

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MAY 7, 2012  
REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Kidwell 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:** Conover, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kuehn, Kidwell, Noble, Ringler.

**Agenda Approval:** Durm-Hiatt asked that the Public Hearing for SMCAS annual assessment set for May 21, 2012 at 7:05 p.m., be added to the agenda. Ringler motioned to approve the agenda with the addition. Conover supported. All voting in favor **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

1. Expenses and Transfers for May 7, 2012

General O & M \$64,694.95	Fire O & M \$26,421.19
Water O & M \$1,266.02	Sewer O & M \$10,869.78
Fire Capital Improvement \$2,386.32	City Sewer Charge \$70,566.28
Special assessment \$2,908.28	
<b>GRAND TOTAL: \$180,113.11</b>	

2. Minutes for April 16, 2012, regular meeting

3. For file: Building and Ordinance reports for March and April. Fire report for April

ROLL CALL AYES: Durm-Hiatt, Kuehn, Noble, Ringler, Conover, Cooper, Kidwell.

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** Durm-Hiatt announced: that Brandywine Project Graduation will be using township parking area on June 3 and 4, 2012. Berrien County Road Commission Annual report is available for review. Test for fire department promotion will be given Monday, May 14, 2012. Ten (10) firefighters have applied. Board members should turn in request for 2012 traffic counts to the clerk.

**Supervisor Report:** presented for file certificates for Thomas Hall, Richard Low, Mike Hollis, and Justin Lakes. Higbee Cemetery sign has been corrected. Last wall at Eastgate has come down. A pipeline expansion may be coming through the township.

**Comments from the Public:** O. Baldwin asked about trailer park on Ontario Road. T. Enders inquired about ordinance-enforcement procedures. Brian Savage, candidate for 78<sup>th</sup> State Representative district introduced himself.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Hire Three Volunteer Firefighters:** Chief Brovold introduced the firefighters and spoke to their qualifications. Durm-Hiatt motioned to hire Nichole VanderWerf, Michael Shank and Christopher DeCostanzo as volunteer firefighters. Kidwell supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Kuehn, Noble, Ringler, Conover, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kidwell.

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Purchase Turnout Gear Dryer:** Chief Brovold explained the benefits of the dryers and answered questions. There were two bids submitted, however the bids did not have same specifications.

Kidwell motioned to accept the bid from Ram Air of \$7,867.96. Noble supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Conover, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kuehn, Kidwell

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 12-03 Political Signs:** This resolution would prohibit campaign signage placed on township owned properties. Kidwell had questions and asked that it be tabled so the township attorney could review.

**Comments from the Public:** Chief Brovold explained the township's ISO rating. Jack Flock asked if there were any details on Pratt Industries that could be shared. C. Vella asked if sign regulations could be given to candidates.

**Committee Reports:**

Conover: Asked about the possible pipeline.

Durm-Hiatt: Election training is starting. Due to redistricting we will have to send out over 8,000 voter I.D. cards. May 15, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. is the filing deadline for August 7, Primary.

Ringler: reported on the pension board meeting. The water committee will be meeting to discuss a water agreement with Wedgewood Subdivision.

Kidwell: None.

Kuehn: None.

Noble: reported on standing water on Bond St. at the Community Park entrance, he is working with BCRC to resolve problem.

Cooper: distributed information about Dial A Ride program from the NATS meeting. Announced that Jeff Dunlap has acquired the hours for his building official certification and this should be placed into his personnel file.

Kuehn motioned to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Conover supported the motion.  
All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt  
Clerk