

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
JUNE 6, 2011
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

SMCAS PUBLIC HEARING: Tim Gray, director of Southwest Michigan Ambulance Service, presented the 2011/2012 budget. Gray stated that there was only one capital purchase planned, replacing all of the heart monitors which will cost \$200,000.00 spread over three years. Gray answered questions concerning SMCAS memberships.

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of bids for two scanners and a printer for the tax department. Kuehn supported.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Expenditures and Transfers 06-06-2011:

General O & M \$78,201.96	Water O & M \$3,809.49
Fire O & M \$44,085.49	Fire Capital Imp. \$959.50
Sewer O & M \$17,862.16	Sewer City Charge \$105,135.29
Special Assessment \$363.58	TOTAL \$250,417.47

1. Minutes for May 16, 2011, regular meeting,
2. For file: May Building Safety, Ordinance Enforcement and Fire reports.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Ringler announced that we had received 90% of the grant monies from DNR for the 11 acres parcel purchased adjacent to Community Park. The additional 10% will come later.

Supervisor Report:

Kidwell presented certificates for file: Gary Brovold, Marc Brandon, Tim Jesswein, Douglas Myers, Michael Hollis, Andrew Hartman, Pamela Ferguson-Pauszek, and Tim Bunch.

Kidwell offered his appreciation for the school crossing guards' service to the community.

Prep work on Higgins Road. Is done and hopefully Bruskey will get the gravel this week.

AEP will be working in the area in July replacing poles.

There is an opening on the ZBA, due to the resignation of Mike Helbig.

Comments from the Public: John LaMore announced WNDU would be at Martin's Saturday June 13, 2011 from 7:00 am until noon selling and programming weather radios.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Resolution 11-05 SMCAS 2011/2012 Joint Assessment: Kuehn motioned to approve Resolution 11-05 establishing the twenty dollar (\$20.00) assessment in the SMCAS 2011/2012 fiscal budget. Conover supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

AT&T Metro Right of Way Permit Extension: Kidwell motioned to grant the Metro Right of Way Permit Extension until July 31, 2014, Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Foreclosure Property: Ringler presented information, from the Berrien County Treasurer, on properties within the Township that are up for tax foreclosure.

Ringler presented two properties that might be of interest to the township: property no. 11-14-0111-0006-05-9 Commercial abandoned and property no.11-14-0111-0006-22-9 3.45 acres vacant land. Conover motioned to approve Resolution 11-06 to exercise our right of first refusal on property no. 11-14-0111-0006-22-9 in the amount of \$1,107.00 for the public use to expand Firemen's Park South. Cooper supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DPW Van: Gary Schrader would like to know what the township would like to do with the old green step van that has been replaced. Following discussion, Conover motioned to sell the old van, (possibly on E-Bay or Craigslist) Cooper supported. ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kuehn, Noble, Ringler, Conover, Kidwell.

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Construction Board of Appeals By-Laws and Procedures: The City of Niles and the township have a joint appeals commission that approved the by-laws in March, now they are seeking support from the municipalities. Cooper made the motion to approve the Construction Board of Appeals By-Laws and Procedures as presented. Kidwell supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Special Needs Swing: Kidwell reported on a citizens' request for a swing for persons with special needs. Kidwell announced that the Rotary Club had donated \$900.00 to be used in the township parks. Kuehn made a motion to purchase a special needs swing with the Rotary Club money to be placed at Firemen's South Park. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ice Machine for Ball Leagues: J. Hulett provided bids on ice machines to the board. Jamie Stover and Rod Ratkay representing the baseball and softball leagues were present to answer questions. Both leagues concession stand's ice makers are broken and the need is great. Kidwell made a motion to purchase a new ice machine from Atlas Supply for a bid of \$3,311.94 with the understanding that the ball leagues repay the township by the end of the 2012 season. Kuehn supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Scanner, Printer Bids: Ringler presented bids for the purchase of two (2) barcode scanners and one (1) high speed printer for the tax department to be used with the new tax collection system through Berrien County. Ringler motioned to accept the low bid \$1,185.00 from Fourway for the equipment. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: None.

Committee Reports:

Conover: None.

Cooper: None

Durm-Hiatt: None

Kuehn: None.

Ringler: None

Kidwell: None

Noble: thanked BCRC for replacing a Stop sign so quickly.

Kuehn motioned to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Conover supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk