

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. by President John Alessia. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed. Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters called the roll. Members present were Donald Huseman, Phillip Kuiper, David Gard and John Alessia. Councilman Robert Philpot was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Gregory Sobkowski, Director of Public Works Greg Shook, Town Administrator Susan Peterson, Community Development Director Wilbur Cox, Police Chief John Shelhart, three members of the media, and approximately twenty interested citizens.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilman Kuiper made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2010 as presented, seconded by Councilman Gard. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Huseman made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10th regular meeting, the January 10th and 17th executive sessions, seconded by Councilman Kuiper. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Alessia stated that he had reviewed White Vouchers #1048-1102, White Police Vouchers #4000-4007, Water Vouchers #2021-2056 and Waste Water Vouchers #3021-3046 and recommended them for approval. Councilman Huseman made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Gard. The motion carried by voice vote.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #2011-01 – Temporary loan from Sewer Improvement in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to General Fund \$775,000.00, MVH Fund \$150,000.00 and Park Fund \$75,000.00 until December 31, 2011 - Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters explained that she received the tax draw and the temporary loan form last year is being paid off. Councilman Kuiper made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-01, seconded by Councilman Gard. The motion carried by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Works Department Update - Clerk-Treasurer Walters asked that Burr Street and West Side Sewer Project be removed from the agenda. Councilman Kuiper made a motion to remove

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the items from the agenda, seconded by Councilman Huseman. The motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve annual Conflict of Interest Statements - Donald Huseman for Town Council and Plan Commission, James Konradi for Plan Commission, BZA and Traffic Commission, James Langen for Redevelopment Commission and Brian Sanders for Redevelopment Commission. Councilman Gard made a motion to approve the conflict of interest statements, seconded by Councilman Kuiper. The motion carried by voice vote.

Approve Official Bonds for Police Commission / Redevelopment Commission / Clerk-Treasurer - Sharon Patterson, Doug Nicksch, Phillip Kuiper, James Langen, Brian Sanders and Judith Walters. Councilman Gard made a motion to approve the bonds, seconded by Councilman Huseman. The motion carried by voice vote.

Request for promotional donation to 75th Annual Indiana Clerk Conference - Clerk-Treasurer Walters explained that the conference is being held in Merrillville this year and they ask that the surrounding communities where the conference is being held help support it. The conference is mostly about education and there is also State Board of Accounts schooling there, each surrounding community is being asked to donate \$1,000.00 to help offset the cost. The money will come from the promotional budget. Councilman Kuiper made a motion to approve the donation, seconded by Councilman Gard. The motion carried by voice vote.

Permission to sell ST-7 - 1999 Chevy Truck - Director of Public Works Greg Shook explained that the Council gave them permission to purchase a used dump truck and now they would like to sell the 1999 Chevy. After talking with dealers who said it is worth about \$10,000.00 and that is what they will try to get for it. Town Attorney Greg Sobkowski stated that there will have to be a notice placed in the newspaper and accept proposals or hire an auctioneer and auction it off. Clerk-Treasurer Walters asked if it could be sold with a dealer who offered to put it on their lot, on their web site and advertise it in four truck papers. Town Attorney Gregg Sobkowski said he would have to look into that. Councilman Kuiper made a motion to authorize the sale, seconded by Councilman Huseman. The motion carried by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Alessia announced the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 14th at 7:00 P.M.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member asked what board Mr. Langen and Mr. Sanders was on, she was told it is the Redevelopment Commission.

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There being no further business or discussion, Councilman Gard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Kuiper at 7:12 P.M.

John Alessia, President

Attest:

Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer