

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 8, 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.

Consent Agenda: Ringler motioned, supported by Cooper, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Minutes of August 17, 2009, regular meeting
2. Expenditures and Transfers Grand Total \$175,261.37

General O & M \$46,925.32	Fire O & M \$40,993.84
Sewer O & M \$18,822.68	Water O & M \$3,288.63
Special Assessment \$363.58	City Sewer Charge \$65,230.90
3. Accept for file, Building Safety, and Ordinance Enforcement reports for August.
4. Approve 4-H Fund Raiser in the township September 24 - October 19, 2009

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor's Report: Kidwell set Monday, September 21, 2009, starting at 6:10 p.m. for Assessment Determination Public Hearings. Kidwell announced budget workshop for September 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Kidwell presented a request from Rich Low to speak to the board about a dog park in the township; the board suggests it be referred to the Park Board. Kidwell asked that board members review Chief Brovold's bids for repairs on fire station #1 prior to the next board meeting. The board requested that more bids be obtained.

Correspondence and Announcements: Durm-Hiatt announced a safety day and bicycle rodeo in Baroda Sunday, October 11, 2009 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Comments from the Public: None.

Unfinished Business:

New uniforms for the Fire Department: The board agrees to eliminate the current polyester uniforms, but does not have a consensus on the replacement uniform material.

New Business:

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

Township Planner: Trustee Cooper reported that a committee of: Stefanie Woodrick, Zoning Administrator, Dan Smotherman, Chairman of Planning Commission, and himself held interviews with LSL Planners and Williams and Works, for planning services. Several board members were present at the interviews. Cooper moved to select, upon the recommendation of the committee, Williams and Works as the township planner of record. Noble supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment: Herschel Hoese commented on only having one bid for the fire department repairs, and on the Merritt issue.

Committee Reports:

Bailey: None.

Goodwin: reported on the SMCAS annual picnic. Four individuals received awards Theresa Beck, Tick Hotary, Dan Tackett, and Steve Nallenweg.

Ringler: None.

Kidwell: presented certificates for file to: Gary Brovold, Andrew Lodder, Eduardo Alcala, and Allen Cole.

Durm-Hiatt: None.

Noble: reported a street light out at 13th and South Streets.

Cooper: None.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Goodwin supported the motion.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL