

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MARCH 20, 2017
REGULAR MEETING**

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

Roll Call: Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Pulaski, Stover. Board Members Absent: Ringler, Vella.

Agenda Approval: Hoese motioned to approve the agenda with the additions to new business Firemen's Park drainage improvement bid as item #6 and advertising for a part time code enforcement officer as item # 7. Cooper supported. All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mark McKie

Special Guests: Lieutenant ~~Kelly Laesch~~ presented the January 2017 police report.

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items: None.

Consent Agenda:

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda. Pulaski supported.

1. March 20, 2017 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$22,760.34	Fire O & M	\$28,126.50
Sewer O & M	\$91,999.83	Water O & M	\$2,646.93
Building Dept. Fund	\$4,492.13	Street Lights	\$363.58
Fire Capital Improvement	\$2.61	Police Fund	\$10.33
Capital Improvement	\$340.00	SAW Grant	\$38,131.55
Drains at Large	\$7,058.06		
GRAND TOTAL	\$195,931.86		

2. March 6, 2017 regular meeting minutes
3. February 2017 Building Report
4. February 2017 Fire Report
5. February 2017 Revenue/Expense Report
6. February 2017 Zoning/Chickens/Code Enforcement Reports
7. May 2, 2017 Election Inspectors
8. Certificates of Completion for Michael Ford and Thomas Maxwell

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Pulaski, Stover

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Eull advised there have been two letters received by the Liquor Control Commission for a new license for Speedway and a change of ownership at 3114 S. 11th Street.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Sale of Fire Department Command/Air Supply Trailer: After discussion, Cooper motioned to donate the command/air supply trailer to the Berrien County Fire Fighters Training Committee. Pulaski supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Eull, Hoese, Pulaski, Stover, Cooper

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Michiana Cleaning Services Contract for DPW Janitorial Services:

Stover motioned to approve the contract for janitorial services for the DPW with Michiana Cleaning Service for an annual fee of \$3,390.00. Eull supported

ROLL CALL AYES: Hoese, Pulaski, Stover, Cooper, Eull.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Award Water Asset Management Bid to Prein&Newhof: Stover motioned award the bid from Prein&Newhof for water asset management in the amount of \$16,500.00. Cooper supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Pulaski, Stover, Cooper, Eull, Hoese

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Hiring of Volunteer Fire Fighters: Cooper motioned to approve hiring volunteer fire fighters Ronnie West and Robert (Charles) VanLuvanee. Pulaski supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Stover, Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Pulaski

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resignation of Gary Schrader: Stover motioned to accept the resignation of Gary Schrader, DPW Manager, as stated in his letter to the board. Eull supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

South Firemen's Park Drainage Improvement Bid: Stover motioned to accept the low bid for drainage improvements to South Firemen's Park from Hollerbach Excavating in the amount of \$21,616.00. Cooper supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Pulaski, Stover.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The bids were as follows:

BIDDER	AMOUNT OF BID
Hollerbach Excavating	\$21,616.00
B&Z Company	\$25,040.00
Selge Construction	\$27,197.00
Burkholder Excavating	\$27,198.00
Southwest Transport	\$39,390.00

Part Time Code Enforcement Officer: Cooper motioned to place advertisement for a part time code enforcement officer. Hoese supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Jim Myers expressed support for new volunteer fire fighters.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: None.

Eull: None.

Hoese: none.

Ringler: absent.

Pulaski: None.

Vella: absent.

Supervisor's Report: advised the Township Clean-up date is April 29, 2017 and Berrien County Landfill will have dumpsters in Township parking lot. Also, Phase II of the Trail will commence fall of 2017 and be completed in 2018.

Cooper motioned to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Hoese supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry E. Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor