

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER 2, 2009
REGULAR MEETING**

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

Roll Call: Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Kidwell, Noble, Ringler.

Approved Agenda:

Kidwell requested the addition of the Merritt Engineering invoice to unfinished business. Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve agenda with the addition, Bailey supported.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda: Durm-Hiatt requested the addition of the Fire, Building, and Ordinances reports for October to the consent agenda. Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve consent agenda items with additions, Cooper supported.

1. Minute approvals for October 19, 2009, regular meeting, October 20 2009, budget workshop, and October 30, 2009, special meeting.
2. Expenditures and Transfers: General O&M \$280,171.07, Fire O&M \$45,809.35, Sewer O&M \$21,772.28, Water O&M \$5,518.09, Fire Capital Imp. \$7,904.50, Special assessment \$363.58, Sewer City Charge \$57,481.20.
GRAND TOTAL: \$419,020.07

ROLL CALL AYES: Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Noble, Goodwin, Kidwell.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor's Report: Kidwell reported that the North Fire Station has been painted. Reported that there has been some communication with MoorPark the owners of Eastgate Shopping Center, they are getting demolition information. He had attended the Supervisors' Conference. The township has received a quote to mill, patch, and re-asphalt the parking lot. Kidwell announced that the township budget is on the supervisors' web-site.

Correspondence and Announcements: Ringler announced that the web-site is up and going. www.nilestwpmi.gov

Comments from the Public: Ollen Baldwin asked about Eastgate Shopping Center. He encourages getting something done but hopes it isn't at the expense of the township.

Unfinished Business:

Longmeadow Sewer Agreement: Goodwin asked about the status of the sewer agreement with Longmeadow. Kidwell reported that he had gotten property information on Longmeadow from the assessor and had passed it onto Attorney Lynch, who is working with Attorney Keifer on an agreement.

Merritt Engineering Invoice: Kidwell presented a possible counter offer from the township to Merritt Engineering concerning a 2007 water project for Longmeadow. Following discussion, Goodwin motioned to table action on the invoice, Durm-Hiatt supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Noble.

NAYS: Bailey, Ringler, Kidwell.

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

M-DOT Signal Agreement: M-DOT sent a new agreement for the maintenance of the traffic signal at the intersection of Chestnut and M-51. The previous agreement was a 25%/75% split with the State. The new agreement assigned the township share at 33.3% and M-DOT 66.67%. Following discussion, Ringler motioned to approve the new maintenance agreement with M-DOT. Cooper supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Noble, Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Kidwell.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Ollen Baldwin asked about the Merritt Engineering invoice, what did we get for the money, if we didn't do the water project?

Jane Tenney explained her understanding of the water project and Merritt Engineering invoice. She felt that the project was pulled as soon as the preliminary cost came in at \$1.2 million. Longmeadow only had commitment for \$400,000.

Committee Reports:

Bailey: None.

Goodwin: reported on the SMCAS meeting. The service is in the black.

Ringler: None.

Kidwell: None.

Durm-Hiatt: None

Noble: Reported that he had worked on two drainage problems and street lights.

Cooper: Reported that most of the planning commissioners are working towards Citizen Planner Certification.

Closed Session:

Fire Contract. Durm-Hiatt motioned at 7:50 p.m. to go into closed session to discuss the fire contract, Cooper supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Goodwin, Noble, Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kidwell.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Reconvene Open Session: Goodwin motioned to reconvene open session at 8:00 p.m., Kidwell supported.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Fire Union Contract: Cooper made a motion to approve the terms of the contract negotiated with the union firefighters.

Noble supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Goodwin, Noble, Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kidwell.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Goodwin supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk