

LCTV ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD

For the Meeting of Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: CITY OF LOWELL Barb Barber, Sharon Ellison,
Dennis Kent

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP Bill Thompson, Sue Simmonds

Absent: Dan Brubaker (city) and Tim Wittenbach (Vergennes)

Also Present: City Manager Dave Pasquale, Dept. of Public Works Director Dan DesJarden and Lowell Light and Power Board Member Jim Hall

Item #1. THOMPSON MOVED, ELLISON SUPPORTED to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2010 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Item #2. REVIEW FUNDS STATEMENT. Pasquale noted that there is \$228,718.37 available this year from the fund.

Item #3. Pasquale explained a proposed amendment to the Library Roof project in the 2009 grants. DesJarden provided pictures showing substantial deterioration of all of the wood trim on the library. Timing is critical as this additional work must be completed before the roof project can be completed.

THOMPSON MOVED, ELLISON SUPPORTED to approve the amendment amount of \$8,700.00. Motion carried.

Item #4. Pasquale presented an additional expense of \$724 for unemployment insurance expense to a former Lowell Cable Television technician. After having the city attorney review it, it was determined that it should be paid from the LCTV Endowment Fund.

THOMPSON MOVED, ELLISON SUPPORTED to approve the one-time payment, as an expense, of \$724.00, as billed by the State. Motion carried.

Item #5. RECEIVE AND PROVIDE INITIAL REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS.

- The board asked Pasquale to contact the Lowell Music Boosters to show proof of 501-C3 status or have the Lowell Area Schools sponsor them. The board stipulated that they need to have the documentation available by the next meeting, July 20, 2010.

- DesJarden explained the City of Lowell/Dept. of Public Works request for upgrading public street lighting. Replacing them all now, instead of as needed, would enable them to realized the savings by lowering costs and reducing greenhouse emissions.
- Ellison submitted a suggestion that the board consider setting aside some money to start a scholarship fund in the name of Ivan Blough who was one of the founders of Lowell Cable Television . Hall stated that the Lowell Light and Power Board appropriated \$1,000 this year to start a fund. Thompson said he would like to see a reserved amount each year, in Ivan’s name, but keep it within the category of ‘Enhancing the Life’ of people in the communities. Barber stated she would discuss the matter with the family and report back to the board at the next meeting.
- Barber stated that she had talked to Police Chief Hinton about his request for funding for Stop-Sticks for his department, and shared her findings with the board.

Item #6. Thompson asked for a change in the rating procedure. Number one, a 1 to 5 rating on his overall attitude about funding the project. Number two, rank by order of importance. Pasquale agreed to have Betty Morlock change the Application Consideration Form, replacing item “D” with Number one (above) and the board would rank the applications in order of importance at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

Dennis J. Kent, Chairman

Barb Barber, Secretary