

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MAY 16, 2011
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of sidewalk replacement bids, and the extension of on-ground burning. Conover supported.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Expenditures and Transfers 05-16-2011:

General O & M \$31,299.49	Water O & M \$4,733.26
Fire O & M \$25,944.37	Fire Capital Imp. \$1,765.44
Sewer O & M \$11,970.69	Sewer City Charge \$65,916.73
Special Assessment \$3,457.89	Woodland Terr. Water Escrow \$8,896.80
GRAND TOTAL \$153,984.67	

1. Minutes for May 2, 2011, regular meeting,
2. For file: April Building Safety and Ordinance Enforcement reports.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Cooper announced an 11th. Street Corridor meeting will be May 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Niles. Trustee Noble wanted to thank the public for their support and prayers following the death of his wife.

Supervisor Report:

Kidwell presented certificates for file: Gary Brovold, and Tom Hall.

Comments from the Public: Theresa Villa, asked about township regulations on fundraising events, for her daughter's medical expenses? Sgt. Campbell presented the police report.

Unfinished Business:

Berrien County Road Millage Resolution: Brian Brendt, of the Berrien County Road Commission, was present to answer questions on the resolution to place a .5 mil request on a county-wide ballot in 2012 for road repair and maintenance. All board members supported "in concept" the resolution to put it out to the voters, but offered concerns with the distribution formula. Kidwell motioned to support the resolution to put the millage request on the ballot. Conover supported.

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

NAYES: Noble.

MOTION CARRIED.

2011 Sidewalk Replacement Bids: Kidwell stated that the township had received two bids for the replacement of the sidewalks in 2011. Kidwell motioned to accept the low bid from Brett Crouch and authorize signing the contract. Noble supported the motion.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Set Public Hearing for SMCAS: Kidwell set a public hearing on the SMCAS joint annual assessment, for June 6, 2011 at 7:05pm.

Audit: Ringler motioned to approve and finalize the 2010 audit as presented. Kidwell supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Extend on-ground burning: Kidwell reported that he had spoken with Chief Brovold and he indicated there was not a problem with extending on ground burning.

Kidwell motioned to extend on-ground burning, with permit, through the end of June. Kuehn supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: a resident asked if something could be done about people driving on private property as if it were Dewberry Street, it is even listed on GPS programs as a road.

Committee Reports:

Conover: None.

Cooper: None

Durm-Hiatt: reported that she had attended county redistricting meetings, to protect township interest in redistricting of County Commissioner Districts.

Kuehn: None.

Ringler: Ringler reported that the new BS&A tax collection software that Berrien County is transitioning to would require the township to purchase additional equipment, a computer, two scanners and a faster printer.

Durm-Hiatt motioned to authorize Ringler to get bids for the necessary equipment. Conover supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Kidwell: None

Noble: None.

Kuehn motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Conover supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk