

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MAY 6, 2013
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Agenda Approval: Cooper motioned to approve the agenda. Noble supported.
All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: None.

Consent Agenda:

Noble motioned to approve consent agenda with a correction to April 15, 2013 minutes to read Vella abstained from voting on D.P.W. on call fees, due to her husband. Hoese supported.

1. **Expenditures/Transfers May 6, 2013:**

General O & M \$63,909.38	Fire O & M \$39,198.08
Water O & M \$3,954.08	Sewer O & M \$14,605.37
Special Assessment \$363.58	City Sewer Charge \$91,601.70
Health Benefit \$14.72	GRAND TOTAL \$213,646.91

2. April 15, 2013 regular meeting minutes with correction.

3. First Quarter 2013 Cash Transaction Report

4. Amended May 7, 2013 Election Precinct Listing

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Eull presented a thank you card from the workers at the Department of Public Works.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Seal Coat 18th Street, Cass Street to Howard Street: Stover motioned to accept the proposal to seal coat 18th Street, between Cass Street and Howard Street for the amount of \$3,000.00 to be taken from the matching fund with Berrien County Road Commission.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Library Board Appointment-Don Padgett: Ringer motioned to appoint Don Padgett to the Niles District Library Board to complete the term vacated by Katrina Andrews, which ends December 31, 2014. Vella supported the motion.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Official Payments-Credit Cards: Ringler motioned to approve Official Payments to provide Niles Charter Township with credit card payment option for a fee to pay utility and tax invoices. Cooper supported the motion.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Request for Proposals for IT Service: Stover opened discussion to obtain requests for proposals for IT services.

Comments from the Public: Ollen Baldwin had questions regarding the credit card fee. Another complained of a dog running loose at 2106 Spansail.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: None.

Eull: None.

Hoese: reported on landfill issues and alternate energy program.

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

Ringler: None.

Vella: gave an update on SMCAS. Vella updated on the trail project will be complete to the state line by next year, but St. Joseph County has not budgeted two miles south for this year on the Indiana side.

Supervisor's Report: presented certificates for Nichole Vanderwerf. Advised chloride of the roads is starting May 13, 2013. Advised there will be trail plans in the township meeting room. Stover stated U.S. 12 in Bertrand Township is almost complete.

Closed Session: Ringler motioned that the board go into a closed session for the following purpose allowed by the Open Meetings Act to discuss current negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of the collective bargaining agreement with Local 2428 International Association of Firefighters. Cooper supported the motion.

Open Session: Open session resumed at 8:30 p.m.

Cooper motioned to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Noble supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor