

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
JANUARY 5, 2009  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

**Agenda:** Durm-Hiatt motioned, supported by Noble, to approve the agenda with the addition of negotiation of school tax collection, zoning administrator's resignation, landfill appointment, and SMCAS contract.

All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Hearing – Wind Energy Zoning:** Tracy Vines introduced the text changes in the zoning ordinance on wind energy to be considered. Glen Smith, a representative from Wind-Wire, and Vines, answered questions about wind energy. Vines addressed zoning regulations that were being added to the township zoning ordinances. Kidwell closed the public hearing and returned to the regular meeting.

**Minutes:** Ringler motioned to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2008 regular meeting, Noble supported.

All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence and Announcements:** None.

**Clerk's Report:** General O & M \$30,841.37, Fire O & M \$31,648.79, Sewer O & M \$22,524.33, Water O & M \$16,478.70, Fire Capital Improvement \$5,755.28, Sewer City Charge \$89,158.67, Retirement \$7,410.46, Special Assessment \$363.58, **Grand Total \$204,181.18.**

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

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

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments- Wind Energy:** Durm-Hiatt motioned, Cooper supported, to approve the text amendments made to the Wind Energy Zoning Ordinance as presented at the public hearing. The ordinance will take effect 15 days following the publication.

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

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Park Board Appointments:** were delayed for lack of information on the prospective candidates.

**First Reading of Ordinances #66, #67, #68:** Ordinance #66 Fire Safety Code, #67 Fire Service Cost recovery, and #68 is Hazardous Material Cost Recovery.

**Set Workshop:** Kidwell announced a board workshop for Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

**Planning Commission Appointment:** Postponed until next meeting.

**Landfill Appointment:** Postponed until next meeting.

**Authorization of Treasurer to Negotiate School Contracts:** Durm-Hiatt motioned to authorize the treasurer to negotiate contracts with the schools for summer tax collection. Noble supported.

All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resignation of Zoning Administrator:** Cooper motioned to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Tracy Vines as Zoning Administrator. Goodwin supported.

All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Committee Reports:**

Bailey: None.

Goodwin: Introduced Tim Grey to answer any questions concerning the SMCAS contract. Ringler pointed out that contract negotiations are not open for discussion.

Ringler: None.

Kidwell: None.

Durm-Hiatt: Announced meeting on Friday January 9, 2009 with school administrators to review election contracts for school board elections.

Noble: reported a streetlight that is on all the time, he has called it in and it should be repaired.

Cooper: presented building and ordinance reports for December 2008.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Goodwin supported the motion.  
All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk