

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
APRIL 18, 2016  
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, Vella, Stover. Board Member Absent: Eull. Others present: Cole.

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

**Special Guests:** Lieutenant Babcock presented the February 2016 police report and gave an update on Airport Road. Dan Pulaski introduced himself to the board as a candidate for Township Trustee.

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

**Consent Agenda:**

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda. Vella questioned check number 3195 from last meeting. Ringler advised that contract states the monies were owed, but a meeting will be to discuss final inspections and how they are handled is being addressed. Vella supported.

1. April 18, 2016 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$27,488.53	Fire O & M	\$27,876.43
Sewer O & M	\$121,762.53	Water O & M	\$149,888.62
Building Dept. Fund	\$2,497.60	Police	\$7.85
River Valley Trail Fund	\$4,607.60	Street Light	\$2,939.37
Fire Capital Improvement	\$1.98		
<b>GRAND TOTAL \$337,070.51</b>			
2. April 4, 2016 regular meeting minutes
3. April 4, 2016 closed session minutes
4. March 2016 Building Report
5. March 2016 Fire Report
6. March 2016 Revenue/Expense Report
7. March 2016 Zoning/Code Enforcement Reports
8. Certificates of Completion for Justin C. Weiser
9. Pickleball Court Reservations Agreement
10. Correction to February 16, 2016 Minutes

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Amendment No. 2 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF):** Ringler motioned to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Project Agreement. Hoese supported.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resignation of John Mishler – Park Board Commissioner:** Vella motioned to regretfully accept the resignation of John Mishler from the Park Board as of April 7, 2016. Noble supported.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Appointment of Sarah Craig-Park Board Commissioner: Vella motioned to appoint Sarah Craig to the Park Board to complete the term vacated by Mishler. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Ballot Language Police Protection for August 2, 2016: Ringler motioned to accept the ballot language to submit for August 2, 2016 election for police protection renewal by Berrien County Sheriff's Department. Cooper supported.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Hardship Request-2620 S. 21<sup>st</sup> Street: Cooper motioned to grant authority to the Zoning Administrator, Peg Hartman, to grant a temporary housing permit to Mr. Thomas Wright, 2620 S. 21<sup>st</sup> Street 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and issuance of occupancy permit or no later than six months after the travel trailer is in place;
3. Mr. Wright will consult with the Zoning Administrator and Building Official of the Township prior to placing the mobile home on the property to ensure that the mobile home is in compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances;
4. A surety bond in the amount of \$3,000.00 will be posted with the Township, to be returned once Mr. Wright has properly removed the travel trailer. If trailer is not removed then the Township will use the bond funds to remove the trailer.

Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Comments from the Public: Brad Pasternak of 1519 LaSalle Avenue questioned if Tim Gray (SMCAS) has been arraigned in Berrien County. Brad Pasternak expressed his concerns and disappointment with the situation with SMCAS. Vella addressed the concerns and advised measures are being taken to make sure that this will never happen again.

**Committee Reports:**

Cooper: advised the site plan for Dairy Queen has been approved. Advised there will be a committee meeting to work on a procedure for building permit finals.

Eull: Absent.

Hoese: Agreed with Noble regarding the Township's 1<sup>st</sup> annual cleanup day was a success.

Ringler: None.

Noble: worked on getting stop sign replaced at Berris Street. A drain issue at 2126 Baldwin Drive which has been resolved. Noble advised the Township cleanup day on April 9, 2016 was a great success.

Vella: addressed Brad Pasternak's frustration with the SMCAS embezzlement further.

Supervisor's Report: advised there is a Southwestern Michigan Planning Commission is meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the Lyon's Building. Discussed packet from Berrien County Road Commission for Winn Road improvements.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Vella 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