

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. by Vice President LeAnn 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, LeAnn Angerman, Will Farrellbegg, and Edgar Corns. Town Council President Chris Salatas was not present. Also present were Town Attorney Dave Westland, Police Chief Erik Matson, Town Manager Jeff Sheridan, Building Administrator Carl Ferro, one member of the press, and six interested citizens.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - November 2016

Councilman Farrellbegg made a motion to approve the November 2016 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Corns made a motion to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes from November 29<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Vice-President Angerman stated she had reviewed White Vouchers #2360 - #2415, White-Police #4247 - #4260; Water #2852 - #2898, Waste Water #3702 - #3730, and Stormwater Utility #5143- #5149. Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Corns and carried by roll call vote with four ayes.

**MONTHLY REPORTS** - November 2016

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

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> reading - Ordinance #2016-25 - Additional Appropriation - \$150,000 - Gambling Revenue - Councilman Farrellbegg made a motion to set aside the rules,

seconded by Councilman Corns and carried with four ayes.

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Corns and carried with four ayes. There being no public comment, Vice-President Angerman closed the public hearing. Councilman Corns made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2016-25, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried by roll call vote with four ayes. Clerk Treasurer Judith Walters explained that this is for the Route 2 Curb Project, and is appropriating money we received back from INDOT so the final bills can be paid in December from Commonwealth Engineers. Councilman Farrellbegg made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #2016-25, by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Corns and carried by roll call vote with four ayes.

1<sup>st</sup> reading - Ordinance #2016-26 - 2017 Salary Ordinance - Councilman Corns made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2016-26 - 2017 Salary Ordinance, by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Farrellbegg. Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters stated the ordinance reflects a 2% increase for town employees, and an increase in first class special patrol. There is no increase for elected officials. The motion carried by roll call vote with four ayes.

Councilman Corns made a motion to put the rules back in order, seconded by Councilman Farrellbegg and carried with four ayes.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Rt. 2 Curb & Sidewalk Project - Approve Pay request to Commonwealth Engineers \$46,480.00 for project management and right-of way engineering and forward to INDOT for 80% reimbursement and approve White Voucher #2416 - Councilman Farrellbegg made a motion to approve the pay request to Commonwealth Engineers, and forward to INDOT and approve White Voucher #2416, seconded by Councilman Corns and carried by roll call vote with four ayes.

The following remains tabled from previous meetings:

4/11 - Resolution #2016-06 - adopting Uniform Internal Control Standards

5/09 - Ordinance #2016-04 - Parental Responsibility of School Attendance of Minor Children

11/14 - Mobilite agreement

11-29 - Approval of Town Council Minutes - 11/14 regular, work session, 11/17 work session

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dorothy Eich - 311 Clark St - Ms. Eich requested that the Transient Merchant License be waived for the 2017 Barktoberfest sponsored by The Lowell Woman's Club. Clerk Treasurer Judy Walters stated that in the past, we required their vendors to fill out all the required paperwork and perform background checks on each of them, we just didn't charge them the fee. Councilman Corns made a motion to waive the Transient Merchant License fee for the 2017 Barktoberfest, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes.

Town Manager Sheridan gave a report on town snow plowing. He reported the crews had done a wonderful job plowing during this past snow storm, but wanted to make the citizens aware that in the last thirty-six hours our crews have gone through forty-six tons of salt. Mr. Sheridan stated we use a mixture of untreated salt and sand, and continued to explain that the melting temperature for our untreated salt is 30 degrees and if the temperature is 24 degrees, it loses 50% of its efficiency. He stated if the temperature drops to 18 degrees or lower, the salt is ineffective and will not work. Mr. Sheridan said we have had some questions that we weren't putting enough salt down, and knows some of the best practices use a pre-treatment or other substances such as beet juice. Mr. Sheridan stated they are looking into other options that will help our Street Department do a more efficient job. Vice-President Angerman stated the crew did a fantastic job of plowing our streets and she knows they put in a lot of hours, and if there is a different product that will work better for our roadways we need to look into that.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice President Angerman announced that the next regular meeting would be Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

## **MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Comments

## **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business, Councilman Corns made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 P.M., seconded by Councilman Farrellbegg and carried with five ayes.

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LeAnn Angerman, Vice President

Attest:

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Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer

