

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
APRIL 4, 2011
REGULAR MEETING**

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

Roll Call: Conover, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kidwell, Kuehn, Ringler.
Absent: Noble.
Also Present: Attorney Spiegel

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to accept the agenda with additions: Ordinance # 70 amendment, Election Commission and March Fire report. Conover supported.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

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

1. Expenditures and Transfers 04-04-2011:

General O & M \$24,502.93	Water O & M \$2,260.17
Fire O & M \$24,667.37	Sewer O & M \$10,542.39
Sewer City Charge \$75,161.18	Special Assessment \$363.58
GRAND TOTAL \$137,497.62	
2. Minutes for March 21, 2011 regular meeting,
3. For file: March reports for Fire, Building Safety, and Ordinance Enforcement.
4. Election Inspectors for the May school election.

ROLL CALL AYES: Ringler, Conover, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kuehn, Kidwell.
NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Durm-Hiatt announced funeral arrangements for Kay Noble. Durm-Hiatt, also, asked the board to review the draft RFP for auditing services, and give recommendation for distribution of RFP's.

Supervisor Report: Kidwell presented certificates of FEMA training for file: Justin Weiser, Ryan Slow, and David Alton. Kidwell commented on the recall language against him. He, also, recommends that the door between the office area and the meeting room be kept locked during the meetings.

Comments from the Public: C. Rogers, S. Daniel, K. Ray, R. Tibbs all offered support for Kidwell. O. Baldwin accused Kidwell of half truths. John LaMore reported that Berrien County is looking into televising commission meetings.

Unfinished Business:

Ordinance # 70 Amendment: Durm-Hiatt motioned to adopt the amendment to Ordinance # 70 to include retail fraud. Ringler supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Conover, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kuehn, Ringler, Kidwell.
NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Chief Brovold Presentation: Chief Brovold and Niles City Fire Chief Lamb presented awards to Niles Township Firefighter Paul Rainwater and Niles City EMT Bill McAllister, for their heroic and professional efforts during the fuel tank leak at Tank Town.

New Hire: Chief Brovold presented four new volunteer firefighters, Rich Low, Mike Hollis, Mark Grishaber, and Amy Bradley, for board approval. All of the candidates have passed the driving record and criminal background checks, and they have completed the physical agility test. Kidwell motioned to accept the new firefighters, Kuehn supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kuehn, Ringler, Conover, Kidwell.
NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

AEP Easement: Harry Thibault, Park Board Chairman, along with Trustee Kuehn presented information to the board with details about the easement and possible trail. The Park Board is requesting the Township Board send a letter to AEP requesting an easement on their property for a recreational trail system. Kidwell made a motion authorizing Attorney Spiegel to prepare a letter to AEP. Spiegel will work with Thibault. Conover supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Durm-Hiatt, Kuehn, Ringler, Conover, Cooper, Kidwell.
NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: None.

Committee Reports:

Conover: None.

Cooper: None.

Durm-Hiatt: reported that the Clerk's Department is busy with the May school election.

Kuehn: None.

Ringler: Tax settlement with the county was completed last week. Ringler presented certificates for Jim Vella and Scott Krueger for Waterworks System Operator Course.

Kidwell: None.

Noble: Absent.

Kuehn motioned to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Conover supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL