

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
APRIL 6, 2015
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Agenda Approval: Hoese motioned to approve the agenda with correction to March 23, 2015 special meeting minutes to read special meeting rather than regular meeting. Noble supported.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Guests: None.

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items: None

Consent Agenda:

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda. Noble supported.

1. April 6, 2015 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$36,214.60	Fire O & M	\$37,185.58
Sewer O & M	\$119,479.26	Water O & M	\$80,699.74
Building Fund	\$870.57	Police Fund	\$214,499.00
Street Lighting Fund	\$363.58	River Valley Trail Fund	\$2,340.70
Fire Capital Imp	\$375.00	Capital Improvement	\$10,276.43
Special Assessment	\$250.00	GRAND TOTAL	\$502,554.46

2. March 16, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

3. March 23, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes with correction.

4. NBSA Meeting Room Agreement (additional dates)

5. Election Inspectors for May 5, 2015 Special Election

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

NAYES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Correspondence/Announcements: None.

Unfinished Business: Vella inquired about environmental study on trail property.

New Business:

Acceptance of Previous Railroad Property at Fort St.: Ringler motioned approve resolution 15-4 accepting the old railroad property from Niles City located between Third and Fort Streets. Vella supported.

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

NAYES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Painting Scheme of Water Tower: Eull motioned to approve the submitted painting scheme for the water tower. Noble supported.

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

NAYS: Cooper, Vella **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Hire for DPW: Ringler motioned to hire Barry Krueger as a utility maintenance worker for the DPW contingent on pre-employment conditions. Eull supported.

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

NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Hardship Request-1608 Cedar Point Drive: Cooper motioned to grant authority to the Zoning Administrator, Peg Hartman, to grant a temporary housing permit to Mr. Roger Zehring, of 1608 Cedar Point Drive, Niles, Michigan in order for him to place a travel trailer on his property at 1608 Cedar point Drive while renovations of the home due to a fire are taking place. The permit shall include the following conditions:

1. The travel trailer will be properly placed on the property for a period of not more than six months, beginning the 1st day the travel trailer is in place,
2. The travel trailer will be removed within 5 working days of the completion of the home renovations or no later than six months after the travel trailer is in place;
3. Mr. Zehring will consult with the Zoning Administrator and Building Official of the Township prior to placing the travel trailer on the property to ensure that the travel trailer is in compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances;
4. The travel trailer will be properly connected to water and wastewater services;
5. Mr. Zehring will advise neighbors within 300 feet of his property of his intent and will ask that they sign a statement showing they have been advised and have no objections;
6. A surety bond in the amount of \$3,000.00 will be posted with the Township, to be returned once Mr. Zehring has properly removed the travel trailer. If trailer is not removed then the Township will use the bond funds to remove the trailer.

Vella supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Ollen Baldwin talked about Berrien County Road Commission abandoning his road. Brad Pasternak had questions on signage around his house and speed limit signs not being enforced.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: Planning Commission to present new zoning soon.

Eull: None.

Hoese: advised landfill vouchers are available.

Ringler: None.

Noble: has been following up on road complaints. Mission Hills subdivision roads are real bad.

Vella: letters for park improvements going out soon. SMCAS is black at this time financially.

Supervisor's Report: James Street is bad as well as Samson Terrace subdivision. The Road Commission is to try to fix some. Berrien County is accepting recycling of televisions, computers, etc. MTA meeting is in Kalamazoo on June 18, 2015.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Vella supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry E. Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor