

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MARCH 18, 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: Ringler motioned to approve the agenda with the replacement of Jess Minks from the Berrien County Road Commission to item number 8 on the agenda. Vella supported.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

1. **Expenditures/Transfers March 18, 2013:**

General O & M \$37,433.22	Fire O & M \$36,654.29
Water O & M \$1,891.34	Sewer O & M \$19,776.89
Fire Capital Improvement \$1,176.55	Sewer City Charge \$79,908.33
Special Assessment \$3,183.50	GRAND TOTAL \$180,024.12

2. February 28, 2013 and March 4, 2013 special meeting minutes, March 4, 2013 regular meeting minutes.
3. Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive date correction.
4. Fire Department February Report

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Eull read letters from Phil Mills, John & Lucy VandenHeede, and Julia LaSata all in support of moving forward with the Indiana Michigan Trail Project.

Jesse Minks-Berrien County Road Commissioner: Jess Minks from the Berrien County Road Commission presented the commissions position as far as road repairs and that monies may not be available to fix most roads.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Joe Sobieralski-SMEGA: Joe Sobieralski was present at the meeting. He is the new director over the Southwestern Michigan Economic Growth Alliance replacing Shelley Klug.

Wightman and Associates, Inc. Bid Proposal: Eull motioned to approve the bid proposal from Wightman and Associates for the trail design in the amount of \$86,900.00, Cooper supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Williams and Works-Zoning Ordinance Audit: Cooper motioned to approve the proposal from Williams and Works to conduct an audit of the present Zoning Ordinance. Hoese supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment: Stover motioned to appoint Margaret Durm-Hiatt to Zoning Board of Appeals effective March 18, 2013 and term to expire December 31, 2015. Vella supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Planning Commission Appointment: Stover motioned to appoint Gary Conover to the Planning Commission effective March 18, 2013 and term to expire December 31, 2015.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Boards, Commissions, and Committees: postponed vote until the April 1, 2013 regular meeting.

Resolution 13-2: Ringler motioned to approve Resolution 13-2 adopting municipal lien in the amount of \$940.50 against property 3142 S. 3rd Street. Cooper supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 13-3: Eull motioned to approve Resolution 13-3 adopting municipal lien in the amount of \$814.00 against property 2007 Baldwin Drive. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Many residents expressed their opinions regarding the Indiana Michigan Trail Project all in support. Sergeant Bob Mazurek presented the January police report for Berrien County Sheriff's Department.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: None.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Noble: advised followed up on plugged drains.

Ringler: None.

Vella: reported on SMCAS meeting. A new sub-station will open soon in Milton Township.

Supervisor's Report: gave an update on township business. Stover discussed the rate increase from the City of Niles sewer and water. Also, Stover discussed road repair estimates and the township costs for road chloride.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Hoese supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor