

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
APRIL 4, 2016  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

**Agenda Approval:** Hoese motioned to approve the agenda withdrawing of # 3 under new business. Stover supported.  
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Special Guests:** None.

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

**Consent Agenda:**

Vella questioned check number 3195 in the amount of \$11, 406.00 for expired permits. Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda and obtain more information on check number 3195. Noble supported.

1. April 4, 2016 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$86,148.29	Fire O & M	\$33,643.42
Sewer O & M	\$20,607.03	Water O & M	\$31,347.91
Building Dept. Fund	\$20,562.59	Police	\$213,560.00
River Valley Trail Fund	\$100.00	Capital Improvement	\$100.00
Fire Capital Improvement	\$100.00		
<b>GRAND TOTAL \$406,269.24</b>			
2. March 21, 2016 regular meeting minutes
3. April 1, 2016 special meeting minutes
4. May 3, 2016 Election Inspector Appointments

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Acceptance of Harrah Road Petitions (Action):** Ringler motioned to accept petitions for the improvement of Harrah Road. Noble supported.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approving 2016 Road Improvement Plan Established by the County Road Commission (Action):** Eull motioned to approve the road improvement plan from Berrien County Road Commission for 2016. Cooper supported.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Consider Administrative Costs to those Properties that have Their Noxious Weeds Multiple Times (Action):**  
Removed from agenda.

Master Plan Option Approval (Action): Vella motioned to approve the community survey with the U.S. Postal service in the amount of \$7,170.00. Noble supported  
ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Vella, Stover, Cooper, Eull, Hoese.  
NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Approve Rebuild of Well No. 5 Pump (Action): Ringler motioned to approve the rebuild of the pump for well no. 5. Stover supported.  
ROLL CALL AYES: Ringler, Vella, Stover, Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Noble.  
NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Approve Engineering Costs for Inspecting Water Tower (Action): Hoese motioned to approve engineering costs with Dixon for inspecting the water tower for warranty. Noble supported.  
ROLL CALL AYES: Vella, Stover, Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler.  
NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Comments from the Public: Brad Pasternak questioned why we pay for water tower inspection. Brad had questions on the Master Plan. Brad advised there is national interest looking at new railroad lines.

**Committee Reports:**

Cooper: advised looking at inspector issues. Planning Commission will meet regarding accessory buildings.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Ringler: None.

Noble: working on street light issues. Township clean-up day is Saturday, April 9, 2016. There is a listing of what will and will not be accepted. Noble motioned to have a tree removed at 1865 Lewis Drive by the County. All Voting in Favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Vella: SMCAS had a special board meeting today. SMCAS budget is in the red and they will be looking to add \$15.00 to the \$20.00 assessment this election year.

Supervisor's Report: Advised the north Township drain project was approved by a board of determination. The Township will have a share of the cost.

Closed Session: Eull motioned at 8:15 a.m., that the Board meet in closed session under section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss a memorandum from our Township Attorney regarding the lawsuit of the Charter Township of Niles and "et al", v The City of Niles that is exempt from public disclosure under section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, which is considered "information or records subject to the attorney-client privilege." Ringler supported.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Reconvened Open Session: Cooper moved to reconvene open session at 8:38 p.m. Noble supported.

All Voting in Favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Noble motioned to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Hoese supported the motion.

All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Terry E. Eull, Clerk

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James W. Stover, Supervisor