

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER 4, 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 as submitted. Noble supported the motion.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Berrien County Report: County Commissioner, Jim Curran, discussed the Berrien County Commission voted not to take over operations of the Berrien County Road Commission.

Comments from the Public: None.

Consent Agenda:

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda. Hoese supported.

1. November 4, 2013 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$47,723.13	Fire O & M	\$27,051.99
Sewer O & M	\$11,470.72	Water O & M	\$14,263.73
Trust and Agency-Westwood Escrow	\$194.40	Health Benefit	\$22.39
Fire Capital Improvement	\$2,450.00	GRAND TOTAL	\$103,176.36
2. October 21, 2013 regular meeting minutes.
3. October 2013 Cash Transaction Report
4. Resignation of Bruce Vosburgh
5. Support of the Region 8 Application for Regional Prosperity Initiative Funding

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Set Public Hearing for R&M Manufacturing-IFT: Ringler motioned to set public hearing for R & M Manufacturing Company IFT for November 18, 2013 at 7:05 p.m.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Presentation of SAW Grant-Prein & Newhoff: Jim Hegarty with Prein & Newhoff gave a presentation to the board of applying for SAW Grant of \$1,000,000.00 and the townships investment. Discussion followed.

SMCAS Presentation-Consolidation: No representative from SMCAS was present. Eull motioned to support SMCAS to apply for a State of Michigan Competitive Grant Assistance Program (CGAP) grant to fund the feasibility study for consolidation of the owner municipality fire agencies with SMCAS for a possible Fire-EMS District and to include all foreseen associated costs of such consolidation. Noble supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: None.

NAYES: Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella, Cooper, Eull, Hoese

MOTION DENIED.

Berrien County Mitigation-Resolution 13-15: Eull motioned to approve Resolution 13-15 adopting amendments to the Berrien County Mitigation Plan. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Auditor-Gabridge & Company: Stover motioned to approve a three (3) year renewal agreement with auditor Gabridge & Company. Vella supported the motion.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Jim Vella, represented the volunteer firefighters are holding a fundraiser for a volunteer firefighter. Jim Vella also commented on the feasibility study for consolidation regarding SMCAS and spoke on the importance of volunteer firefighters.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: None.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Noble: advised on pot holes and various issues.

Ringler: Ringler advised winter tax bills will be mailed out by December 1, 2013. Ringler also advised that tax bills and utility bills can now be paid on line.

Vella: None.

Supervisor's Report: Discussed road issues.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Hoese supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor