

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
AUGUST 17, 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.

**Agenda:** Ringler motioned to approve the agenda, supported by Durm-Hiatt.  
All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Minutes:** Ringler motioned to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2009, regular meeting. Bailey supported.  
All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence and Announcements:** Durm-Hiatt announced that the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 due to the Labor Day holiday.

**Clerk's Report:** General O & M \$58,297.04, Fire O & M \$32,828.50, Sewer O & M \$16,532.75, Water O & M \$3,416.29, Fire Capital Improvement \$4,452.77 Special Assessment \$2,633.49 **Grand Total \$118,160.84**

Cooper motioned to approve the clerk's report. Bailey supported the motion.

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

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Comments from the Public:** Karla Coar, 1402 Lawndale expressed concern over the crime spree in her neighborhood and police response. Victor Grathwohl complained about a tree blocking visibility on Country Club and 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Walnut Street:** Kidwell reported that he had met with the engineer from Reith Riley, they recommend a paved apron. Kidwell received a bid from Reith Riley and tried to get bids from others, but Reith Riley has bought out all the local competitors. Following discussion, Kidwell motioned to accept a bid of \$6,641.00 from Reith Riley for gravel application and paved apron at the entrance of Walnut Street. Bailey supported the motion.

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

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Uniforms for Fire Department:** Kidwell reported on research he had done with other departments and uniform manufacturers, and recommends that we change from the current polyester uniform. Following discussion, the board agreed that a change is needed, and referred it back to a committee within the fire department.

**New Business:**

**Township Planner:** Trustee Cooper asked that the board look into a proposal for planning services. Including an update of their master plan and needed changes in the zoning ordinance. The board recommends that Cooper, Zoning Administrator, Dan Smothermon (chairman of planning commission) work on a proposal and schedule interviews with potential planners.

**Merritt Engineering:** There was discussion on an unresolved engineering project payment. Board recommends that the administration committee meet with Merritt to try to resolve the issue and report back to the board.

**Public Comment:** Sheriff Bailey presented monthly activity report and ticket issued report.

**Committee Reports:**

Bailey: None.

Goodwin: reported on the SMCAS meeting.

Ringler: reported on the new tax bills for December, the county is going to a new printer. The bills will have more information for the taxpayers. Ringler presented a certificate for Walt Linn.

Kidwell: presented the fire report for July and training certificates for Eduardo Alcala, Allen Cole, Andrew Lodder, and Robert Ruff.

Durm-Hiatt: announced the board workshop with Julie Pioch is Monday August 31, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Noble: None.

Cooper: None.

Closed Session– Fire Negotiations: Durm-Hiatt motioned at 8:00 pm to go into closed session to update the board on fire contract negotiation, Cooper supported.

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

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Reconvened Open Meeting: Reconvened open session at 8:32 p.m.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Goodwin supported the motion.

All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL