

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 9, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. by President Christopher Salatas. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters called the roll. Members present were Michael Gruszka, LeAnn Angerman, Will Farrellbegg, Christopher Salatas, and Edgar Corns. Also present were Town Attorney David Westland, Police Chief Erik Matson, Town Manager Jeff Sheridan, Public Works Director Greg Shook, Building Administrator Carl Ferro, two members of the media, and thirteen citizens.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - April 2016

Councilman Corns mad a motion to approve the April 2016 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilman Farrellbegg and carried with five ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Farrellbegg made a motion to approve the April 25<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and work session minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Angerman and carried with five ayes.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

President Salatas stated he had reviewed White Vouchers #1457 - #1517, White-Police #4087 - #4100; correcting White Voucher #4088 to Superior in the amount of \$2,312.71, Water #2285 - #2330, Waste Water #3254 - #3279, and Stormwater Utility #5047 - #5052. Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Farrellbegg and carried with five ayes.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRANCES, PROCLAMATIONS**

President Salatas stated that the construction of the new water tower began today.

**MONTHLY REPORTS** - April 2016

Councilman Farrellbegg made a motion to approve the April 2016 Monthly Reports, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> reading - Ordinance #2016-04 - an Ordinance regarding Parental Responsibility of School Attendance of Minor Children - Councilman Corns moved to table Ordinance #2016-04 awaiting further information from Town Attorney and School, seconded by Councilman Farrellbegg and carried by roll call vote with five ayes.

1<sup>st</sup> reading - Ordinance #2016-10 - Additional Appropriation - Police Grant Hours - \$2,954.06 - Councilman Farrellbegg made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2016-10, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried by roll call vote with five ayes.

Resolution #2016-09 - authorizing CDBG Projects for 2016-2017, was approved on motion by Councilman Corns, seconded by Councilman Farrellbegg and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Public Works Department Update - No update was given.

SR 2 Curb & Sidewalk Project - Approve Pay Request - \$77,323.25 to Commonwealth Engineering and forward to INDOT for 80% reimbursement - Councilman Corns made a motion to approve the Pay Request, seconded by Councilman Farrellbegg and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Tabled from previous meetings:

Resolution #2016-06 - adopting Uniform Internal Control Standards - remains tabled

Resolution #2016-08 - opposing construction of 278-mile rail line - remains tabled

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Enter into annual agreement with Keithley Farms for weed control behind WWTP property - Councilman Corns moved to approve the annual agreement with Keithley Farms, seconded by Councilman Gruszka. Public Works Director Greg Shook stated we have had an agreement with Mr. Keithley for a number of years for a parcel of town property that he plants with beans for weed control and he pays the Town \$500. The motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Mortgage Releases - SR 2 Curb & Sidewalk Project - Attorney Westland stated the Town needs to direct the town manager to implement a mortgage release policy for the parcels we acquire that have a mortgage to proceed with the project. Mr. Sheridan stated he would recommend that we use the INDOT policy, as discussed during the work session, that does not require releases if the value is under \$20,000. Councilman Farrellbegg moved to accept the recommendation to have a policy like INDOT, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Salatas announced that the next regular meeting would be Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. that would include a Public Hearing on Ordinance #2016-06 - Annexing of 30.21 Acres of C & D Landfill.

## **MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Melanie Csepiga, The Times, asked why Ordinance #2016-09, had been tabled and was informed by Attorney Westland that the Town is not ready to take action due to legal ramifications. The Ordinance had been requested by the school on truancy and they need to review other truancy policies to make sure they are consistent with the law. She also asked for a listing of CDBG projects and Mr. Sheridan replied he would give her a copy of the resolution. Ms. Csepiga also asked why the Resolution opposing the rail line is still tabled. Mr. Sheridan stated that he is gathering more information to have a good footing on a stance against the rail line as proposed, with concerns with our wellfield.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Farrellbegg made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 P.M., seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes.

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Christopher Salatas, President

Attest:

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Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer

