

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MAY 17, 2010
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Approved Agenda

Durm-Hiatt asked that the April park board minutes be added to the consent agenda. Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve the agenda with the addition, Goodwin supported.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

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

1. Minute approval for May 3, 2010, regular meeting
2. Expenditures and Transfers:

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| General O&M \$42,655.59, | Fire O&M \$36,424.72 | Sewer O & M \$15,529.42 |
| Water O&M \$3,226.09 | Special Assessment \$2,881.54 | |

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 100,717.36
3. April Park Board minutes.
4. Fire report for April.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Durm-Hiatt announced that the SMCAS public hearing originally scheduled for May 17, 2010 will be rescheduled for June 7, 2010. Kidwell announced that the park board will have brochures available showing the proposed trails.

Supervisor Report: Kidwell presented for file, certificates of training for David C. Alton, Greg Exner, and Gary Brovold. He announced that the township received final word that ML Developers are the official owners of Eastgate and the security fencing will go up immediately. Kidwell has distributed a draft copy of the codified ordinances for the board to review; there will be a teleconference with the Municipal Code on May 27, 2010 at 10:00 am. Next week the board will have a workshop to put together questions for the teleconference. Kidwell reported on a meeting he attended with two park board members (Harry Thibault August Keuhn) to review the final DNRE grant for the park property on Third Street.

Comments from the Public: Officer Miller presented the police report, 80% of the tickets were issued under local ordinances. Sheriff Bailey presented information that Deputy Amber Schriver was injured in the line of duty and will be off for several weeks. Sheriff Bailey also announced the new video visitation in the jail. John LaMore announced the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting for May 18, 2010, Brovold and Kidwell will be attending. T. Mize addressed Trustee Bailey concerning his recent arrest and asked for his resignation, Mize has acquired the complete police report through Freedom of Information. V. Grathwohl presented concerns on the vacant property next to his on Tam-o-Shanter. K. Hubbard spoke to water problems she has due to a water meter breaking. B Kasperzak, representing Hope Community Church presented a new program "Just Do Something" offering labor for any project in our community; in the parks, cemeteries, where ever needed. R. Tibbs asked that something be done about the speeding on South Third Street.

Unfinished Business: Reschedule public hearing for SMCAS annual assessment, June 7, 2010 at 7:05 pm.

New Business:

Partnership for Change: Shelly Klug, Southwestern Michigan Economic Growth Alliance, presented a grant proposal for an 11th Street joint corridor project between Niles City and Niles Charter Township. Following discussion, Cooper motioned to enter into an initial phase of the grant proposal, Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Financial Services RFP: Goodwin stated that it was at his request, to the township treasurer, that the township research financial agencies to get the best rate of return on township monies. Ringler has prepared a detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) to be sent to all financial institutions in the area. Ringler explained that this is a lengthy process and changing gets very involved. Durm-Hiatt made a motion authorizing the treasurer to send out the RFP for financial services to area institutions. Bailey supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: M. Weimer, from the City of Niles Planning Commission spoke about a planning seminar that she attended, which encouraged municipalities working together on projects.

Committee Reports:

Bailey: None

Goodwin: None.

Ringler: Reported from the DPW committee that they are looking into replacement of the # 4 lift station and possible alternatives to the lift station near Bond and Beeson.

Kidwell: None

Noble: reported on road complaints on Northfield and drainage problems on Jenny Lane.

Cooper: None.

Durm-Hiatt: reported on the success of the e-poll books at the May 4, 2010 election.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Goodwin supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk