

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MARCH 1, 2010
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Approved Agenda:

Kidwell asked that a request from Chief Brovold to hire Brian Dayson as volunteer firefighter be added to the agenda.

Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve agenda with an addition by Kidwell. Bailey supported.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda: Cooper motioned to approve consent agenda items, Noble supported.

1. Minute approval for February 16, 2010, regular meeting,
2. Expenditures and Transfers: General O&M \$45,058.46, Fire O&M \$38,378.42, Sewer O&M \$16,239.69, Water O&M \$7,646.82, Fire Capital Improvement \$672.00, GRAND TOTAL: \$107,995.39
3. February Building Safety and Ordinance Enforcement reports.

ROLL CALL AYES: Goodwin, Noble, Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Kidwell.

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Durm-Hiatt announced Southwest Michigan Planning Commission's Workshop Series for 2010: Connecting Communities & People with Trails. Kidwell asked board members to give their input into a resolution supporting House bills HR 3313 & HR 3314.

Supervisor Report: Encourages everyone to complete the census and expressed the importance of getting accurate information. Kidwell announced that the fire department is doing a photo shoot of all the firefighters starting this week. The court date for Eastgate has been set for March 11.

Comments from the Public: A resident on Bicknell Street asked if anything could be done with areas of gravel roads that the property owners opt out of having chloride treatment applied.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Resolution 10-01: Durm-Hiatt introduced Resolution 10-01 Governmental Agencies Performance Resolution. This resolution authorizes Gary Schrader to apply for a permit to construct, operate, and/or maintain utilities within state right of way.

Ringler motioned to approve Resolution 10-01, Cooper supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Kidwell.

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

New Firefighter: Chief Brovold made a request, in writing, that Brian Dayson be added as a volunteer firefighter to the fire department. Durm-Hiatt motioned to hire Brian Dayson as a volunteer firefighter, Noble supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Ringler, Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Noble, Kidwell.

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: None.

Committee Reports:

Bailey: None.

Goodwin: gave a report from the February SMCAS meeting. Goodwin announced that Joe Kring is the new board representative for Bertrand Township.

Ringler: wanted to express his appreciation for all the help the treasurers' department received from various departments with tax collection. He will have a report on percentage of collection for the next meeting.

Kidwell: None

Noble: reported a street light out on Rebecca and Spansail.

Cooper: reported that the March 9, 2010 Planning Commission meeting has been moved to March 11, 2010 to accommodate our planner.

Durm-Hiatt: announced that she is looking into grants through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to purchase Electronic Poll Books.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Goodwin supported the motion.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk