Police Department was discussed during the work session. Councilman Alessia moved to approve the proposal from CCI Funds, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Request for street light - W. Main Street - A request had been received from Tom and Rita Saberniak requesting a street light be installed on the outlet west of Nichols Street. They have been paying for a dusk to dawn light for the last 20 years and since the street has now been blacktopped they would like a street light installed. Councilman Yelkich moved to have the town take over the light, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 25, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

## **MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chuck Abraham, Lowell Tribune, asked for copies of Ordinance #2023-11 and Ordinance #2023-12 and was informed the changes in the SRO agreement were what

was discussed at the last meeting to allow five days of sick or vacation days during the school period.

Nancy Svetanoff, Chamber of Commerce President, and Chris Reed, Secretary of Chamber of Commerce invited the council members to an appreciation night they are having on Thursday night at the Chamber office, where they will show the improvements they are making to the chamber office. They will also be presented with a flag from Senator Braun that was flown over the Capital building.

Town Manager Hendrix stated the INDOT public hearing on the Freedom Trail project will be held on August 22nd from 6-8 at the Town Hall.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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



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Todd Angerman, President

Attest:

  
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Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer