

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:07 P.M. by President Todd Angerman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters called the roll. Members present were Todd Angerman, Michael Gruszka, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Councilman John Alessia was absent. Also present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief James Woestman, GIS Director Greg White, and Town Attorney David Westland. Also present were three interested citizens present, and one via Zoom.

TREASURER'S REPORT - November 2022

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the November 2022 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Yelkich made a motion to approve the regular meeting and work session minutes from November 28th, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he had reviewed the following vouchers: White Vouchers #11325 - #11402, White- Police - #1166-#1174, Water #2301-#2309, Waste Water #4877- #4947, and Stormwater Utility #6157 - #6164. Councilman Tucker made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

2nd reading - Ordinance #2022-27 - 2023 Salary Ordinance - Councilman Gruszka moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-27 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

2nd reading - Ordinance #2022-28 - Additional Appropriation - PO Grant hours - \$ 26,498.40 - Councilman Gruszka moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-28 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

1st reading & 2nd reading - Ordinance #2022-29 - Amending of Town Wards, Councilman Gruszka moved to hold over Ordinance #2022-29, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes on roll call vote. Councilman Gruszka moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes. The second reading of Ordinance #2022-29, Amending of Town Wards, was adopted by name and title only by Councilman Gruszka, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote. Councilman Gruszka moved to put the rules back in order, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes.

1st reading - Ordinance #2022-30 - adopting of Employee Handbook - Councilman Gruszka moved to hold Ordinance #2022-30 for a second reading, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Resolution #2022-16 - transfer of funds within Police budget - Councilman Tucker moved to approve Resolution #2022-16, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Resolution #2022-17 - Authorization of execution of INDOT Agreements - which will allow President to sign Community Crossing Grant agreement - Councilman Gruszka moved to approve Resolution #2022-17, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Table from previous meeting -
11/28 Resolution #2022-15 - Investment Policy Statement - Councilman Yelkich moved to remain tabled, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for matching grant funding from Cumulative Capital Fire Fund - LVFD Chief Gamblin stated they had received a AFG Grant and are requesting the matching portion of \$52,050 come from cum funds. Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters stated funds are available. Councilman Gruszka moved to use Cumulative Funds for matching grant, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Act on favorable recommendation from B.Z.A. - Variance of Use - 106 E. Main Street - Councilman Yelkich moved to table, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes.

Title 6 Report - Goals & Accomplishments - Councilman Yelkich moved to adopt the 2022 Goals & Accomplishments, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes.

Amend offer for 306 E. Commercial Avenue - Councilman Gruszka moved to amend the offer to purchase 306 E. Commercial Avenue to \$75,500 and to assign the purchase agreement to the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Parade of Light Winners - Winners of the Parade of Lights were 1st Place - Mi-Ranchito, 2nd Place - Hilltop Community Church, and 3rd Place - Cub Scout Pack 234. Deanna Sutton, Lowell Chamber of Commerce thanked the town for their assistance for the Winterfest and said it was a tremendous event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 27th at 1:30 at 7:00 P.M.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Butch Decker, 17293 Michael Drive, complained about the increase to his sewer bill and asked where the proceeds for the sale of the water utility went. President Angerman stated that his sewer bill is based on water consumption and there was an increase because of increase in costs, and the rate had not been increased for years. He stated the Council fought against a flat fee because it wouldn't be fair for all customers. He stated the water sale proceeds are being invested for future needs of the town. President Angerman told Mr. Decker that his tax bill was going down in 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Yelkich made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 P.M., seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes.



Todd Angerman, President

Attest:



Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer