

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
OCTOBER 4, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

**Approved Agenda**

Ringler motioned to approve the agenda as printed, Cooper supported.  
All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

1. Expenditures and Transfers 10-04-2010

General O & M \$32,298.40	Water O & M \$2,821.40
Fire O & M \$30,094.80	Fire Capital Imp. \$942.20
Sewer O & M \$15,220.79	<b>Grand Total \$81,377.59</b>
2. Minutes for September 20, 2010, regular meeting and September 29, 2010 board workshop minutes.
3. Building Safety and Ordinance Enforcement September reports for file.
4. Fireworks permit for Brandywine School Homecoming.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** Durm-Hiatt reminded board members of the Siegfried and Crandall Fall Seminar if they are interested they must RSVP by October 14, 2010. Durm-Hiatt, also, announced that the township is taking letters of intent and resumes for the trustee vacancy on the board, applications are due by November 1, 2010

**Supervisor Report:** Kidwell presented certificates of appreciation to some business owners in the area for their help with a clean-up on Bertrand: Kachur Tree Service, Zollman Tire, Clark's Service, Szucs Concrete, and Gases LLC. Also certificates for firefighters: Gregory Exner, Lt. Timothy Jesswein, Chief Brovold, Lt. Doug Myers, Eduardo Alcala, Dave Alton, Aaron Floor, Shawn Mervine, and Lt. Robert Ruff.

**Comments from the Public:** O. Baldwin commented on not enforcing the three minute public comment during the budget workshop last week.

Sheriff Bailey responded to comments Kidwell made about the sheriff's department, during the budget workshop. Sheriff Bailey introduced the deputies that work Niles Charter Township and their years of service.

Sgt. Miller presented a year to date report of services to the township.

P. Hopper expressed her support for the sheriff department, adding it is what the people voted for.

Lt. Goulouze, supervisor for contract departments, asked that complaints about his department be forwarded to his office for investigation.

M. Mure supported the sheriff, but asked for more patrols on Bond Street.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Partnership for Change, Participation Agreement:** Shelly Klug, of Southwestern Michigan Economic Growth Alliance, introduced a project at a previous meeting where the City on Niles, Niles Charter Township and the SMEGA would participate in Partnership for Change Sustainable Communities. There is no cost to the township; it is being funded by private grants and foundations. Durm-Hiatt made a motion authorizing Kidwell to sign the agreement on behalf of the township, Cooper supported the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

Bailey: None.

Goodwin: Absent

Ringler: Delinquencies to be placed on the December tax roll need to be turned into his office.

Kidwell: None.

Noble: Working on sign and street light.

Cooper: announced that the next Planning Commission meeting is next Tuesday, they are coming along on the Master Plan Update.

Durm-Hiatt: Stated that absentee ballots are out. Also, reminded the board and public of the budget workshop scheduled for Wednesday October 6, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Cooper supported the motion.

All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk