

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MARCH 5, 2012  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Roll Call:** Conover, Cooper, Kuehn, Kidwell, Noble, Ringler. **Absent:** Durm-Hiatt  
**Others present:** Cole

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

**Consent Agenda:** Cooper motioned to approve consent agenda, Conover supported.

1. Expense and Transfer for March 5, 2012

General O & M \$33,666.08	Water O & M	\$3,088.35
Fire O & M \$31,352.83	Sewer City Charge	\$79,227.16
Sewer O & M \$15,392.32	Special Assessment	\$363.58
<b>GRAND TOTAL: \$163,090.32</b>		
2. Minutes for February 21, 2012, regular meeting
3. Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive
4. For File: SMCAS meeting minutes, Building Safety, Ordinance and Fire Reports.

ROLL CALL AYES: Conover, Cooper, Kuehn, Noble, Ringler, Kidwell.  
NAYES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** None

**Supervisor Report:** Read a letter from Midwest Claims Service, Inc. regarding the township's coverage is \$25,000.00 and that the amount is almost exhausted and once this happens any further defense charges will be the responsibility of the township.

**Comments from the Public:** Christopher Quattrin, Candidate for Berrien County Drain Commissioner, introduced himself.  
Olan Baldwin questioned the status of the demolition of mobile homes on Ontario Road. Kidwell advised that the delay is due to the owners refused to shut off the electricity, but has now been disconnected. Kidwell advised that there is a time frame of which the demolishers have to get the trailers removed.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Geiger Park Light District #13 Expansion Assessment Roll:** Ringler motioned to accept the assessment roll for the Geiger Park Light District # 13. Noble supported the motion.  
ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Kuehn, Noble, Ringler, Conover, Kidwell  
NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Authorize Treasurer to Negotiate Summer Tax Collection Agreements:** Kidwell motioned to authorize the treasurer to negotiate summer tax collection agreements for the 2012 tax season. Noble supported.  
ROLL CALL AYES: Kuehn, Noble, Ringler, Conover, Cooper, Kidwell  
NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2012 Property Maintenance Code: After discussion, Cooper motioned to allow the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the 2012 property maintenance code which upgrades and modifies the original property maintenance code. Ringler suggested verifying publishing guidelines due to 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Noble supported.  
ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Conover, Cooper, Kuehn, Kidwell  
NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Liquor License Application Fee: Cooper presented to the board the need to establish a fee for liquor license applications which the township would also do inspections of establishments. Kidwell motioned to establish the \$125.00 fee for liquor license applications. Ringler supported the motion.  
ROLL CALL AYES: Ringler, Conover, Cooper, Kuehn, Noble, Kidwell  
NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Authorize Fire Chief to Sell Unused Equipment Cooper motioned to authorized Chief Brovold to sell unused fire equipment on Ebay, Conover supported.  
ROLL CALL AYES: Conover, Cooper, Kuehn, Noble, Ringler, Kidwell  
NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Comments from the Public: Marie Weimer thanked Niles Charter Township for working with Niles City on the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor project.

Victor Grathwohl inquired of what is being done regarding the concrete business on North U.S. 31. Kidwell advised that he and Jeff Dunlap are addressing the issues with the owner on March 6, 2012. Jack Flock requested that the township residents have first option to buy old fire equipment before sold on Ebay. The board agreed to allow 1 day (advertised) for residents to purchase equipment.

**Committee Reports:**

Conover: None.

Durm-Hiatt: Absent

Ringler: settling 2011 tax season with the County

Kidwell: None

Kuehn: None.

Noble: he is compiling a report for the board regarding a property that he and Jeff Dunlap inspected.

Cooper: Reported on NATS meeting, that roads are in poor shape and no money to fix them.

Kuehn motioned to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Conover supported the motion.  
All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Cole  
Deputy Clerk