

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MAY 20, 2013
REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Stover 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, Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella.

Agenda Approval: Cooper motioned to approve the agenda with moving item 6.4 to 9.6 and moving item 6.1 to 9.7. Noble supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Sergeant Bob Mazurek presented the police report. B. Pasternak had a question on the police report.

Consent Agenda:

Ringler motioned to approve consent agenda items 6.2 and 6.3. Hoese supported.

1. May 6, 2013 regular meeting minutes.
2. Fire Department Report for April 2013

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: None.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Employee Pay Raises-Discussion: Eull motioned to table action on a 2-1/2 % pay raise for all non union employees retroactive to January 1, 2013 for further board review. Vella supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Standby Fire Protection Rates-Resolution 13-04: Ringer motioned to approve Resolution 13-04 to approve rates for water usage for standby fire protection. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Sewer Rate Adjustment: Ringler motioned to approve sewer rate adjustments from \$22.50 to \$25.00 per month to maintain enough capital to pay Niles City increases and build a reserve for sewer maintenance starting with the next billing cycle. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Bid Opening for IT Support Services: Cooper motioned to refer the two (2) bids received for IT support to the administrative committee for further research and to make a recommendation to the board. Vella supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Union Contract: Ringler motioned to adopt the fire fighter union contract effective May 20, 2013, Hoese supported.

Amendment Planning Commission By-laws: Cooper motioned to approve amendments to the planning commission by-laws. Noble supported the motion.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Amendment to May 20, 2013 Expenditures and Transfers: Vella motioned to approve voiding check number 65477 due to incorrect amount and replace with check number 65468 for a total of \$89,757.25 for expenditures and transfers. Ringler supported.

Expenditures/Transfers May 20, 2013:

General O & M \$38,234.93

Water O & M \$1,648.11

Special Assessment \$2,725.64

Fire O & M \$30,142.28

Sewer O & M \$17,006.29

GRAND TOTAL \$89,757.25

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Bob Lee of 1644 Sioux Trail had questions regarding dog care (abuse) of dog at Randy's yard on South 3rd Street. Eull advised he would give him a copy of the animal ordinance and a number for animal control. Coley Pesce of GreyHawke discussed his problems with developer Van Thornton.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: None.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Noble: advised landfill has presented scholarship to recipient.

Ringler: presented for file certificate to James Vella for completion of Small Systems Operator Training with MDEQ. Advised there may be grants available to the township.

Vella: gave update on trail project fundraiser.

Supervisor's Report: presented for file certificates of completion for firefighters Hartman, Schultz and Dicostanzo.

Vella motioned to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Noble supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor