

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MAY 20, 2019  
REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Stover called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 320 Bell Road. Vella led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Pulaski, Ringler, Vella, Stover. Others Present: Cole, Deputy Clerk, Township Attorney, Rob Thall.

**Public Hearing:** Stover opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Stover explained how the public hearing will be conducted. Jeff Whitaker of Michiana Christian Assembly Church on Main Street spoke in favor of the Ordinance and that he supports medical Marihuana. Matt Johnson of Lush Lighting spoke in favor of the Ordinance and supporting the board whatever their decision. Rebecca Walters a resident at 1904 Bond Street, spoke against the Ordinance, due to her need for medical purposes. William Lakeman a resident at 1317 Park Lane spoke against the Ordinance, supporting the November 2018 vote on Proposal 1. Dan Hestar of 1415 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Niles City Resident, also spoke against the Ordinance. Sandra Hawkins, a non-resident, but employee of Life Action Ministries spoke in favor of the Ordinance. Stover closed the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m.

**Agenda Approval:** Ringler motioned to approve the May 20, 2019 agenda as submitted. Vella supported.  
**All voting in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Special Guests:** None.

**Comments from the Public on Agenda Items:** None.

**Consent Agenda:**

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda of May 20, 2019 and pay the bills. Vella supported.

1. May 20, 2019 Expenditures/Transfers			
General O & M	\$36,366.88	Fire O & M	\$59,564.26
Sewer O & M	\$147,260.28	Water O & M	\$6,462.87
Street Lighting	\$2,427.31	Building Department	\$7,254.41
Police Fund	\$128.50	Fire Capt'l Improvement	\$1,710.75
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$261,175.26</b>		

2. May 6, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.
3. May 8, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes.
4. April 2019 Building Report
5. April 2019 Fire Report
6. April 2019 Revenue/Expense Report
7. April 2019 Zoning/Code Enforcement Reports
8. NBGSA meeting room agreement for 2019.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Pulaski, Ringler, Vella, Stover.**  
**NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** Michigan Public Service Commission notice of hearing held on May 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. regarding Indiana Michigan Power Company's March 29, 2019 application to reconcile its Michigan 2018 power supply cost recovery costs and revenues for the 12 month period ended December 31, 2018.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Township Attorney-Rob Thall, Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman P.C.: Township Attorney, Rob Thall gave a presentation on Municipal Responses to and Regulation of Marihuana.

**Adoption of Ordinance #79:** Pulaski motioned to adopt Ordinance #79 approving the prohibition of Marihuana establishments. Vella supported the motion.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Eull, Hoese, Pulaski, Ringler, Vella, Stover, Cooper**  
**NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Comments from the Public:** Many residents spoke in favor of allowing Marihuana sales within the Township.

**Committee Reports:**

Cooper: None.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Ringler: None.

Pulaski: None.

Vella: None.

**Supervisor's Report:** None.

Stover adjourned meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Terry E. Eull, Clerk

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James W. Stover, Supervisor