

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
JUNE 3, 2013  
REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Stover 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:** Cooper, Eull, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella. Board member absent: Hoese.

**Agenda Approval:** Ringler motioned to approve the agenda with additions to new business of asset management appraisal phase proposal (10.7), unfair labor settlement (10.8), and appoint Gladys Bybee to the Planning Commission (10.9). Noble supported.  
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Berrien County Report:** None.

**Comments from the Public:** William Wilczynski at 1215 Morris Drive advised neighbor dogs are killing his sheep. Mr. Wilczynski presented the board with written documentation.

**Consent Agenda:**

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda. Noble supported.

1. June 3, 2013 expenditures and transfers:

General O & M \$32,642.64

Fire O & M \$49,882.65

Water O & M \$7,543.78

Sewer O & M \$14,777.52

Fire Capital \$3,183.60

**GRAND TOTAL \$108,030.19**

2. May 20, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

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

NAYES: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** Stover recognized firefighters VanderWerf and DiCostanzo for completion of Firefighter I and II requirements and probation period. Dial-A-Ride is offering transportation for Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students for the summer for a fee of \$30.00.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Employee Pay Raises:** Noble motioned to raise non union employee salaries by 3%. Motioned died for lack of support. Vella asked to abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest. Eull motioned to allow Vella to abstain from voting. Cooper supported.

All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Eull motioned to approve a 2 ½% pay raise for all non union employees to be retroactive to January 1, 2013.

Ringler supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Eull, Ringler, Stover, Cooper.

NAYES: Noble **MOTION CARRIED.**

ABSTAIN: Vella.

**New Business:**

**Principles of Government:** Vella motioned to adopt the principles of government code of conduct as recommended by the Michigan Townships Association. Noble supported.

All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Discussion of Animal Control Ordinance:** No action was taken. The board discussed the ordinance.

**Niles Pickleball Club:** After discussion of the request received by the Niles Pickleball Club, the board tabled discussion until next meeting.

**Michigan Technical Rescue Team Region 5:** Ringler motioned to approve Firefighters Andrew Hartman and Paul Rainwater to join the Michigan Technical Rescue Team Region 5. Cooper supported.

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

NAYES: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Three New Firefighter Applicants: Cooper motioned to approve the hiring of three new volunteer firefighters: Jamie Wood, Jonathan Mitchell, and Andrew Bizoe. Vella supported.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Bids on Locks for Fire Station: After discussion, Cooper motioned to table approving bids on locks for the fire station and give to the public safety committee for further review. Vella supported.

All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Asset Management-Appraisal Phase Proposal: Ringler motioned to approve an asset proposal from Prein & Newhof to review township sewer assets and make recommendations. Noble supported.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Unfair Labor Settlement: Ringler motioned to approve the settlement of unfair labor practice charge. Cooper supported.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Appoint Gladys Bybee to Planning Commission: Cooper motioned to approve the appointment of Gladys Bybee to the Planning Commission per the appointment by Stover. Noble supported.

All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Comments from the Public: A resident advised of destruction of school playground equipment. Other comments were made on animal control issues.

**Committee Reports:**

Cooper: None.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Noble: advised has been working on a street light issue on Ontario Road.

Ringler: None.

Vella: advised there was a \$5,000.00 donation made to the trail project.

**Supervisor's Report:** advised the County is offering free G.P.S. until January 01, 2014. Stover presented for file training certificate for Josh Sherrick, Jimmy Schoenthaler, and Matthew Schultz.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Vella supported the motion.

All voting in favor

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Terry Eull, Clerk

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James W. Stover, Supervisor