

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
JULY 21, 2014
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, Stover, Vella.

Agenda Approval: Cooper motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Arnt Asphalt Sealing, Inc. proposal for Township parking lot repairs to new business, number 2. Vella supported the motion.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Berrien County Report: Berrien County Sheriff's Department Deputies presented the May 2014 police report. Jess Meeks from Berrien County Road Commission was present and talked about road projects. There was much discussion from the public regarding bad roads.

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items: None.

Consent Agenda:

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda. Hoese supported.

1. July 21, 2014 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$29,970.12	Fire O & M	\$43,626.14
Sewer O & M	\$18,268.73	Water O & M	\$9,796.06
Building Fund	\$927.10	River Valley Trail Project	\$8,917.34
GRAND TOTAL	\$111,505.49		

2. July 7, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

3. Building Report for June 2014

4. Fire Report June 2014

5. Revenue/Expenditure report through June 2014.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Stover announced the Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Stover, also, advised that Niles Charter Township received a good report on our public water system. Also, he reported a letter has been received from Niles City regarding SMCAS changes to the articles of Incorporation.

Unfinished Business:

Phase II on Trail Project: Discussed a report and recommendation from the Committee regarding Phase II of the River Valley Trail Project. Ringler requested to abstain from voting. Eull motioned to allow Ringler to abstain on this issue. Vella supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

After discussion, Cooper motioned to move forward with the purchase of Alcoa Property for Phase II of trail project. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Resolution 14-07-Support of Department of Human Services Returning to South County: Ringler motioned to adopt Resolution 14-07 supporting the reopening of the Department of Human Services to the South County. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Asphalt Reseal & Repair to North/South Stations and Township Hall: Cooper motioned to contract with Arnt Asphalt Sealing, Inc. for repairing and resealing both fire stations and the township hall parking lots in the amount of \$9,610.00. Eull supported.

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

NAYES: Vella.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Brad Pasternak questioned who tells State officials we need road repairs. MTA & Road Commission organizations. There was much discussion from the public on road issues.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: None.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Ringler: None.

Noble: talked to the audience regarding roads.

Vella: presented an update on the safety training meeting for the bike trail. Vella advised the Park Board will be conducting an audit on all of the parks. Vella, also advised that SMCAS will be hiring a new auditor.

Supervisor's Report: reported on the Mayflower Road project.

Closed Session: Vella motioned to go into closed session to discuss an offer for the purchase of the Alcoa property for Phase II of the trail. Noble supported.

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

ABSTAIN: Ringler.

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ringler requested to be excused from voting on this issue. Cooper motioned to excuse Ringler from voting on issue. Vella supported.

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

ABSTAIN: Ringler.

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Reconvene Open Session: Vella motioned to reconvene open session meeting. Hoese supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Eull motioned to authorize the trail committee to make an offer to Alcoa for the purchase of the property.

Hoese supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Cooper motioned to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. Noble supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry E. Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor