

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. by President Christopher Salatas. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence in honor of the late Senator Sue Landske. Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters called the roll. Members present were Craig Earley, LeAnn Angerman, Donald Parker, Christopher Salatas, and Edgar Corns. Also present were Town Attorney David Westland, Public Works Director Greg Shook, Building Administrator Tom Trulley, Police Chief Erik Matson, Planning Consultant Jim Mandon, two members of the media, and thirteen citizens.

TREASURER'S REPORT- February 2015

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve the February 2015 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilwoman Angerman and carried with five ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Earley made a motion to approve the February 23, 2015 regular meeting minutes and work session minutes, and the February 26, 2015 joint meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Earley and carried with five ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Salatas asked for approval of White Vouchers #1222 - #1265, White-Police #4043 - #4054, Water #2135 - #2172, Waste Water #3118 - #3154, and Stormwater Utility #5028 - #5033,

Councilman Corns made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilwoman Angerman. Councilman Earley stated he would like the record to show that he would not be voting to approve Water Utility claim #2169 to Sidetrack Saloon for \$1125, and Wastewater Utility claim #3135 also to the Sidetrack Saloon for \$1125. The motion carried with five ayes.

MONTHLY REPORTS- February 2015

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve the February 2015 Monthly Reports, seconded by Councilman Earley and carried with five ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Works Department Update - Public Works Director Greg Shook stated prior to the meeting each Council member received a drawing for a water tower to show what it looked like and how it functions. Director Shook stated SEH Representative Craig Hendrix and himself are

setting up a meeting to go down and talk to the DNR regarding the situation of the proposed water tank at Freedom Park. After reviewing the property, it was determined that the tank itself would take up less than 1/10 of one acre. He stated they will take this information to the DNR to see if it would even be necessary to do a property conversion, but have been looking at other sites in town that we currently own, such as the property next to the water plant.

Memorandum of Understanding - Lake County IN Economic Alliance - Councilman Earley made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Councilwoman Angerman and carried by roll call vote with five ayes.

Tabled from previous meetings:

1/12 - Mason disannexation - President Salatas stated this item would remain tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Enter into annual Memorandum of Understanding with Lake County Board of Commissioners for storage of liquid asphalt - Councilman Earley made a motion to enter in to the annual Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Councilman Parker and carried by roll call vote with five ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Salatas announced that there would be a joint meeting with Cedar Lake beginning at 7:45 P.M., and that the next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melanie Csepiga, The Times, asked for a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Lake County Economic Alliance.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Angerman made a motion to adjourn at 7:06 P.M., seconded by Councilman Corns and carried with five ayes.

Christopher Salatas, President

Attest:

Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer