

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
DECEMBER 6, 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.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR TRUSTEE RONALD GOODWIN**

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

**Introduction of Attorney:** Kidwell introduced the newly appointed township attorney Mary Spiegel.

**Agenda Approval:** Conover motioned to approve the agenda, with the addition to authorize Supervisor Kidwell to sign attorney agreement. Cooper supported the motion.

All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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| 1. Expenditures and Transfers 12-06-2010   |                                       |
| General O & M \$35,644.68  | Water O & M \$3,374.12                |
| Fire O & M \$38,049.84   | Fire Capital Imp. \$584.50            |
| Sewer O & M \$17,122.73  | City Sewer Charge \$64,525.46         |
| Special Assessment \$3,549.99  | Sewer Maintenance Reserve \$12,500.00 |
| Revolving Fund \$214.81  | <b>Grand Total \$175,566.13</b>       |
| 2. Minutes for November 15, 2010, regular meeting and November 29, 2010 special meeting. |                                       |
| 3. Accepted for file: November Building and Ordinance Enforcement reports                |                                       |
| 4. Re-appointed Katrina Andrews to the Niles District Library Board.                     |                                       |

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** Durm-Hiatt reminded the board of a letter referencing the Sunday morning liquor sales legislation. Local municipalities may prohibit Sunday morning sales by resolution. Resolutions opposing the MCL 436.2113 must be submitted to the Liquor Control Commission by December 15, 2010. Durm-Hiatt also reminded board members if they plan on attending MTA educational conference in January they need to get the registration in this week. Ringler announced that the DNRE has eliminated the permit process for MS-4 Illicit Discharge, (dealing with storm water).

**Supervisor Report:** Kidwell presented a certificate of training for Craig Lear and Tim Bunch. He received an e-mail from Glenn Millin correcting his address for communication from the township. Set workshop for finalizing Fire, DPW, and Capital Improvement budgets at 6:00 pm. December 20, 2010 prior to the next regular meeting.

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 10-18 2011 Meeting and Holiday Schedule:** Durm-Hiatt presented the resolution for discussion. Cooper motioned to approve Resolution 10-18 as presented. Conover supported the motion.

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

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Attorney Agreement Authorization:** Durm-Hiatt motioned to authorize Supervisor Kidwell to sign the agreement with Mary Spiegel for legal services. Noble supported.

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

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Comments from the Public:** Marie Weimer brought cookies for the meeting.

Durm-Hiatt announced that the township would open the search for the trustee vacancy. All those that had applied recently would be contacted to establish interest in the current vacancy. Due to the holidays, any applications/resumes must be in by December 31. The appointment will take place at the January 17, 2011 meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

Conover: None.

Ringler: Berrien County is switching to BS&A software for taxes. Treasurers and Deputies will begin training on the new system in the spring.

Kidwell: None.

Noble: None.

Cooper: the planning commission is coming along on the Master Plan Update Tuesday, December 14 will be their next meeting. Also, the next South 11<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor meeting will be December 21, 2010 at 6:00 at Niles Township.

Durm-Hiatt: None.

Conover motioned to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Cooper supported the motion.  
All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL