

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 15, 2014
REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Stover called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 320 Bell Road. Stover 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: Sergeant Babcock of the Berrien County Sheriff's Department presented the October 2014 police report. Commissioner Curran advised the board there is talk of forming a countywide transportation authority and expansion of 911 personnel.

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items: Brad Pasternak inquired to Commissioner Curran on the countywide transportation plan.

Consent Agenda:

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda. Noble supported.

1. December 15, 2014 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$23,215.61	Fire O & M	\$25,834.80
Sewer O & M	\$201,869.58	Water O & M	\$20,109.45
Building Fund	\$4,570.98	Street Lighting Fund	\$2,671.00
Fire Capital Improvement	\$1,780.00	Capital Improvement	\$1,799.39
GRAND TOTAL	\$281,852.81		

2. December 1, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.
3. December 6, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.
4. December 10, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.
5. November 2014 Building Report
6. November 2014 Fire Report
7. November 2014 Revenue/Expense Report
8. 2015 Board of Review Meeting Dates
9. 2015 Planning Commission Meeting Dates
10. 2015 Park Commission Meeting Dates
11. USW Local 2-430 2015 Meeting Room Agreement

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

2015 Budget Adoption-Resolution 14-17 General Appropriations Act: Vella motioned to adopt Resolution 14-17 with a change to item #5. Ringler supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 14-18 – 2015 Meeting Dates and Holidays: Vella motioned to adopt Resolution 14-18 approving the meeting dates and holidays for 2015. Cooper supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 14-19 – Township Board Final Approval of the Master Plan Required: Cooper motioned to adopt Resolution 14-19 to make final approval or changes to the Master Plan the decision of the Niles Charter Township Board of Trustees. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Appointments to Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Review: Ringler motioned to appoint Charles Durm and David Spurlock to the Planning Commission with term expiration of December 31, 2017, appoint Lee Hoffman to the Zoning Board of Appeal with term expiration of December 31, 2017, and appoint Richard Bookwalter, Harriet Dean, and Terry Flint to the Board of Review with a term expiration of 12-31, 2016. Cooper supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Planning and Zoning Fees for 2015: Cooper motioned to approve 2015 fee schedule for Planning and Zoning as submitted. Hoese supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Building Department Fees for 2015: Cooper motioned to approve the 2015 fee schedule for the Building Department which includes building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical. Vella supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Ollen Baldwin inquired if there is gravel budgeted for 2015 and the response was not at this time, but could be at a later date. Brad Pasternak had questions on roads and also questioned County Commissioner Curran on the Commissioner that has been indicted on theft charges.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: advised of a NATS meeting coming up in December.

Eull: None.

Hoese: advised of rate changes at the landfill.

Ringler: gave an update on water rate study.

Noble: updated on road issues he has been working on, as well as, street light issues.

Vella: commented on SMCAS article in the paper on financial issues and may ask for an increase in assessment in the future.

Supervisor's Report: None.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Eull supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry E. Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor