

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
JUNE 16, 2014
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Noble supported the motion.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Berrien County Report: Deputy Troup with the Berrien County Sheriff's Department presented March 2014 police report.

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items: None.

Consent Agenda:

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda. Hoese supported.

1. June 16, 2014 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$36,519.35	Fire O & M	\$25,593.85
Sewer O & M	\$101,108.29	Water O & M	\$2,627.59
Building Fund	\$1,938.05	Fire Capital Improvement	\$800.00
River Valley Trail Project	\$35,176.64	Police Fund	\$176.00
Street Lighting	\$2,950.85	Special Assessment	\$5,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$211,890.62		

2. June 2, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

3. May 2014 Building Report

4. May 2014 Fire Report

5. Parks Report

6. Fire Fighters: Jonathan Mitchell and Andrew Bizoe, Completion of Fire Fighter I and II requirements.

7. Certificates of Achievement for Fire Fighters: Andrew Bizoe, Jonathan Mitchell and Christopher DiConstanzo.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Stover read a letter from ComCast for a renewal for franchise agreement. Also, read a letter of complaint regarding the mobile home park on U.S. 31 North.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Accept the Resignation of Peg Hartman from the Planning Commission: Cooper motioned to accept the resignation from Peg Hartman from the Planning Commission, due to her new position as Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement. Noble supported
All Voting in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Hire Anthony Carbon and Nick Hafer as New Volunteer Fire Fighters: Ringler motioned to hire Anthony Carbon and Nick Hafer as new volunteer fire fighters. Vella supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Lease Agreement with Niles Haunted House: No action was taken as the Supervisor was given permission to act on behalf of the Township at the previous meeting.

Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail Update: Wightman and Associates presented an update on the trail project. There has been drainage problems on S. 11th Street onto the trail. Vella motioned to approve a maximum of \$5,000.00 to help with repair of drainage issues.

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

NAYES: Hoese.

MOTION CARRIED.

Hiring of New Fire Fighter: Ringler motioned to hire Paul Rainwater as a new full time fire fighter contingent on passing a physical, drug testing etc. and a one year probationary period. Noble supported the motion.

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

NAYES:

MOTION CARRIED.

Williams and Works –Planner of Record: Cooper motioned for Williams and Works, Planner of Record, to perform a zoning audit re-write in the amount of \$17,750.00. Eull supported.

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

NAYES:

MOTION CARRIED.

Orchard Hills Fireworks-RKM July 5, 2014: Cooper motioned to approve the fireworks display for Orchard Hills Country Club for July 5, 2014. Vella supported the motion.

All Voting in Favors.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Ollen Baldwin had questions regarding the Haunted House lease agreement. Also, Ollen Baldwin questioned the water problems for the trail. Brad Pasternak had questions regarding the water problems on the trail and sign issues while it is under construction.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: advised to see the Planning Commission minutes for the project at U.S. 31 and Fulkerson.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Ringler: advised that more monies are coming to local municipalities from the state.

Noble: advised had a request from the senior center for a cross-walk at the center to cross the road. Berrien County advised that it is not recommended. Noble also, advised of following up on water problems at 2319 S. 19th Street. TCU has complained of high weeds on S. 11th Street by their driveway blocking views.

Vella: advised a new director for SMCAS starting next week. Also, will look at \$400K in the red for the pension plan.

Supervisor's Report: has had questions regarding motorized vehicles on the trail. The township doesn't have an ordinance but will develop a new ordinance to bring to the township board. Advised he has a meeting with the Road Commission on June 17, 2014 regarding water issues at 1872 Baldwin. Stover gave an update on the pipeline restoration running late.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Hoese supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry E. Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor