

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 7, 2015
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. 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. Vella supported.

1. December 7, 2015 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$67,840.00	Fire O & M	\$78,229.18
Sewer O & M	\$137,313.40	Water O & M	\$8,815.72
Building Fund	\$ 2,783.49	Street Lighting	\$363.58
Fire Capital Improvement	\$ 2,710.49	Police Fund	\$152.53
GRAND TOTAL	\$298,208.39		

2. November 16, 2015 regular meeting minutes

3. December 3, 2015 special meeting minutes

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Stover announced the board of review will meet on December 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Pension Assumptions: After discussion of changes in pension assumptions, Ringler motioned to accept the actuarial as recommended to change pension assumptions (see attached for changes). Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Board of Review Appointment: Vella motioned to appoint Terri Grimes to the Board of Review. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Planning Commission Re-Appointments: Cooper motioned to re-appoint Dan Smothermon, John McNelis, and Gary Conover to 3 year terms of which expire December 31, 2018. Hoese supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning Board of Appeals Re-Appointments: Cooper motioned to re-appoint John VanDyke and Marge Durm-Hiatt to 3 year terms to expire December 31, 2018. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resignation Letter from Niles District Library Board: Vella motioned to accept the resignation of Don Padgett from the Niles District Library Board. Hoese supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

December 7, 2015 Minute Excerpt Regarding Mission Hill Special Assessment: Eull motioned that the petitions for the a special assessment district for Mission Hills has been received by the Township Board and the Supervisor's Certificate pertaining thereto to be filed with the Township Clerk. Noble supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Cooper motioned to amend the tentative estimated costs in the excerpt to include the residents' share of \$150,500.00 and the Township's share of \$150,500.00. Hoese supported the amendment.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ringler motioned acting both pursuant to the Petitions and on the Board's own motion, direct that plans for the improvements, the locations thereof, and the estimate of cost of same be prepared. The tentative plans and estimates were then presented to the Board for its consideration. The total tentative estimated cost of the public improvement project was \$150,500.00 for residents share and \$150,500.00 for Township share. Hoese supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 15-16 Mission Hills Special Assessment District: Eull motioned to adopt resolution 15-16 with a change in cost estimate of \$299,800.00 rather than \$500,000.00. Hoese supported.

Harrah Road-Special Assessment District Petitions: Cooper motioned to accept petitions for a special assessment district for Harrah Road. Vella supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning Ordinance: Cooper motioned to accept first reading of the Niles Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as presented and to set for adoption at the next meeting on Monday, December 21, 2015. Noble supported.\

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance # 74-Chicken Ordinance: Cooper motioned to accept for first reading Ordinance # 74 to provide for the keeping of chickens in Niles Charter Township; and to provide for civil sanctions and civil remedies for violation of this Ordinance, and to set for adoption at our next meeting on Monday, December 21, 2015. Vella supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Brad Pasternak had questions on zoning changes.

Steve Vandenberg of 255 N. Philip had questions on drainage.

Ollen Baldwin advised that next time it rains someone should come down his road because it turns to mud.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: None.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Ringler: advised of kick off meeting for the SAW Grant.

Noble: has been addressing a drainage complaint.

Vella: None.

Supervisor's Report: had information from the Berrien County Road Commission in regards to new State road law and what it means to Niles Township. Stover also had information from the Berrien County Road Commission for expenses for the Mission Hills project. Advised that 2016 budget draft has been passed out. Stover set a special meeting for 2016 budget review for December 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and a special meeting for 2016 budget adoption for December 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Vella supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry E. Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL