

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
DECEMBER 3, 2012  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Roll Call:** Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover. Board member absent: Vella.

**Agenda Approval:** Cooper motioned to approve the agenda with the addition to set public hearing for 2013 budget to new business, add fire report to consent agenda. Noble supported.

All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

1. Expenses and Transfers for December 3, 2012

General O & M \$34,629.13	Fire O & M \$26,256.60
Water O & M \$2,105.42	Sewer O & M \$10,571.61
Capital Improvement \$822.41	
<b>GRAND TOTAL \$74,385.17</b>	
2. Approved November 19, 2012 regular meeting minutes, November 21, 2012 administrative committee minutes, and November 26, 2012 special meeting minutes.
3. Fire Report

ROLL CALL AYES: Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Cooper, Stover.

NAYES: None.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** Eull presented the resignation of Scott Krueger of D.P.W. Eull motioned to place an advertisement to accept applications for replacement of the position.

All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Eull read letter of resignation from John Engel, Treasurer Elect.

**Comments from the Public:** Marie Wiemer expressed the need to work together for the betterment of the township.

Jack Flock had a question on the grant. Park Commission introduced two members and inquired to give Park Board report on December 17, 2012.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Code Enforcement Annual Report:** postponed annual report to December 17, 2012 regular meeting.

**Jeff Dunlap-Berrien County Blight Elimination:** Dunlap gave a report to the board of his discussions with Katie Montoya, the Assistant Director/Housing Coordinator for Berrien County on a grant for demolitions of commercial properties. Dunlap introduced Katie Montoya who gave the board a presentation of what the grant involves. Noble motioned to support Niles Charter Township's involvement for applying for the grant and to identify two properties. Hoese supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Stover, Cooper, Eull, Hoese

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Hiring New Fire Fighter Discussion:** Chief Brovold advised the board of the challenges of having a shortage of firefighters. Stover motioned to give the authorization to the Public Safety Committee (Ringler, Cooper, and Eull) to hire a new firefighter as soon as possible. Noble supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Stover, Cooper, Eull, Hoese

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Set Public Hearing for 2013 Budget:** Stover set the public hearing for the 2013 budget for December 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

Cooper: advised attended a NATS meeting and that learned there is no road money. Also, Cooper advised that a preliminary study has revealed there is no need for a stop light at Fort and South 11<sup>th</sup> Street intersection.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Noble: working with AEP on a street light out at M-139 and Ullery Road.

Ringler: advised winter tax notices were sent out on Friday November 30, 2012. Ringler reported the townships standard and poor rating is AA- the same rating as last year.

Stover: gave update on 2013 budget. Stover advised he has been following up on complaints regarding overflowing dumpsters on commercial property. Also, he addressed sidewalk issues. Stover expressed the township should publish a weekly calendar of board events and activities.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Ringler supported the motion.

All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Terry E. Eull, Clerk