

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 4, 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, Noble, Ringler, Kidwell

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Wedgewood Water Agreement to new business and the removal of the August fire report from consent agenda. Conover supported.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Amend Budget: Durm-Hiatt explained that prior to paying the bills the budget needed to be amended by \$2,152.50 from Fund Balance to Capital Outlay for the US 12 & Third Street trail crossing engineering cost. Ringler motioned to amend the budget, Kuehn supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

1. Expenses and Transfers for September 4, 2012

General O & M \$2,533.14	Fire O & M \$33,995.66
Water O & M \$3,026.78	Sewer O & M \$13,537.07
Capital Improvement \$2,152.50	Fire Capital Imp. \$119.38
GRAND TOTAL: \$82,364.59	
2. Minutes for August 20, 2012, regular meeting
3. For File: Building and Ordinance Enforcement August reports.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Durm-Hiatt announced Judge Dewayne's ruling, dismissing all charges against Clerk Durm-Hiatt and Treasurer Ringler. She also announced a program that collects used books at the landfill and a seminar on climate change in Michigan.

Supervisor Report: presented certificate for file: Andrew Hartman.

Comments from the Public: M. Weimer asked the township board to consider a resolution supporting Berrien County Services staying in Niles. T. Angler asked about blight and loud music ordinances.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Resolution 12-09 General Fund 2013 Assessment: Durm-Hiatt stated that the assessment of .8732 mill will generate \$308,382.00. Ringler motioned to approve Resolution 12-09, Noble supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 12-10 Fire Operation and Maintenance Assessment: Durm-Hiatt stated the assessment of 2.5 mills will generate \$817,945.00. Ringler motioned to approve Resolution 12-10, Cooper supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 12-11 Fire Capital Improvement Assessment: Durm-Hiatt stated that the assessment of .75 mill will generate \$245,382.00. Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve resolution 12-11, Kuehn supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 12-12 Street Light Districts Assessment: Durm-Hiatt stated that the Street Light Districts assessment will be \$32,941.18. Cooper motioned to support Resolution 12-12. Noble supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 12-13 Berrien County Police Protection: Durm-Hiatt stated that the assessment of 1 mill will generate \$353,165.00. Ringler motioned to approve Resolution 12-13, Conover supported.

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

NAYES: Kidwell.

MOTION CARRIED.

Old Ewert Property: Dunlap and Kuehn reported on the condition of the property and recommend demolition of both buildings and taking up the slab. Cooper motioned to authorize Dunlap to prepare the R.F.P. for demolition and secure bids. Also, cap off wells and fence off the property. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2013 Demolition: Dunlap has been working with Brett Witkowski, Berrien County Treasurer, to possibly share RFP for demolition bidders with Berrien County.

Wedgewood Water Agreement: Ringler reported that the DPW committee had been working on the agreement for several weeks. Attorney Lohrstorfer had reviewed the agreement with no adjustments. This will generate approximately \$23,000.00 a year in water reserve fund. Ringler motioned to approve the agreement, Conover supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: None.

Committee Reports:

Conover: None

Durm-Hiatt: None

Ringler: fire hydrant flushing will be the week of September 17-21, 2012

Kidwell: None.

Kuehn: reported that the fire department is having trouble with computers.

Noble: road and high weeds complaints.

Cooper: reported on 11th Street Corridor, the entire plan is on the Southwestern Michigan Economic Growth Alliance web site.

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