

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
APRIL 15, 2013
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to approve the agenda. Vella supported.
All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: None.

Consent Agenda: Ringler motioned to approve consent agenda with a correction to April 1, 2013 minutes to read John Proos' representative Adam Mensinger presented update. Cooper supported.

1. April 1, 2013 regular meeting minutes with correction.
2. Niles Charter Township-Fire Report March 2013
3. Resignation-Gladys Bybee from Planning Commission.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Eull read a letter from DNR on legislative approval of the trail grant. Eull, also, presented certificates for Firemen Spare, Schoenthaler, and Low.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Budget Amendment-Election Department: Eull motioned to amend the 2013 election department budget to revenues of \$3,000.00 and expenditures of \$3,000.00. Noble supported the motion.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

April 15, 2013 Expenditures/Transfers Cooper motioned to approve expenditures and transfers for April 15, 2013 in the amount of \$295,126.34. Noble supported the motion.

1. **Expenditures/Transfers April 15, 2013:**

General O & M \$242,286.26

Fire O & M \$33,394.56

Water O & M \$1,645.70

Sewer O & M \$14,979.90

Special Assessment \$2,819.92

GRAND TOTAL \$295,126.34

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Police Protection Agreement: Cooper motioned to approve the police protection agreement with Berrien County Sheriff's Department as written. Vella supported the motion.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

On Call Per Diem –DPW: Vella motioned to abstain from voting, due to conflict of husband. Noble supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ringler motioned to approve an on call per diem for the field employees that are on call for emergencies, retroactive to April 1, 2013. Noble supported the motion.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion on Upgrade of Township Computer System and New Software: Stover motioned to waive the RFP process and allow IT-Right to prepare a proposal to upgrade the township computer software and hardware.

All Voting in Favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Berrien County Road Commission Agreement: Eull motioned to approve the agreement for Berrien County Road Commission for construction of the Indiana/Michigan River Valley Trail project. Ringler supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Planning Commission By-Laws: Cooper motioned to approve the by-laws for the Planning Commission.

Hoese supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Sergeant Bob Mazurek presented the police report for February 2013.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: None.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Noble: reported on road issues. Noble also updated regarding the landfill scholarship program.

Ringler: Advised there will be a closed session meeting at the May 6, 2013 meeting for union negotiations.

Ringler discussed credit card payments for taxes, utilities, etc. Ringler also advised of the possibility of state revenue sharing increasing next year.

Vella: advised of park board meeting on Wednesday.

Supervisor's Report: discussed vacancies on some township boards. Stover accepted for file Berrien County Road Commissions 2013 recommendations on road repairs.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Ringler supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor