

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
APRIL 18, 2011  
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:** Conover, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kidwell, Kuehn, Ringler.  
Absent: Noble.

**Agenda Approval:** Ringler motioned to accept the agenda with an addition: First Quarterly Financial/Cash Transaction Report to the consent agenda. Kuehn supported.  
All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

1. Expenditures and Transfers 04-18-2011:

General O & M \$240,322.47	Water O & M \$2,460.56
Fire O & M \$75,120.35	Sewer O & M \$14,007.47
Fire Capital Imp. \$1,006.30	Special Assessment \$3,146.79
<b>GRAND TOTAL \$336,122.86</b>	
2. Minutes for April 4, 2011 regular meeting,
3. For file: March SMCAS minutes.
4. Quarterly Financial/Cash Transaction Report.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** Durm-Hiatt announced The Annual Drain Commission report is available for review, and posted the dates for the Berrien County Apportionment Commission meetings. Cooper announced the 11<sup>th</sup>. Street Corridor meeting was cancelled.

**Supervisor Report:** Kidwell presented certificates of FEMA training for file: Gary J. Brovold, Rich S. Low, Craig J. Lear, and Tim Jesswein. Weather Service training seminar certificates for file: Ryan Low, Jim Schoenthaler, Matthew Schultz, Jason Spare, David Alton, Paul Wreggelsworth, Justin Weiser, Rich Low, Mark Grishaber, and Amy Bradley. Kidwell reported that progress is being made with the demolition of Eastgate. Kidwell has been investigating the legality of the closed sessions at the February 22, 2011 and March 7, 2011 meetings.

**Comments from the Public:** T. Youngs questioned information in flyer. Campbell presented the police report and ticket activity.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Berrien County Road Commission Millage Resolution:** Following discussion action was tabled in order to gather more information and clarification.

**DPW Valve Replacement:** Ringler presented bids prepared and reviewed by Gary Schrader from DPW. Kidwell motioned to accept the recommended bid of \$6,050.00 from Selge Construction for valve replacements at lift stations #2 and #9. Kuehn supported the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**2011 Sidewalk Replacement Program:** Jeff Dunlap presented the 2011 Sidewalk Replacement Program for the Board to review. Dunlap pointed out some minor changes to the document; board will take action on the program with the revisions at the next meeting. Durm-Hiatt motioned, supported by Conover, authorizing Dunlap to place a Notice to Bidders in the paper and web-site for sealed bids for the 2011 sidewalk project due at 12:00 p.m. (noon) May 16, 2011. Monies for the sidewalk program come from the Metro Right-of-Way fund.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Comments from the Public:** A. Millin questioned the audit contract. J. Flock commented on the county road millage, Sheriff Bailey spoke with a road commissioner and addressed some of the concerns of the county road millage proposal.

**Committee Reports:**

Conover: None.

Cooper: None.

Durm-Hiatt: reported that the Clerk's Department is busy with the May school election. Durm-Hiatt asked that audit RFP reviews be completed and returned to the Clerk.

Kuehn: None.

Ringler: Berrien County Tax Software conversion is going well.

Kidwell: None.

Noble: Absent.

Kuehn motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Conover supported the motion.

All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk