

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
NOVEMBER 1, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

**Approved Agenda**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Consent Agenda:** Cooper motioned to approve consent agenda, Durm-Hiatt supported.

1. Expenditures and Transfers 11-01-2010

General O & M \$47,330.86	Water O & M \$3,870.36
Fire O & M \$49,430.22	Fire Capital Imp. \$1,225.00
Sewer O & M \$19,447.22	Sewer Maintenance Reserve \$10,929.22
<b>Grand Total \$131,007.88</b>	

2. Minutes for October 18, 2010, regular meeting and October 18, 2010 budget workshop and October 28, 2010 special meeting.

3. Accept for file: October Building Safety and Ordinance Enforcement reports.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** Durm-Hiatt announced that she had received 13 resumes for the trustee vacancy. Kidwell announced a budget workshop for Fire and DPW budgets for Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

**Supervisor Report:** Kidwell presented a certificate of achievement for Jason Spare and Matthew Schultz.

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Shelly Klug-Preliminary Business Plan:** Shelly Klug introduced John Axelberg, owner of General Sheet Metal Works. General Sheet Metal Works is considering moving into 2070 South Third (Old United Fixtures). Axelberg and Klug gave background on the business and the expectations for the future. Under Act 328, General Sheet Metal Works will be applying for a 50% tax abatement for six years on personal property and any building improvements. No action was taken; this was a preliminary introduction to the company and their intentions.

**Lift Station # 4:** Ringler presented and explained the quotes for the replacement of lift station #4 (Bond and Beeson). Previously, the committee had pursued alternatives for the replacement. The alternatives are cost prohibitive (over two million). The estimated replacement cost for the project is \$542,500.00. Ringler made a motion to approve Merritt Engineering to go forward with design and prepare the bid proposals. Kidwell supported.

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

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

Goodwin: Absent

Ringler: Getting the winter taxes prepared for printing.

Kidwell: None.

Noble: Has the speed study for East Winn road and will be working with Berrien County Road Commission. He has been working on street lights that are out and tree limbs over East Main.

Cooper: Reported from NATS meeting.

Durm-Hiatt: Reminded everyone that there is an election tomorrow.

Cooper motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Durm-Hiatt supported the motion.  
All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk