

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 7, 2009
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Approved Agenda:

Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve agenda, with the addition of money for signage for parks, Kidwell supported.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda: Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve consent agenda items, Ringler supported.

1. Minute approvals for November 16, 2009, regular meeting.
2. Expenditures and Transfers: General O&M \$51,832.58 Fire O&M \$35,305.43, Sewer O&M \$21,621.73, Water O&M \$6,051.78, Fire Capital Imp. \$395.82, Special Assessment \$2,718.98, Sewer City Charge \$63,393.12 GRAND TOTAL: \$181,319.71.
3. Resolution 09-21 River Valley Trail Plan.
4. Meeting Room Agreements for Four Flags Players, and Local Union 2-430
5. November Building Reports.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Chief Brovold presented information on a joint communication upgrade with the City of Niles. The system would upgrade the repeater and use the Cherry Street Transmitter, which would increase the range of the 2-way radios. The Chief, also asked the board, if he should apply for a SAFER grant, which would, if granted, pay salary and benefits for a firefighter for two years, with the guarantee that the township would pick up the third year. Kidwell set a special meeting for Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the grant.

Durm-Hiatt announced that Tim Grey, from SMCAS, informed us that the AED should be here in the next two weeks. Bailey announced that the township has received a \$90,000.00 grant from DNR for the purchase of 11 acres on South Third Street which expands the Community Park.

Supervisor Report: Presented certificate for Chief Brovold for 2009 Summit course. Also, the fire report for November and the road committee report of November 18th.

Comments from the Public: None.

Unfinished Business:

Siegfried & Crandall: The agreement with Siegfried & Crandall was tabled at the previous meeting due to request for some information. Following discussion of provided information, Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve the 2010 audit agreement with Siegfried and Crandall, Noble supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

2010 Meeting /Holiday Schedule: Durm-Hiatt presented the 2010 township meeting and holiday schedule for the board to review prior to the December 21, 2009 meeting. A half day needs to be added to the holiday schedule and a decision on office hours needs to be decided.

Computer Bids-Building Department: Jeff Dunlap had requested the purchase of a tablet computer for field inspections. If the computer is ordered now the monies could be split between the two budget years. Kidwell motioned that we accept the \$6,110.00 bid, as recommended by Dunlap, from Four Way for a Toughbook CF-19. Bailey supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

BCBSM Student Coverage: It has been brought to the board's attention that an additional medical insurance premium is necessary for coverage of full-time students age 19-25. Ringler motioned to approve full-time student coverage, Cooper supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Signage for Parks: Bailey presented a request from the Township Park Commission, requesting \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of signs. Noble suggested that the money be taken from the Metro-right-of-way fund. Cooper motioned to take \$1,000.00 from the Metro Fund to the Township Parks Commission towards the purchase of identifying signs for the parks. Kidwell supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: None.

Committee Reports:

Bailey: None.

Goodwin: SMCAS report.

Ringler: None.

Kidwell: None.

Durm-Hiatt: None.

Noble: Reported on street lights and drains.

Cooper: reported that he has been getting sample false alarm ordinances and will be reporting back.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Goodwin supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk