

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
APRIL 5, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

**Approved Agenda**

Ringler motioned to approve agenda. Noble supported.  
All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

1. Minute approval for March 15, 2010, regular meeting
2. Expenditures and Transfers:

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| General O&M \$44,525.19, | Fire O&M \$45,922.70         | Sewer O & M \$20,080.97 |
| Water O&M \$2,945.69     | Fire Capital Imp. \$6,350.43 |                         |

**GRAND TOTAL: \$ 119,824.98**
3. March SMCAS minutes.
4. Election Commission, May school election worker assignments.
5. Building reports for March.

ROLL CALL AYES: Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Noble, Kidwell.  
NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** Durm-Hiatt read a letter from Governor Granholm declaring April Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**Supervisor Report:** Reported that township residents have done a great job with returning the census. Kidwell presented certificates for file to: Brian M. Dayson and Robert C. Ruff.

**Comments from the Public:** John LaMore reported on the MAC (Michigan Association of Commissioners) conference. He addressed concerns with unfunded mandates from the State. Sheriff Bailey wanted to clarify false statements Kidwell made in a letter he distributed to township residents. The township police budget will not be over a million dollars; most likely it will be approximately \$850,000.00. And the use of part-time deputies for vacation and sick leave saves the township in overtime cost. Sheriff Bailey, also, asked the board to consider purchasing a third car for use in the township. He will send a formal request.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 10-04 Escrow Deposits:** The resolution establishes fees and review of escrow deposits for the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Cooper motioned to approve Resolution 10-04, Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 10-05 Critical Bridge Funds:** Durm-Hiatt explained that this resolution supports the Berrien County Road Commissions' application for State and Federal Critical Bridge Funding.

Bailey motioned to approve Resolution 10-05, Goodwin supported.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Ordinance Enforcement Officer:** Kidwell explained that Jim Merriman would be unable to work for awhile and he had contacted William Drotoz to do ordinance enforcement. Kidwell made a motion to hire William Drotoz to fill in for Jim Merriman. Bailey supported.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Replacement of DPW Truck:** Ringler and Kidwell reported the condition of the current truck; the new truck would replace two existing vehicles, the blue pick-up and the green equipment van. Durm-Hiatt made a motion authorizing Gary Schrader to seek bids for a replacement vehicle. Cooper supported.

All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

Bailey: None

Goodwin: None.

Ringler: reported that he has spoken with DNR regarding the Third Street park property, an agreement is forthcoming. Settlement is complete and this year tax collection was similar to past years, Summer at 93.66% winter 89.35%.

Kidwell: None

Noble: reported a street sign was down at 15<sup>th</sup> and Bell. The sign was there and has been put up.

Cooper: None.

Durm-Hiatt: reported that the clerk department is gearing up for the upcoming elections with training and equipment checks.

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