

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MARCH 7, 2016
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, Vella, Stover.

Public Hearing: Marcy Colclough with Southwestern Michigan Planning Commission presented the plans for Phase II of the Indiana/Michigan River Valley Trail project. Marcy presented the grant and answered questions.

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Hoese supported. All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Guests: Commissioner Jim Curran advised the new Berrien County Animal Control building is moving along. Advised due to new laws regarding legal help for indigent defense, the County has hired a specialist to guide them on how to implement this program. Commissioner Curran also advised there is a bill in the state to put 17 year olds in juvenile court rather than the regular court system.

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items: None.

Consent Agenda:

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda. Vella supported.

1. March 7, 2016 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$38,178.83	Fire O & M	\$33,126.57
Sewer O & M	\$145,186.46	Water O & M	\$28,406.45
Street Lighting Fund	\$311.64	Building Dept. Fund	\$15,991.08
River Valley Trail Fund	\$37.70		
GRAND TOTAL	\$279,342.70		
2. February 16, 2016 regular meeting minutes
3. Knights of Columbus Annual Drive

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Park Commissioner, Harry Thibault, advised of a donation of \$15,000.00 has been received for the trail project from Bike Michiana.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Resolution # 16-03- Indiana/Michigan River Valley Trail Project Phase II: Vella motioned to adopt Resolution 16-03 authorizing of match with donated funds for the Indiana Michigan River Valley Trail Project Phase II. Noble supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Noxious Weed Mowing Bids: Hoese motioned to accept the bid from Amerigreen for noxious weed mowing for \$25.00 per hour. Ringler supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 16-04-Critical Bridge: Ringler motioned to adopt Resolution 16-04 supporting Berrien County Road Commission's Application for State and Federal Critical Bridge Funds. Cooper supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Vacating Bicknell North of Wightman Road: Ringler motioned to approve vacating Bicknell Street north of Wightman. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Williams and Works Contract-Master Plan: Ringler motioned to authorize Williams and Works a contract for development of the Master Plan in the amount of \$7,280.00. Cooper supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Brad Pasternak of 1519 LaSalle had questions regarding Norfolk Southern Rail Road. William Smoke had questions regarding the trail.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: None.

Eull: reminded of the Presidential Primary Election March 8, 2016.

Hoese: advised that revenue is down at the landfill.

Ringler: None.

Noble: has been working on complaints regarding roads and street lights.

Vella: SMCAS board voted to hire an operations manager of which Vella voted no. They are talking to Edwardsburg about managing their system.

Supervisor's Report: Advised the Board of Review is meeting on March 14, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on March 15, 2016 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Stover advised he would like to schedule a future meeting to discuss roads.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Vella supported the motion.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry E. Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor