

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. by Council President Todd Angerman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Jill Murr called the roll. The members present were Todd Angerman, Mike Gruszka, John Alessia, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Staff present were Police Chief Jim Woestman, Town Manager Craig Hendrix, and GIS Director Greg White. Town Attorney David Westland via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the November 25, 2024, Work Session and Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on voice vote.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilman Yelkich made a motion to approve the November 2024 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he reviewed the vouchers. White Vouchers #12877 – 12944 \$774,188.844; White – Police #1342 – 1347 \$5,579.62; Wastewater #5932 – 5966 \$618,858.36; and Stormwater Utility #6387 – 6396 \$19,395.27. Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve the vouchers as listed and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Gruszka and Council thanked Town Manager Hendrix and Street Superintendent Lovely for their response to assist the fire department in a recent accident.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 2024-14 – 2025 Salary Ordinance. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-14; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Tucker to suspend the rules and allow for the second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-14; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote. Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-14 – 2025 Salary Ordinance; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Tucker to reinstate the rules; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

West Side Sewer Project

Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to award the West Side Sewer Project to R&R Sewer in the amount of \$6,454,355.44 and waiving the INDOT prequalification requirement; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Waiver of Permit & Inspection Fees for Tri-Creek School Corporation Natatorium

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to waive the permit and inspection fess for Tri-Creek School Corporation Natatorium with a values of \$200,000.00; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Acceptance of Easements and Approval of white voucher #12941 - \$31,400.00 for the SR2 Sewer/Water Extension Project for Parcel 6.

Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Tucker for Acceptance of Easement and Approval of white voucher #12941 - \$31,400.00 for the SR2 Sewer/Water Extension Project for Parcel 6; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Hasse Construction Company, Inc, PR#3 – Nassau Park, white voucher #12943 - \$158,708.34.

Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve Hasse Construction Company, Inc, PR#3 – Nassau Park, white voucher #12943 - \$158,708.34; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Approval of Consulting Contract with Northwest Psychological Services, PC in the amount of \$9,500.00 annually.

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve the consulting contract with Northwest Psychological Services, PC in the amount of \$9,500.00 annually, motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Approval of SEH Supplemental Agreement for Freedom Trail

Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve the SEH Supplemental Agreement for Freedom Trail in the amount of \$189,037.11 to be paid from park capital funds, motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Approve vehicle purchase

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the purchase of a 2024 Jeep Compass for Town Hall in an amount of \$27,200.00 to be paid from cumulative capital funds, motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Approve advertising for Boards and Commissions

Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve advertising for open Boards & Commissions, motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

Approve request – Police Department – tabled 10-28-2024

Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to untable the Police Department Request; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Police Department request, motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

West Side Sewer Project Easements

Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Tucker to authorize and direct Town Attorney Westland to move forward with he condemnation for properties/easements for the SR2 Sewer/Water extension project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting – Monday, December 23, 2024, at 1:00 pm

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

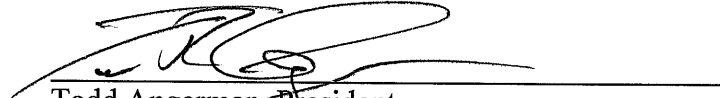
None

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to adjourn at 7:11 pm; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

Attest:


Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer


Todd Angerman, President

