

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MAY 18, 2009  
REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Kidwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 320 Bell Road. Durm-Hiatt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Kidwell, Noble, Ringler.

**Agenda:** Ringler motioned to approve the agenda as presented, Durm-Hiatt supported.  
All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Minutes:** Ringer motioned to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2009, regular meeting. Goodwin supported.  
All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence and Announcements:** Durm-Hiatt announced: July 6, 2009 is deadline for early registration for the summer MTA conference.

**Clerk's Report:** General O&M \$43,196.11, Fire O&M \$49,097.77, Sewer O&M \$19,223.92, Water O&M \$4,981.99, Sewer Maintenance Reserve \$4,897.90, Sewer City Charge \$91,633.74, Special Assessment \$2,969.45. **Grand Total \$216,000.88** Cooper motioned to approve the clerk's report. Bailey supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Kidwell.  
NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Comments from the Public:** Kidwell introduced Jaun Ganum, planner for Niles City; Jaun offered, in the spirit of cooperation between the township and city, to assist the township planning and zoning department with current commercial site plan reviews, while the township considers other more permanent options. Karen Klug, Berrien County Sheriff Department crime prevention specialist, explained the Neighborhood Watch programs she is setting up in the area. Two students from Niles High School were introduced; they attended the meeting as part of a Business, Management, and Marketing class. Tim Grey, SMCAS director, announced the new ambulance was here and available to look over after the meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 09-07 Critical Bridge Fund:** Durm-Hiatt motioned support for Resolution 09-07 which supports the Berrien County Road Commission's application for Federal and State bridge funds. Noble supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Kidwell, Noble.  
NAYS: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Traffic Count:** Durm-Hiatt reported on the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission 2009 traffic count request. Suggestions of roads to be included on the traffic count request form were discussed.

**Spring Break-Up:** Kidwell had distributed, to the board, a list of township roads that the county has identified needing repairs; serious damage occurred over the winter and is requesting financial help to repair them. Kidwell would like the board to review the list and associated cost and be ready to discuss it at the next meeting.

**Foreclosed PA 123 Properties:** Ringler presented the properties within the township that are up for county foreclosure. The township has second right to acquire the property for public use. Ringler advised that none of the properties seem to fit a public purpose. No action was taken.

**Comments from the Public:** Sgt. Miller presented the police report. Miller also presented commendations to Deputies Edgerle, Babcock and Dodd.

**Committee Reports:**

Bailey: None.

Goodwin: SMCAS update.

Ringler: None.

Kidwell: presented FEMA certificates for the files of Kidwell, Schrader, and Youngs, as well as, fire training certificates for Brovold, Hall, and Floor.

Durm-Hiatt: None.

Noble: reported on light out on Crescent Drive, weed complaints, standing water on Rebecca and reported drainage problem at 2845 M-140.

Cooper: None

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Goodwin supported the motion.  
All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL