

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
JANUARY 7, 2013
REGULAR MEETING**

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

Roll Call: Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella.

Agenda Approval: Vella motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Noble supported.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

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

1. December 17, 2012 regular meeting minutes, and December 13, 2012 public hearing minutes.
2. Appointments: Dan Smothermon, John McNelis, and Mike Ellis to Planning Commission for a 3 year term. Martha Wilcynski and John VanDyke to Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year appointment. Scott Wilson, Steve Seifer, Phillip Lawson (alternate) and Charles Abair (alternate) to Building Board of Appeals for 2 year terms.

ROLL CALL AYES: Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Vella, Cooper, Stover.

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Eull read a letter from the DNR on the trail project grant approval. Eull, also, received an e-mail from Kevin Tonkin inquiring about the township hunting ordinance.

Comments from the Public: Ollen Baldwin of 2732 Madison St. commented on hunting control. Supervisor Stover recognized Jim Curran, the new Berrien County Commissioner.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Declaration of Restrictive Covenant-Former Dale's Mini Mart: Ringler discussed the restrictive covenant.

Ringler motioned to approve the covenant, Noble supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Vella, Stover, Cooper, Eull

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

New Hire-John Hess: Ringler motioned to hire John Hess as the new utility maintenance worker contingent on the following criteria: successful background check, successful driving history record check, and a successful physical and drug test check. Noble supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Vella, Stover, Cooper, Eull, Hoese

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Contracts: Cooper motioned to approve the 2013 contracts for Electrical Inspector, Ken Simpson and Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector, Ed Wainwright. Noble supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Ringler, Cooper, Stover, Vella, Eull, Hoese, Noble.

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2012 Budget Amendments: Ringler motioned to amend the 2012 budget (see attached). Noble supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Vella, Eull, Hoese, Noble. Ringler, Cooper, Stover

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Expenditures/Transfers 2012: Cooper motioned to approve the expenditures and transfers for year-end 2012, Noble supported.

General O & M \$25,832.11
Water O & M \$3,149.11
Capital Improvement \$3,800.00
GRAND TOTAL \$74,167.92

Fire O & M \$29,243.78
Sewer O & M \$10,596.92
Sewer Maintenance Reserve \$1,546.00

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella,
NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Expenditures/Transfers January 7, 2013: Ringler motioned to approve the expenditures and transfers for January 7, 2013, Cooper supported.

General O & M \$47,133.17
Water O & M \$4,841.75
Sewer City Charge \$ 68,799.21
GRAND TOTAL \$205,404.94

Fire O & M \$57,407.09
Sewer O & M \$26,860.14
Special Assessment \$363.58

ROLL CALL AYES: Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella, Cooper
NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Jim Vella inquired on pay for volunteer firefighters. Jim Vella also, advised the volunteers are holding a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the south station on March 2, 2013. Jim Curran offered praise to the Niles Charter Township Fire Department.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: presented the building department's 2012 annual report. Cooper also, announced the township board and the Planning Commission will meet January 8, 2013.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Noble: advised working with Berrien County Road Commission on sign replacement on Center Drive.

Ringler:

Vella: gave an update on SMCAS.

Supervisor Report: None.

Cooper motioned to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Vella supported the motion.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry E. Eull, Clerk