

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER 16, 2009
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Approved Agenda:

Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve agenda, Goodwin supported.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

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

1. Minute approvals for November 2, 2009, regular meeting, November 11, 2009, special meeting.
2. Expenditures and Transfers: General O&M \$63,017.36 Fire O&M \$53,764.93, Sewer O&M \$12,115.69, Water O&M \$1,176.76, Fire Capital Imp. \$958.91, Health Benefit \$10.00, GRAND TOTAL: \$131,043.65
3. Brownfield letter.
4. Purchase of Gas Detector for DPW.

ROLL CALL AYES: Durm-Hiatt, Noble, Goodwin, Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Kidwell.
NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor's Report: Kidwell reported that the clean-up of William Smoke property has been completed. Jeff Dunlap has put together a plan for Eastgate Shopping Center. The letters regarding Spencer Street have been sent out.

Correspondence and Announcements: Kidwell welcomed Bill Weimer Niles City Councilman to the meeting. Bailey announced a benefit dinner for Tracy Liggett Crespo (park board member's daughter) November 28, 2009 4:00 pm until midnight at the Elks Lodge, \$10.00 per person. Tracy was recently diagnosed with stage four cancer.

Comments from the Public: Ollen Baldwin asked about an ordinance dealing with repeat false alarms. Harry Thibault from the Park Commission gave a presentation on the non-motorized trail plan. They are working with Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, City of Niles, and St. Joe County, IN to create a twenty-plus mile trail. Hopefully it will bring tourism to the area.
Sgt. Miller presented the September police report. John La Moore commented on Spencer Street.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Partial Termination Farmland Development Rights Act: Durm-Hiatt presented a resolution that would remove 1.6 acres from the Farmland Development Rights Agreement # 23 with Daniel Stark. Ringler motioned to approve the resolution, Noble supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Goodwin, Noble, Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kidwell.
NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Siegfried & Crandall Audit Agreement: Kidwell asked for details of the agreement, such as, hourly rate, what year does the agreement cover? Following discussion, Durm-Hiatt motioned to postpone action on the audit agreement until the next meeting. Noble supported.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports:

Bailey: None.

Goodwin: None.

Ringler: None.

Kidwell: None.

Durm-Hiatt: None.

Noble: Reported on the road committee's annual meeting with the Berrien County Road Commission.

Cooper: None.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Goodwin supported the motion.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk