

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Tom Grimm. Lori Gerard called roll.

Present: Jeff Altoft, Tom Grimm, Jim Myaard, Eric Nelson, Paul Nicholls, Jeff Ostrander,  
David Pasquale

Absent: None.

Also Present: Bob Bourgette, Bruce Whitman, Peter Draaisma, Greg Forbes, Mitch Kahn,  
Terry Baumgartner, Isaac Wolfbauer, Terry Williamson, Greg Canfield, Casey  
Brown and Lori Gerard

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Grimm moved and Nelson seconded to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Grimm moved and Pasquale seconded to approve the minutes of March 13, 2019 as written.  
Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Grimm moved and Myaard seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried.

It was questioned why there were so many Consumers Energy bills and were they higher than  
previous years. Gerard will get copies of these statements to Brown.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kahn commented that the breaker in his hangar keeps tripping. John Bolyut thinks it might be a  
heater in the next hangar.

Williamson stated he is flying paragliders out of here and really appreciated the Airport. Kahn mentioned he has had issues with paragliders popping up over the trees. Williamson noted that they typically enter and exit to the West.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Grant update – Brown noted he still has not heard anything on the grant application.
- b. Capital Improvement projects –
- c. Tree trimming – This will be part of the spring clean-up.
- d. Christmas float 2019 – item to be tabled until next fall.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.

Ostrander mentioned that there were a few strong odor days when they were fertilizing the airport. Brown stated he spoke with Dean and Jack and next year they will spread on snow so that it will melt into the ground. Ostrander commented that the Airport wants to be a good neighbor. It was noted that a complaint call was received at city hall and Brown spoke with Janine at Vergennes Township about the issue.

10. WINDCRAFT AVIATION - ALEX TAYLOR

None.

11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Final snow removal cost – Brown stated we came in at \$6050. Tom at Scenic Expressions is looking to purchase a big blower for next year but would need a multi-year contract if he proceeded with that.
- b. Taxiway Paving – John at Great Lakes Paving will honor last year's quote for Phase 1 & 2.

Pasquale moved and Ostrander seconded to approve the expense of \$28,320 to Great Lakes Paving for paving the taxiway and west side of Hangars A & B pending City Council approval. Motion carried.

- c. Spring Clean-up – April 13 and there is a long list of items needing cleaning and repairs.

d. Summer events – All agreed a burger night should be set for June or July.

Brown questioned if an increase of hangar rent is reasonable as it has been several years since we have done this. Pasquale noted that the Airport is an Enterprise Fund.

Pasquale moved and Myaard seconded to approve an increase in City of Lowell Airport hangar rent by \$10 per month effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Pasquale moved Grimm seconded to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Lori Gerard