

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 27, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, November 27, 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, 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 were nine interested citizens, and one member of the press via Zoom.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes from November 13<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

President Angerman stated he had reviewed the vouchers and asked approval of the following: White Vouchers #11329 - #11377- \$ 425,440.13, Police - #1147-#1153 - \$ 6,860.66, Water #2014- \$250,000.00, Waste Water #4907-#4931- \$ 280,849.47, and Stormwater Utility #6170 - #6173 - \$ 9,784.66. Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> reading - Ordinance #2023-21 - Additional Appropriation - PO Grant - \$2,412.50 - Councilman Gruszka moved to adopt Ordinance #2023-21 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

2<sup>nd</sup> reading - Ordinance #2023-22 - create K9 Donation Fund - Councilman Yelkich moved to adopt Ordinance #2023-22, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Resolution #2023-11 - transfer of funds within the TIF Fund for professional services - \$50,000 - Councilman Gruszka moved to approve Resolution #2023-11, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

WWTP Generator Project - Sweney Electric - Approve Pay Request #9 - \$21,951.00, Pay Request #10 - \$13,789.80, Pay Request #11 - \$20,201.20 - release of final retainage and approve Sewer Voucher #4930 - \$55,942.00 - Councilman Tucker moved to approve the Pay Requests as noted, and Sewer Voucher #4930 in the amount of \$55,942.00, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Town Manager Hendrix stated the project is now complete.

West Side Sewer Project - enter into agreement with Professional Appraisal Services for appraisal fees - \$45,350 - Town Manager Hendrix stated this is for the appraisals for the easements and are based on the INDOT fee schedule. Councilman Alessia moved to approve the agreement with Professional Appraisal Services in the amount of \$45,350., seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Permission to sell old vehicles/equipment - This item was tabled on motion by Councilman Alessia, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried since a list had not been provided to Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters.

Permission to advertise board/commission appointments - Discussion followed, with a decision to contact current members currently serving to see if they want to be re-appointed before advertising positions. It was noted that the Economic Development Commission positions will need to be filled since they are part of the process of the TIF Residential Housing. Councilman Alessia moved to advertise positions needed after contacting current board members, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Manager Hendrix asked for permission to apply for the federal fund project available from INDOT for reconstruction of Mill Street. He stated we had applied for last year but was turned down and would like to re-submit the project for the 2028 construction season and see if we get approved. The deadline to apply is Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilman Yelkich moved to grant permission to apply for the grant, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes.

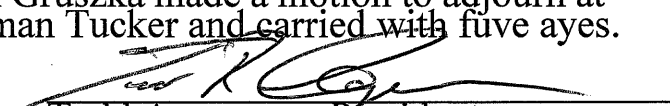
President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

### **MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chuck Abraham, Lowell Tribune, was present via Zoom and stated that he had some questions on the meeting and had emailed Town Manager Hendrix.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business, Councilman Gruszka made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 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