

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
FEBRUARY 3, 2014  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Roll Call:** Cooper, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella. Board member absent: Eull. Others Present: Cole.

**Agenda Approval:** Ringler motioned to approve the agenda with an addition of reappointments to Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to item number 10. Cooper supported the motion.

All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Berrien County Report:** County Commissioner Curran was present and gave a brief update on the County's agenda and financial status. Advised that the County could be in a position to assist the Berrien County Road Commission if needed.

**Consent Agenda:**

Vella motioned to approve the consent agenda with the NBGSA meeting time changed to 7:30 p.m. due to a conflict with Toastmasters meeting time. Cooper supported.

1. February 3, 2014 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$19,511.41	Fire O & M	\$23,242.82
Sewer O & M	\$10,762.51	Water O & M	\$3,994.50
Health Benefit	\$467.07	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$57,978.31</b>

2. January 21, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

3. January 22, 2014 special meeting minutes.

4. NBGSA 2014 Meeting Room Agreement

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella,

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** Stover read a notice of hearing received from Indiana and Michigan Power to be held on February 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Lansing. Stover also read a thank you letter from SMEGA for Niles Charter Township's contribution to them.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**Reappointments to Planning Commission and ZBA:** Cooper motioned to reappoint Hartman and Streffling to a 3 year term on the Planning Commission and reappoint Ellis and Smothermon to a 3 year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Noble supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Vella, Stover, Cooper

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

**Cooper:** advised will try to get Suzanne Flowers from SWMPC to attend a meeting in March. Cooper advised there is a Planning Commission meeting next Tuesday as well as a NATS meeting. Cooper thanked the Township for the opportunity to attend the MTA Conference last week.

**Hoese:** None.

**Ringler:** Advised there are 2 openings on the pension board. Advised up to this point pension board has been a volunteer position, but thinks it should be a per diem basis as all other Township boards.

Noble: advised that the landfill scholarship application will be placed on the Township Website. Noble also reviewed the qualifications to apply for the scholarship.

Vella: presented an update on a lawsuit between SMCAS and EV Plus. The lawsuit has been settled. Vella attended a special meeting for the purchase of a new 2014 ambulance in the amount of \$137,500.00 once settlement funds are received. SMCAS will, also, be purchasing a used ambulance in the amount of \$12,500.00. SMCAS will be in good standing with the purchases due to settlement monies and budgeted amounts. Vella advised she requested J. Hulett, Parks Supervisor to review the 5 Year Recreation Plan.

**Supervisor's Report:** Stover expressed his thoughts on the MTA Conference. The board discussed the MTA Conference venues and likes vs dislikes of the conference. Stover advised that any handouts that were at the MTA are available on their website.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Hoese supported the motion.

All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Angie Cole, Deputy Clerk

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James W. Stover, Supervisor