

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MAY 4, 2009
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Agenda: Goodwin motioned to approve the agenda as presented, Durm-Hiatt supported.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes: Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2009, regular meeting. Noble supported.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Correspondence and Announcements: Durm-Hiatt announced: May 15, 2009 is the deadline for open burning in the township, also that there is information available on the gypsy moth infestation through Berrien County Cooperative Extension Office.

Clerk's Report: General O&M \$24,683.83, Fire O&M \$22,724.83, Sewer O&M \$12,142.41, Water O&M \$7,396.57, Fire Capital Improvement \$324.04, Sewer Maintenance Reserve \$5,291.52. **Grand Total \$72,563.20** Cooper motioned to approve the clerk's report. Goodwin supported the motion.
ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Kidwell.
NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Comments from the Public: State Representative Sharon Tyler gave a report from Lansing on the deficit and the effect on revenue sharing and state services. She is working on education reform, agriculture issues, and senior citizen agencies.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution 09-02 Brownfield Agreement: Attorney Lynch gave a report on his research on the agreement, with his recommendation for approval. Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve Resolution 09-02, Ringler supported.
ROLL CALL AYES: Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Kidwell, Noble.
NAYS: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution 09-05 SMCAS: Goodwin motioned support for Resolution 09-05 which designates SMCAS as the sole provider for emergency advanced life support and medical transporting in the SMCAS assessment district. Bailey supported.

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

Resolution 09-06 Speed Study: Noble presented a letter from MDOT approving the speed study on M-51 South, following submittal of township board resolution requesting the study. Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve Resolution 09-06 requesting the speed study, Cooper supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Noble, Ringler, Bailey.
NAYS: Kidwell **MOTION CARRIED.**

Work Day Schedule: Cooper motion to rescind his motion, of the April 20, 2009 meeting, setting the workday as 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m. year-round, and return to the previously established schedule. Durm-Hiatt supported.

All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Walnut Street: Kidwell presented, for discussion, should the township be responsible for applying chloride to Walnut Street. No action was taken and was referred to committee.

Comments from the Public: Mr. Baldwin expressed his objection to the township paying for chloride on Walnut Street. Mr. Luke asked why the township owns any streets.

Committee Reports:

Bailey: None.

Goodwin: None.

Ringler: None.

Kidwell: presented the fire report for April, also the landfill has a drain/washout problem with Amtrak.

Durm-Hiatt: advised the election for schools is tomorrow.

Noble: reported on road issues on 17th/ Fulkerson, 1708 South Third, and 1806 Niles-Buchanan.

Cooper: presented building and ordinance reports for April.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Goodwin supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk