

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 16, 2010
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.

Approved Agenda:

Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve agenda as presented. Bailey supported.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda: Ringler motioned to approve consent agenda items, Cooper supported.

1. Minute approval for February 1, 2010 regular meeting,
2. Expenditures and Transfers: General O&M \$38,743.05, Fire O&M \$34,650.41, Sewer O&M \$17,715.48, Water O&M \$3,093.81, Sewer City Charge \$67,888.80, Fire Capital Improvement \$1,304.95, Health Benefit \$493.58, Special Assessment \$3,093.81 GRAND TOTAL: \$167,102.19.
3. January Fire reports.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Durm-Hiatt announced ICS- 300 and ICS-400 training for interested board members. Durm-Hiatt also addressed the Fort St. Joseph Archeological Dig fund raising project. Cooper reported that he had spoken to someone about modifying the meeting table.

Supervisor Report: Announced that the paperwork for Eastgate has been filed with the courts, now we wait to for the next step.

Comments from the Public: Gene Baker addressed the board on his concerns about the fire department and the tanker truck. He stated that in the last six weeks mutual aide (Howard Township and Osceola) had requested the tanker truck and it was not sent because there was no one qualified to drive. He also was concerned that in the last year nine volunteers had left the department mainly due to excessive training requirements. Bruce Vosburgh asked when the new uniforms for the fire department could be ordered, they were approved in October.

Sgt. Miller presented the January police activity report.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Comments from the Public: None.

Committee Reports:

Bailey: None.

Goodwin: gave a report from the January SMCAS meeting. SMCAS is running in the black.

Ringler: stated that the treasurers' department had a very busy last day for tax collection. He will report on the percentage of collection at the next meeting. Ringler suggested that the board should consider whether we want to collect a penalty on late tax payments. This is something we need to address in advance of the next tax cycle.

Kidwell: None

Noble: reported a street light out on Oakdale.

Cooper: also reported on the February 9, 2010 Planning Commission meeting, where they approved a special use permit for Michiana Ghanaian S.D.A.Church.

Durm-Hiatt: stated that work is underway for this year' elections.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Goodwin supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk