

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
APRIL 16, 2012
REGULAR MEETING**

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

Roll Call: Conover, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kuehn, Kidwell, Noble, Ringler.

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

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

1. Expenses and Transfers for April 16, 2012

General O & M \$237,986.07	Fire O & M \$37,960.13
Water O & M \$1,885.40	Sewer O & M \$16,549.77
Fire Capital Improvement \$267,632.91	City Sewer Charge \$71,632.91
Special assessment \$3,793.39	
GRAND TOTAL: \$637,741.84	

2. Minutes for April 2, 2012, regular meeting
3. Cash Transaction Reports.

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

Correspondence/Announcements: Durm-Hiatt announced that this was Aaron's (Niles Daily Star reporter) last meeting he is going to the Kalamazoo Gazette.

Supervisor Report: presented for file certificates for Paul Rainwater, Kenneth Laurita and Bryan Dayson.

Comments from the Public: O. Baldwin asked about the wrong name on sign for Higbee Cemetery. Kidwell said it is being corrected.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Metro Act Permit Application: Kidwell explained that this was just an annual permit application. Cooper pointed out that it is a new applicant. Kidwell motioned to approve the application, Noble supported.

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

2059 South Third St. Environmental Services Bid: Dunlap had prepared information and bid packet for the board. There was discussion on future use of the property, but regardless of future plans for the property an asbestos survey and Phase 1 ESA assessment must be completed. Durm-Hiatt motioned to accept the recommended bid from Wightman Environmental for \$4,000.00, Conover supported.

Bids were as follows (details on file at clerk's office):

Bidder	Amount Item #1	Amount #2	Amount #3
Wightman Environmental	\$3,500.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,000.00
Wightman Environmental	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00
Villa Environmental	\$3,140.00	\$3,245.00	\$6,385.00
Villa Environmental	\$3,140.00	\$2,250.00	\$5,390.00
Diamond Environmental	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kuehn, Noble, Ringler, Conover, Kidwell
NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution 12-02 Critical Bridge Application: This resolution supports Berrien County Road Commissions' application for Federal and State critical bridge grant funding. The bridge is over Brandywine Creek on Ferndale. If the grant is successful the work would begin in 2015 and the Township may be responsible for \$60,000.00.

Kidwell motioned to approve Resolution 12-2, Noble supported.
ROLL CALL AYES: Kuehn, Noble, Ringler, Conover, Cooper, Kidwell.

NAYS: Durm-Hiatt. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Comments from the Public: Deputy Johnson presented the sheriff report.

Committee Reports:

Conover: None.

Durm-Hiatt: Election training is starting. Due to redistricting we will have to send out over 8,000 voter I.D. cards.

Ringler: Announced a pension board meeting for April 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the South Fire Station.

Kidwell: announced that soon there would be a posting for a promotion within the fire department. Geiger Park residents are pleased with the new lights in their district.

Kuehn: announced that the grant for the trail was sent in April 2, 2012.

Noble: None

Cooper: None.

Kuehn motioned to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Conover supported the motion.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt
Clerk