

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014
REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Stover called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Township Hall, 320 Bell Road. Ringler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to approve the agenda moving item 8 under new business to item 5 1a on the agenda. Cooper supported the motion.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Berrien County Report: accepted the July 2014 police report for file. County Commissioner Curran was present and advised the County is working on the 2015 budget.
Cooper motioned to approve Erik Robinson as a new volunteer fire fighter. Vella supported.
ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella.
NAYES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items: None.

Discussion of Trail Cleanup Charge: After discussion of charges received for clean-up of trail, Hoese motioned to not pay Hoffman Bros. Inc.'s invoice of \$6,773.56 due to the board only approved \$6,100.00 for the cleanup of the trail. Noble supported the motion.
ROLL CALL AYES: Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella, Cooper.
NAYES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consent Agenda:

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda removing the Hoffman Bros. Inc. check in the amount of \$6,773.56 from General O & M expenditures and transfers. Noble supported.

1. September 15, 2014 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$11,195.58	Fire O & M	\$43,953.25
Sewer O & M	\$89,812.58	Water O & M	\$50,747.61
Building Fund	\$5,635.86	River Valley Trail Fund	\$12,414.53
Street Lighting Fund	\$2,986.09	GRAND TOTAL	\$234,507.28

2. September 2, 2014 regular meeting minutes.
3. August 2014 Building Report
4. August 2014 Fire Report
5. August 2014 Revenue/Expense Report

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

Correspondence/Announcements: Received a letter from ComCast that they are closing the payment center on Niles-Buchanan Road. A class given by Mika Meyers & Beckett and Jones is being conducted on the do's and don't's of hiring and firing. Received a letter of invite from the Buddhist Temple on South 3rd Street on October 11, 2014.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Resolution 14-09-2014 General Fund Assessment: Ringler motioned to adopt resolution 14-09 to set .8650 millage rate for 2014 General Fund Assessment for an amount of \$316,740.00. Noble supported.
ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella, Cooper, Eull, Hoese
NAYES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution 14-10 – 2014 Fire Operation and Maintenance Assessment: Hoese motioned to adopt resolution 14-10 to set 2.5 mills for 2014 Fire Operation and Maintenance Assessment in the amount of \$826,299.24.

Cooper supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 14-11-2014 Fire Capital Improvement Assessment: Cooper motioned to adopt resolution 14-11 to set .25 mills for 2014 Fire Capital Improvement Assessment for the amount of \$82,629.92. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 14-12- 2014 Street Light Assessment: Noble motioned to set the 2014 Street Light Assessment for the amount of \$32,941.18. Vella supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 14-13-2014 Berrien County Sheriff Police Protection Assessment: Noble motioned to adopt resolution 14-13 to set the 2014 Berrien County Sheriff Police Protection to .9907 mills for an amount of \$362,767.41. Cooper supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Well Replacement at Fulkerson Road: Eull motioned to approve the replacement of the well at Fulkerson Road based on the DPW Committee's recommendation. Noble supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Eull, Noble, Stover

NAYES: Hoese, Ringler, Vella, Cooper

MOTION DENIED

Water Rate Study: Eull motioned to approve a water rate study in the amount of \$2,500.00 based on the recommendation of the DPW Committee. Vella supported.

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

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Comments from the Public: Ollen Baldwin had questions regarding the water rate study.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: Advised he will attend a NATS meeting on road funding on 9-25-14 at 10:00 a.m.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Ringler: None.

Noble: has been working on road complaints and street light issues.

Vella: received the last \$2,500.00 from the pipeline for the trail. There has been some reseeding done on the trail. Vella advised the draft for the ordinance for the trail and the parks is complete.

Supervisor's Report: advised the Chamberlain Road project is almost complete. Advised that he received a call from the YMCA to see if they need Township approval to use roads for a marathon.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Eull supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry E. Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor