

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
OCTOBER 21, 2013  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Appointment of Chair for Meeting:** Eull motioned to appoint Treasurer Ringler to chair the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Stover. Cooper supported.

All Voting in Favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Public Hearing-Citation Appeal:** Gary Reed of 1411 Florence Avenue presented to the board that the only thing remaining that hasn't been addressed from the citation is his motor home and his plow truck. Bruce Vosburgh, Ordinance Enforcement Officer, was present and advised the citation was due to ordinance #70 Section 8-22 for inoperable and unlicensed vehicles. After the board listened to the details of the appeal, the public hearing was closed.

The unanimous decision of the board is to allow Gary Reed 45 days to plate his plow truck and decided the motor home is a non issue.

**Agenda Approval:** Vella motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Noble supported the motion.

All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Berrien County Report:** Sergeant Mazurek presented the August 2013 police report.

**Comments from the Public:** Judge Schofield announced he is running for election as Circuit Court Judge.

**Consent Agenda:**

Cooper motioned to approve the consent agenda. Hoese supported.

1. October 21, 2013 expenditures and transfers:

General O & M \$250,118.51

Sewer O & M \$17,703.57

SAW Grant \$1,000.00

Fire Capital Improvement \$97.70

Fire O & M \$41,674.80

Water O & M \$1,971.87

Special Assessment \$2,791.11

**GRAND TOTAL \$315,357.56**

2. October 7, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

3. September 2013 Building Report

4. September 2013 Code Enforcement Report

5. September 2013 Fire Department Report

6. Certificates of Completion for Fire Fighters Jack Frost, Chris Dicostanzo, and Josh Sherrick.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence/Announcements:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**2012 Audit Review by Gabridge & Co.** Joe Verlin of Gabridge and Co. presented the audit of 2012 to the board.

Berrien County Commission to Take Control of Berrien County Road Commission: The board discussed the pros and cons of the Berrien County Commission to take control of the Berrien County Road Commission. Eull motioned for the township to make the recommendation for the Berrien County Commission to take over the Berrien County Road Commission. Vella supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Eull, Hoese, Ringler, Cooper

NAYES: Noble, Vella

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Delinquencies Added To Winter Tax Roll: Hoese motioned to add delinquencies to the winter tax roll for mowing, delinquent sewer and water and water assessments. Vella supported.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Contract Drew Wireless for Cell Tower Master Plan: Cooper motioned to contract with Drew Wireless for the Cell Tower Master Plan up to \$3,000.00. Vella supported the motion.

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

NAYES: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Set Public Hearing for R & M Manufacturing Company-IFT: Ringler set a public hearing for R & M Manufacturing for an IFT for November 4, 2013 at 7:05 p.m.

2014 Equivalent Unit Factor (EUF) Rate Adjustments: Ringler motioned to approve 2014 EUF adjustments for sewer usage based on last year's water usage. Cooper supported the motion.

All Voting in Favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Comments from the Public: Brad Pasternak inquired on the County take over and will attend the County Public Hearing on October 24, 2013.

**Committee Reports:**

Cooper: Advised he will be attending a NATS on October 22, 2013.

Eull: None.

Hoese: None.

Noble: Has been following up on complaints on roads, street lights, and a tree.

Ringler: None.

Vella: SMCAS is applying for a line of credit.

**Supervisor's Report:** None.

Eull motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Noble 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