

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
AUGUST 7, 2017
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, Eull, Hoese, Pulaski, Ringler, Stover, Vella.

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to approve the agenda with additions of items 7 and 8 to new business. Merritt Midwest Inc. for storm water estimate and cleanup on corner of Bicknell and Scott Streets. Hoese 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. Vella supported.

1. August 7, 2017 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$70,312.98	Fire O & M	\$49,548.55
Sewer O & M	\$114,654.21	Water O & M	\$8,655.92
Street Lighting	\$389.55	Police Fund	\$62.20
Building Dept.	\$14,356.11	SAW Grant	\$33,058.73
Fire Capital Imprv	\$982.82	Capital Imprv	\$26,670.53
Special Assmnt	\$1,972.60		
GRAND TOTAL	\$320,605.00		
2. July 17, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Pulaski, Ringler, Vella, Stover,
NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: None

Unfinished Business:

Resolution 17-11 Charitable Gaming License: Fire Fighter Mark Brandon presented the resolution for the volunteer fire fighters to apply for a charitable gaming license to hold fundraisers. Eull motioned to approve the resolution 17-11. Stover supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Eull, Pulaski, Ringler, Stover
NAYS: Cooper, Hoese, Vella

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Photo Contest: Cooper motioned to approve to allow a photo contest to Township residents for representation of Niles Charter Township and the new website. Vella supported. All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Tax Processing Service: Ringler motioned to approve the agreement with Berrien County for tax processing service for 2018-2019. Stover supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Hoese, Pulaski, Ringler, Vella, Stover, Cooper, Eull,
NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Trail Phase II –Right of Way Easements: Ringler motioned to authorize Michiana Land Services, Inc. for providing right of way easements and temporary grading permit acquisition for Phase II of the trail. Vella supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Pulaski, Ringler, Vella, Stover, Cooper, Eull, Hoese
NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Park Equipment Bid: Ringler motioned to approve the bids on the 750 John Deere Tractor in the amount of \$4,567.89 and the F935 John Deere in the amount of \$3,456.78 from Julia Iclas or if bidder fails to follow through it will be awarded to the next highest bid. Cooper supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Demolition-467 Stafford Road: Cooper motioned to request Berrien County to demolish the dwelling at 467 Stafford Road due to a fire. Pulaski supported.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Clean up – Ontario Road (Grooms Trailer Park): The board held discussion of the old Grooms Trailer Park property on Ontario Road regarding cleaning up the property.

Brandywine Shores S.A.D.-Storm Water Drains: Eull motioned to approve Merritt Midwest, Inc. to prepare an estimate of cost on storm water drains for Brandywine Shores in the amount of \$800.00. Stover supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Ringler, Vella, Stover, Eull, Pulaski

NAYS: Cooper, Hoese

MOTION CARRIED.

Clean-Up Bicknell and Scott Streets: Cooper motioned to authorize Norman Properties, LLC to clean up abandoned park at the corner of Bicknell and Scott Street in the amount of \$75.00. Hoese supported.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Tim Enders inquired of the trash in Oak Manor.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: None.

Eull: Discussed strengthening ordinance for blight within the township.

Hoese: None.

Ringler: None.

Pulaski: None.

Vella: There has been issues on Gray paying restitution to SMCAS. SMCAS finances are looking better. The open house for Phase II of the Trail had a good turnout.

Supervisor's Report:

Cooper motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Pulaski supported the motion.
All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry E. Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor