

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 17, 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, Noble, Ringler, Kidwell

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to approve the agenda. Noble supported.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

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

1. Expenses and Transfers for September 17, 2012

General O & M \$54,502.86	Fire O & M \$36,496.23
Water O & M \$1,766.35	Sewer O & M \$77,479.07
Special Assessment \$2,997.09	Fire Capital Imp. \$1,699.99
Sewer City Charge \$62,550.33	Water Improvements \$48,236.00
GRAND TOTAL: \$285,727.92	
2. Minutes for September 4, 2012, regular meeting
3. For File: August 2012 Fire Report.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Durm-Hiatt announced hydrant flushing will be October 1-5, 2012. Cooper announced a meeting with Enbridge held Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the township meeting room.

Supervisor Report: None.

Comments from the Public: K. Vintage asked what the process would be to get a traffic light at Fort and South 11th St intersection. K. Vintage was advised that MDOT, Berrien County Road Commission, the City of Niles and Township will have to work together. Sergeant Campbell introduced Sergeant Bob Mazurek who will be taking over Sergeant Campbell's duties for Niles Charter Township police coverage due to his promotion. Sergeant Campbell also gave the police report. Sheriff Bailey spoke about Berrien County budget cuts. Zach Perkins introduced himself as running for 12th district county commissioner.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Demolition 2059 S. 3rd St.: Kuehn motioned to accept the bid, by B&G Construction in the amount of \$24,750.00 for the demolition at 2059 So. 3rd Street. Noble supported the motion. The bids were as follows:

BIDDER	BID 1	BID 2	REMARKS
Russell Cross	\$27,762.72	\$83,288.16	w/n 60 days
Specialized	\$31,000.00	\$36,000.00	November 1
Southwest Transport	\$58,202.00	\$43,215.00	October 19, 2012
Smalley	\$21,240.00	\$21,240.00	60 days
Withrow	\$24,000.00	n/a	1 week after environmental
B&G Construction	\$24,750.00	\$25,250.00	30 days
Pelley Excavating	\$33,990.00	\$35,990.00	30 days

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Sidewalk Project: Dunlap asked how the township would like to proceed with the sidewalk repair or replacement. The board asked him to prepare a priority list for this fall.

Comments from the Public: B.Weimer asked about a resolution supporting keeping County services in Niles. After discussion, Cooper motioned to create a resolution to the County to keep services in South County. Conover supported the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports:

Conover: None

Durm-Hiatt: Election preparation has started.

Ringler: advised the water project for the Westwood district is going forward and working with Dennis Jusko on the design and details.

Also The Chicken Coop on 933 has requested to tap into our sewer system.

Ringler motioned to authorize the Chicken Coop located on Highway 933 South Bend, IN to tap into Niles Charter Township sewer system. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

Kidwell: None.

Kuehn: Park board has received a draft engineering proposal from Wightman & Assoc for the Third Street trail Crossing.

Noble: advised working on street light outage on Bluff Street. Street light on Lewis Drive needs trim.

Cooper: ComCast has been installed.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL