

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 20, 2010
REGULAR MEETING**

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

Roll Call: Conover, Cooper, Kidwell, Noble, Ringler. Board member absent: Durm-Hiatt. Others present: Angie Cole.

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to approve the agenda. Noble supported the motion.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda: Ringler motioned to approve consent agenda with approval of carry over vacations to be used by March 31, 2011, Cooper supported.

1. Expenditures and Transfers 12-20-2010

General O & M \$35,847.67	Water O & M \$1,294.50
Fire O & M \$23,646.65	Fire Capital Imp. \$1,110.00
Sewer O & M \$10,183.75	Grand Total \$72,082.57
2. Minutes for December 6, 2010, regular meeting.
3. Accepted for file: November fire report
4. Reappointed board of review members to a two year term.
5. Approved meeting room agreement 2011 changes
6. Approved meeting room use for 2011 for the Local 2-430 USW
7. Approved 2010 carry over vacations.

ROLL CALL AYES: Conover, Cooper, Noble, Ringler, Kidwell.
NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Kidwell advised the public, on behalf of Durm-Hiatt, that anyone interested in applying for the vacant trustee position should submit their letter of interest and resume by December 30, 2010. Cole presented a thank you card from the family of Ron Goodwin.

Supervisor Report: Kidwell advised the board of the December packet for the SMCAS report is in the copier room on the filing cabinet for their review.

Comments from the Public: Commissioner LaMore advised the public and the board of a self addressed postage paid card that is on page 15 & 16 of the calendar from the Nuclear Plant that is for disabled persons that may have special needs.
Hughes introduced Sergeant Steve Campbell who is replacing Randy Miller. Randy Miller has been promoted through the Berrien County Sheriff's Department. Sergeant Campbell comes to Niles Charter Township with 15 years of experience with the Sheriff's Department. Sergeant Campbell presented the October/November incident stats as well as a breakdown of those stats to Supervisor Kidwell. Sergeant Campbell advised that the township attorney will be at the courthouse three times per week with any township business.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Ordinance #70: Kidwell explained Ordinance # 70 an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for Niles Charter Township. Ringler motioned to adopt Ordinance # 70, Cooper supported the motion. Both Ringler and Cooper expressed their satisfaction with Municipal Code's codification of the township's ordinances.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Noble, Ringler, Conover, Kidwell.
NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Fire, DPW, and Capital Improvement Budget Finalization: Kidwell advised discussion of the budgets were held at an earlier meeting. Ringler motioned to approve the Fire, DPW, and Capital Improvement budgets as discussed. Noble supported the motion. Capital Improvement budget approved in the amount of \$105,000.00.

ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Conover, Cooper, Kidwell.
NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Audit Agreement: Kidwell requested to table the audit agreement to receive a quote from the state auditors. Kidwell advised that the state audits saved several thousands to the landfill and to SMCAS. Kidwell advised that he can have a quote within a 24hour turnaround from the state. The board agreed to table the audit agreement.

Electrical/Plumbing-Mechanical Inspector Contracts: Building Inspector Dunlap submitted contract renewals for the electrical inspector, Ken Simpson, and plumbing/mechanical inspector, Ed Wainwright for 2011 of which are the same agreements as 2009/2010. Ringler motioned to approve the contract renewals as stated, Cooper supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Ringler, Conover, Cooper, Noble, Kidwell.

NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Ollen Baldwin asked what the present auditor costs were. Ringler advised that for 2010 it will be approximately \$19,000.00. Weimer advised that Howard Township saved approximately \$13,000.00 by using the state auditor.

Committee Reports:

Conover: None.

Ringler: None.

Kidwell: stated the building being built behind the new credit union on 11th Street is the new Holiday Inn.

Noble: advised he received a complaint of a street light out on Orchard Lane. Noble contacted AEP and it is now working.

Cooper: advised there is a South 11th Street Corridor meeting tomorrow December 21, 2010 at 6:00 at Niles Charter Township. Also, Cooper updated the board of the December 14, 2010 planning commission meeting and the progress of the Master Plan.

Conover motioned to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Cooper supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Cole, Deputy Clerk