

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
JANUARY 21, 2014  
REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Stover called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 320 Bell Road. Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella.

**Agenda Approval:** Cooper motioned to approve the agenda with moving comments from the public after agenda approval. Noble supported the motion.  
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Comments from the Public:** Margo Green and Jan Jacobs discussed a piece of township owned property they would like to purchase.

**2014 Budget Amendments:** Ringler motioned to amend the capital improvement budget to add \$1,900.00 for appraisals for property purchase and \$36,000.00 for BS&A software purchase first payment of a three year payout interest free. Adjustment to revenue and expenses required.

**Berrien County Report:** The board accepted the November police report.

**Enbridge Pipeline:** Daniel Dancer presented an update on the pipeline project.

**Comments from the Public on Agenda:** None.

**Consent Agenda:**

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda. Vella supported.

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| 1. January 21, 2014 Expenditures and Transfers:    |              |                    |                     |
| General O & M                                      | \$280,059.91 | Fire O & M         | \$41,219.48         |
| Sewer O & M  | \$15,644.94  | Water O & M        | \$4,676.01          |
| Capital Improvement                                | \$1,900.00   | <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> | <b>\$343,500.34</b> |
| 2. January 6, 2014 regular meeting minutes.        |              |                    |                     |
| 3. December Building Report                        |              |                    |                     |
| 4. December Fire Report                            |              |                    |                     |
| 5. 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Cash Transaction Report |              |                    |                     |
| 6. Toastmasters 2014 Meeting Room Agreement        |              |                    |                     |

ROLL CALL AYES: Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella, Cooper  
NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Purchase of BS&A Software:** Hoese motioned to purchase BS&A Software. Vella supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Vella, Stover, Cooper, Eull  
NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

Water Tower Cleaning Bids: Ringler motioned to accept the bid from Liquid Engineers to clean the water tower in the amount of \$2,830.00 the only bid received that will clean tank without taking it out of service. Vella supported. The bids were as follows:

<b><u>BIDDER</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT OF BID</u></b>	<b><u>NOTES REGARDING BID</u></b>
Liquid Engineering	\$2,830.00	Dive/Clean leaving tank in operation
Dixon Engineering	\$2,000.00	Drain/Clean tank down time
Nelson Tank Engineering	\$2,200.00	Drain/Clean tank down time

ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Vella, Stover, Cooper, Eull, Hoese  
NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Authorize Treasurer to Negotiate 2014 School Tax: Stover motioned to authorize the treasurer to negotiate the 2014 school tax collection contracts. Noble supported.

All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Set Public Hearing for 5 Year Park Recreation Plan: Stover set a public hearing for the 5 year park recreation plan for February 18, 2014 at 7:05 p.m. at 320 Bell Road.

**Committee Reports:**

Cooper: None.

Eull: Buchanan Community Schools having a May election.

Hoese: gave an update on landfill operations. The landfill is doing well.

Ringler: gave an update on tax collection.

Noble: updated on street light and road complaints he has been addressing.

Vella: presented the 5 year park recreation plan and advised the plan is available on line. Vella advised there is a meeting with the contractor and Berrien County Road Commission regarding the trail project. Construction is to begin on April 1, 2014 weather permitting with a completion date of July 25, 14. Vella advised the SMCAS audit will be available soon. Vella questioned the board on changes to Article of Inc. meeting on February 20, 2014.

**Supervisor's Report:** Advised the board is meeting with the Berrien County Road Commission on January 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Ringler motioned to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Noble supported the motion.  
All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Terry Eull, Clerk

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James W. Stover, Supervisor