

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
SEPTEMBER 7, 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:** Cooper, Goodwin, Kidwell, Noble, Ringler. Board members absent: Bailey, Durm-Hiatt. Others present: Cole.

**Approved Agenda**

Ringler motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of fire department to the agenda, Goodwin supported.  
All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

1. Expenditures and Transfers 09-07-10  
General O&M \$47,849.55      Fire O&M \$28,544.81      Sewer O & M \$17,944.88  
Water O&M \$3,037.97      **GRAND TOTAL: \$97,377.21**
2. Minutes for August 16, 2010, regular meeting minutes.
3. Accepted for file: SMCAS August minutes, August building report, August ordinance enforcement, and August fire report.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Goodwin, Noble, Ringler, Kidwell.  
NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** None.

**Supervisor Report:** Kidwell reported that budget packets are ready and if the board wanted to set a date for a workshop. It was the consensus of the board to wait until all board members were present to set a date. Kidwell also advised Leader Publications have asked if the township would like to participate in a 2010 fall home improvement advertisement.

**Comments from the Public:** James Smith of 189 Knott Road complained of continuing blight issues at his neighbor at 224 Matthew Road. Smith advised that he has complained several times to the township and he wants something done about this matter. Goodwin asked if the blight issues are business related. Kidwell advised that code enforcement will be out to address the issue.

Coley Pesce of 1017 Greyhawke requested an update regarding the status between the township and Van Thornton. Cooper advised that the township planning attorney is working on the case and that he would talk to Stefanie Woodrick to receive an update for him.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Set Public Hearing for Assessment Determination September 20, 2010 Starting at 6:00 P.M.: Ringler motioned to set the public hearing for the 2010 assessment determinations on September 20, 2010 starting at 6:00 p.m. Cooper supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Goodwin, Noble, Ringler, Cooper, Kidwell  
NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Legal Services R.F.P. (discussion): Kidwell opened discussion to the board, on behalf of Durm-Hiatt, requesting if they wanted to solicit bids for legal services from various firms. After discussion, Cooper motioned for the administrative committee to compile a listing of firms and send out for bids for legal services. Goodwin supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Cooper, Goodwin, Kidwell  
NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Inter-government Agreement for Storm Water Illicit Discharge: After clarifying questions regarding the agreement from the board, Ringler motioned to approve entering the agreement with Brandywine School District. Noble supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Goodwin, Noble, Ringler, Kidwell  
NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Fire Department: Chief Brovold requested that seven (7) new volunteer firemen be approved for hire. They have all met their physical agility testing. Classes they will need start on September 28, 2010 and board approval is needed. Ringler motioned to accept the seven (7) volunteer firemen for hire, but stressed the need to follow the law regarding the open meetings act on interviewing new employees. Cooper advised he has a procedure that he will provide Chief Brovold to assure proper procedures are followed in the future. Kidwell supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Goodwin, Noble, Ringler, Kidwell

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

Goodwin: reported that he and Ringler met with three different banking institutions for service proposals for the township. Goodwin congratulated Noble for his seat as vice chairperson on the landfill board.

Ringler: advised that Niles Charter Township has closed on the new park property.

Kidwell: None.

Noble: advised he has been working with Kevin Reed and Doug Hartzler regarding speed studies, branches, and road conditions within the township. Noble also advised that the Berrien County Animal Control advised their ordinance is being updated.

Cooper: advised that the planning commission is meeting on September 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to start working on the master plan. Cooper announced that Stefanie Woodrick is attending training the week of September 13, 2010 to become a certified zoning administrator.

Goodwin motioned to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Cooper supported the motion.

All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Cole, Deputy Clerk