

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
JUNE 1, 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.

Agenda: Ringler motioned to approve the agenda as presented, Goodwin supported.
All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes: Ringer motioned to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2009, regular meeting. Cooper supported.
All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence and Announcements: Kidwell set the public hearing for the SMCAS annual assessment for June 15, 2009 a 6:45 pm, prior to the regular meeting. Durm-Hiatt presented a Principles of Governance certificate from MTA; it establishes a code of ethics for township officials. Following reading the Principles of Governance, Cooper motioned that the board adopt the document, Noble supported.
All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk's Report: General O&M \$48,098.34, Fire O&M \$31,835.84, Sewer O&M \$10,421.54, Water O&M \$8,061.81, Retirement \$10,829.01, **Grand Total \$109,246.54** Cooper motioned to approve the clerk's report. Goodwin supported the motion.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Glenn Millin thanked Dick Noble for his assistance with their road/drain issue.

Unfinished Business:

Walnut Street: Kidwell motioned to accept a \$7,410.00 bid from Selge Construction to bring Walnut Street up to general standard condition. Bailey supported. Following a lengthy discussion, with board members expressing concern for long-term maintenance and need for further information.

ROLL CALL AYES: Kidwell, Bailey.

NAYS: Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Noble, Ringler.

MOTION DENIED.

Spring Break-Up: The board discussed contributing money to the Berrien County Road Commission to provide repairs on roads that experienced excessive damage this winter, no action was taken.

New Business:

Metro Act Agreement with AT&T: Goodwin motioned to approve the two-year extension to the existing agreement, Bailey supported.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A.E.D. Purchase: Kidwell explained that most of the township staff has been certified recently in CPR and AED. Durm-Hiatt received a quote, of \$1,724.00 from Tim Grey for an AED for the township hall. Kidwell motioned to purchase the AED unit, Cooper supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DPW- Generator Purchase: Kidwell presented the bids and the recommendation from Gary Schrader to accept the bid from Herrman and Goetz. Following questions and discussion, Kidwell motioned to accept the bid of \$75,810.00 from Herrman and Goetz for two generators for lift stations. Durm-Hiatt supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DPW-Sewer Rate Increase: Due to the City of Niles sewer rate increases of almost 51% over the past four years, the township has no choice but to increase our rates from \$21.00 per month to \$22.50 per month. This is only 18% increase over the same time period. Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve the recommended increase in sewer rates. Bailey supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Extend Open Burning: Due to the unusually wet spring, the township has received several calls requesting open burning, which ended May 15 in accordance with the township burning ordinance. The Fire Chief agreed to extend open burning through the month of June.

Kidwell motioned to extend open burning through the month of June, Bailey supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: None.

Committee Reports:

Bailey: None.

Goodwin: None.

Ringler: None.

Kidwell: presented the fire report for the month of May.

Durm-Hiatt: None.

Noble: None

Cooper: None

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Goodwin supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL