

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 19, 2013
REGULAR MEETING**

Deputy Clerk Cole 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: Cooper, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Vella. Board members absent: Eull, Stover. Others present: Cole.

President Pro-Tem: Cooper motioned to appoint Ringler as president pro-tem in the absence of Supervisor Stover, Noble supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

1. **Expenditures/Transfers February 19, 2013:**

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| General O & M \$35,571.25 | Fire O & M \$43,769.47 |
| Water O & M \$1,666.08 | Sewer O & M \$15,413.46 |
| Fire Capital Improvement \$7,446.98 | Sewer City Charge \$83,961.16 |
| Special Assessment \$3,261.14 | |

GRAND TOTAL \$191,089.54

2. February 4, 2013 regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes, and closed session minutes.
3. Fire January Monthly Report
4. Building Safety Monthly Report
5. Code Enforcement Monthly Report

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: None.

Comments from the Public: Sergeant Bob Mazurek gave monthly report for December 2012.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Michigan Gateway Community Foundation: Ringler explained that the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation is a 3rd party non-profit organization that oversees donation monies. The auditor recommended the use of a 3rd party to handle the donation monies for the Indiana Michigan Trail Project.

Milton Township Fire Contract: Ringler explained the contract has been changed due to a millage voted in, and the contract reflects the millage. Vella questioned the ordinance enforcement in the contract. Ringler explained the purpose of the ordinance enforcement being included in the contract. Hoese inquired who would be securing the scene and what would that entail. Ringler explained Niles Charter Township Fire Department would secure the scene. Hoese requested a clearer process of securing the scene before the contract is signed.

Fire Fighters Completion of Engineer Program: Lieutenant Doug Myers recognized Jason Spare, Matthew Schultz, and Rich Low have completed all the requirements for the engineer program. Lt. Myers explained the engineer program.

Comments from the Public: Brad Pasternak inquired on the status regarding false alarms. Ringler advised nothing had been done and recognized his concerns. Ringler advised that an ordinance would probably be required of which would need to be coordinated with Berrien County. Cooper question Sgt. Mazurek on recording false alarms. Hoese questioned the process followed if a false alarm is unfounded. Sgt. Mazurek advised that a letter is sent the address. Ringler advised that he will discuss this with Supervisor Stover. Bruce Vosburg advised that false alarm issues should also be addressed regarding fire, as well as, police matters.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: Advised the Planning Commission met and addressed Long Meadow regarding 3 properties being combined and sewer issues. No action was taken due to zoning issues.

Hoese: reported the landfill has opened other cell of which 10 year usage and increases methane gas which increases energy.

Noble: advised the Southeast Berrien County Landfill have formed a nominating committee for scholarships. The committee has approved an application for the program. Noble explained the process. Noble also has been working on road complaints and street lights.

Ringler: Board is negotiating contract with the fire department.

Vella: advised she attended the park board meeting regarding the trail project and she spoke with Wightman Engineering about the dangers of crossing U.S. 12. Wightman is relooking at that crossing section. Ringler advised that he, Stover and Cooper are looking at changing the trail stop location with M-DOT to locate on the south side of U.S. 12.

Ringler recognized Jack Frost, Josh Sherrick, Andrew Hartman, and Nicole VanderWerf for various certificates they received.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Vella supported the motion.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Cole, Deputy Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor