LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MARCH 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. Members present were Todd Angerman, Michael Gruszka, John Alessia, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich; Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer. Staff present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief Jim Woestman, Fire Chief Chris Gamblin, and GIS Director Greg White. Town Attorney David Westland joined via Zoom.

Ambulance Board Discussion – Ambulance Board members stated their concerns on the future need of a fourth ambulance and adding a new crew as the town continues to grow. Concerns were noted on funding and the Residential TIF. Councilmembers responded that their goal is not to take anything from overlapping units. Councilman Angerman stated that the Residential TIF is to bring in more funding outside of the max levy, noting that it will be several years before funds are received and accumulated. Discussion occurred on how the funds could be spent and the effects of growth on all departments.

Cub Scout Pack 234 – Cub Scouts are working on Building A Better World, part of which is citizenship and are here to see how things work in local government. Cub Scouts inquired on a pothole on 181st and what positions are on the Council and what does everyone do? Councilman Angerman responded that they are responsible for the tax dollars and their job is to have functional and running police departments, roads, and sewers. They are here to deal with the "what if's" and have someone address it, such as plowing snow. Scouts inquired about who founded Lowell; Mr. Halsted founded Lowell in 1852 as it reminded him of Lowell, MA. Councilmembers advised the Scouts about leadership, think globally, act locally. You can all be leaders, utilize your Scout training to lead the way.

Salary Ordinance Modification of Town Court – Town Manager Hendrix stated that the Court would like to increase the Court Clerk to \$25.00 per hour maximum. Attorney Westland will draft the Ordinance Amendment for their consideration.

Agreement for Geotechnical Work for West Side Sewer – Town Manager Hendrix stated that geotechnical work is needed for the West Side Sewer project and requested adding this to the agenda for their consideration this evening.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Todd Angerman, President

Attest:

Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer