

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
APRIL 20, 2015
REGULAR MEETING**

Deputy Clerk Cole 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, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Vella. Board members absent: Eull, Stover.

Chair Appointment: Cooper motioned to appoint Treasurer Ringler to chair the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Stover.

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

Special Guests: Lieutenant Babcock presented the February 2015 police report. Also, Lieutenant Babcock introduced Deputies: Troup, Baggett and Campbell.

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items: None

Consent Agenda:

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda. Hoese supported.

1. April 20, 2015 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$18,540.94	Fire O & M	\$29,415.43
Sewer O & M	\$12,741.69	Water O & M	\$156,503.30
Building Fund	\$7,944.80	Street Lighting Fund	\$2,744.47
GRAND TOTAL	\$227,890.63		

2. April 6, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

3. March 2015 Building Report.

4. March 2015 Fire Report.

5. March 2015 Revenue/Expense Report.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Ringler acknowledged a letter from Senator Proos supporting the Indiana Michigan River Valley Trail Project.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Approval of Pub. Act 345 Language Clarification: Ringler explained that he had consulted an expert attorney regarding Public Act 345 for clarification due to an employee disability. The employee is disabled due to a non-duty injury. Ringler has approval from the pension board regarding the language clarification. Ringler motioned to approve the three (3) principles to clarify the language to Public Act 345. Cooper supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Edward Hoskins of 3039 Adams Road advised he wants something done about the blight, junk cars and business being run out of a residential garage. Mr. Hoskins was advised to contact code enforcement. Hoese advised free dump pass is available. Brad Pasternak inquired if fines help with costs of enforcement.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: Advised shortly bids will be accepted for code enforcement lawn mowing, due to Jack Frost is unable to contract this year.

Eull: Absent.

Hoese: None.

Ringler: None.

Noble: has been working on a speeding problem of which a 25 M.P.H. is posted and is working with Berrien County Sheriff's Department to do some surveillance of the unidentified area. Noble has also been speaking with Doug with the Berrien County Road Commission regarding road conditions on Country Club Drive and Oakdale Rd. Also, Clerk Eull asked Noble to check into dead ash trees on Floral Court of which have become a danger. Noble is also working with Doug regarding removal of the trees. Noble has also been working with Bertrand Bible Church to get a cemetery sign of which the church is paying for the sign.

Vella: reported that per the SMCAS fiscal year budget they are running in the black. Vella also advised that Cathy Ganus, Clerk of Buchanan Township has contacted the County Clerk for verbage for the special assessment proposal. Vella advised the results of Phase II environmental report is not available yet. Vella also advised that Harry Thibault is working with the YMCA on a trail clean-up day. The Park board is accepting bids for park equipment through May 11, 2015.

Supervisor's Report: Absent.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Vella supported the motion.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Cole Deputy Clerk