

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MAY 21, 2012
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

SMCAS Assessment Public Hearing: Tim Baker, from SMCAS stated that the assessment will remain at \$20.00 per household. Baker answered questions. The major purchase is eight (8) new cots. They are power cots able to lift 750 pounds, these have saved EMT injuries and workmen's compensation claims.

Agenda Approval: Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve the agenda as published, Conover supported,
All voting in favor **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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| 1. Expenses and Transfers for May 21, 2012 | |
| General O & M \$42,726.21 | Fire O & M \$62,373.67 |
| Water O & M \$3,838.90 | Sewer O & M \$21,146.30 |
| Fire Capital Improvement \$4,594.53 | Health Benefit \$8.43 |
| GRAND TOTAL: \$134,688.04 | |

2. Minutes for May 7, 2012, regular meeting

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Kidwell announced a Bell Road Drain #720 meeting is set for May 30, 2012.

Supervisor Report: presented for file certificates for Justin Lakes, and Doug Myers. The road committee has been working with Berrien County Road Commission to resolve road issues on Brick, Congress, and Madison Streets.

Comments from the Public: Shelly Klug, from the Southwest Michigan Economic Development Council, requested a Public Hearing for Pratt Industries to obtain IFT for Personal Property Tax. The hearing is set for June 18, 2012 at 7:05 p.m. Sgt. Campbell presented the police report.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution 12-03 Political Signs: Durm-Hiatt reported that she and Trustee Cooper had asked the township attorney to review the resolution after it was tabled at the last meeting. Durm-Hiatt stated that it is a resolution setting township policy not changing zoning or ordinance. Kidwell expressed concerns. Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve Resolution 12-03, Conover supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Resolution 12-04 SMCAS Assessment: Kuehn motioned to approve Resolution 12-04, Noble supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

DPW -Jusko Water Proposal Letter: Kidwell stated that the DPW committee met and contacted James White, the attorney that has worked with the township on water agreements in the past. This letter is a preliminary proposal for supplying water to the Wedgewood Subdivision in Indiana. Kidwell motioned to authorize Ringler, as chairman of the DPW committee, to send the water proposal letter to Jusko, Conover supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: None

Committee Reports:

Conover: None

Durm-Hiatt: None

Ringler: Absent.

Kidwell: Requested a copy of all attorney bills from the Clerk's department. Reported that Judge Dewane had denied the Summary Disposition filed on behalf of Ringler and Durm-Hiatt.

Kuehn: reported that Phase 1 of the environmental study of the old Ewert property has started.

Noble: street light reported out, turned it over to City utility.

Cooper: NATS meeting Tuesday, Planning commission will be sending text amendments to the township board for approval after the County Planning Commission approves it.

Kuehn motioned to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Conover supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt
Clerk