

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 7, 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 as submitted. Hoese supported the motion.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Berrien County Report: August 2013 police report will be addressed at the October 21, 2013 meeting.

Comments from the Public: None.

Consent Agenda:

Noble motioned to approve the consent agenda. Cooper supported.

1. October 7, 2013 expenditures and transfers:

General O & M \$33,236.44	Fire O & M \$36,587.87
Sewer O & M \$18,015.11	Water O & M \$26,611.28
Sewer Maintenance Reserve \$6,875.00	Sewer City Charge \$83,286.30
Special Assessment \$363.58	Trust and Agency \$100.00
GRAND TOTAL \$205,075.58	
2. September 16, 2013 special meeting minutes.
3. September 16, 2013 regular meeting minutes.
4. Introduction of a request from Gary Reed for a public hearing at the township board meeting on October 21, 2013 to allow him an opportunity to appeal his citation for storage of abandoned vehicles at 1411 Florence Avenue.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Stover received an inquiry from Jerry French about purchasing the old gas station property by the old Eastgate Shopping Center.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Remove of 4 Trees: Eull motioned to remove 4 trees in the amount of \$1,865.00 to be taken from the Metro fund. Noble supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion of Independence Park: The board discussed trading township property, Independence Park, with Brandywine School property across from the township hall. Hoese motioned to have Independence Park property appraised for a potential trade. Noble supported the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Rehire of Aaron Floor – Fire Fighter: Ringler motioned to re-hire Aaron Floor to the fire department as a volunteer fire fighter. Vella supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Replacement of Tires on #1420 Rescue Pumper: Ringler motioned to replacement of tires on #1420 rescue pumper in the amount of \$2,638.90 from Best One Tire. Cooper supported. Bids were as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BID</u>
Best One Tire	\$2,638.90
Wingfoot Commercial Tire	\$2,690.73
D&D Tire Sales and Service	\$2,730.95

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Replacement of Stokes Rescue Basket: Ringler motioned to allow the Chief Brovold to determine the lowest bid based on total cost with the lowest shipping cost included up to \$800.00. Vella supported.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Ollen Baldwin had questions on fire truck tire purchase. Bill Weimer had comment regarding tree removal.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: has information from NATS on different transportation in the County. Cooper announced the Planning Commission has a meeting on October 8, 2013.

Eull: There is new legislature, just introduced, mandating rental inspections.

Hoese: None.

Noble: advised he has had three (3) complaints this week regarding trees and roads.

Ringler: None.

Vella: The trail grant from the pipeline company has been approved. SMCAS wants to amend article 4 of the incorporation to be able to borrow money.

Supervisor's Report: Stover advised he will have the budget to the board by October 21, 2013. Stover is asking the Sheriff's Department to look into commercial trucks using South 3rd Street. Stover advised that M-DOT has authorized moving forward on the trail project. Stover and Cooper drove throughout the township assessing sidewalks. There are lots of repairs needed. Stover discussed the City of Niles increase to township customers in water, sewer, and electric.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Vella supported the motion.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor