

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER 18, 2013
REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Stover called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Township Hall, 320 Bell Road. Hoese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella.

Public Hearing: Held public hearing at 7:05 p.m. for R & M Manufacturing IFT. Joe Sobieralski with Southwestern Michigan Economic Growth (S.M.E.G.A.) presented the reason for the IFT request. Tim of R & M Manufacturing was also present.

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Noble supported the motion. All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Berrien County Report: Sergeant Bob Mazurek presented the September 2013 police report and announced new Sergeant Trent Babcock will be starting soon.

Comments from the Public: Steven Smith announced his candidacy for judge in 2014. Senator John Proos was present and gave an update on state issues.

Consent Agenda:

Ringler motioned to approve the consent agenda with a correction of denied motion in November 4, 2013 minutes. Noble supported.

1. November 18, 2013 Expenditures and Transfers:

General O & M	\$26,241.05	Fire O & M	\$47,599.73
Sewer O & M	\$11,286.12	Water O & M	\$2,438.52
SAW Grant	\$1,000.00	Fire Capital Improvement	\$6,500.00
Special Assessment	\$3,134.53	City Sewer Charge	\$70,061.66

GRAND TOTAL \$168,261.61

2. November 4, 2013 regular meeting minutes with correction.
3. October 2013 Building Report
4. October 2013 Fire Department Report
5. Certificate of Achievement – Doug Myers

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella
NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Stover announced a \$10,000.00 grant from Berrien Community Foundation has been received for the Indiana/Michigan River Valley Trail Project as well as another \$25,000.00 grant was received from Enbridge Pipeline Company.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

R & M Manufacturing IFT-Resolution 13-14: Ringler motioned to approve resolution 13-14 for the IFT of R & M Manufacturing for \$124,211.00. Vella supported

ROLL CALL AYES: Eull, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella, Cooper
NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

SAW Grant-Resolution 13-18: Ringler motioned to adopt resolution 13-18 authorizing Niles Charter Township to enter into SAW Grant Agreement. Noble supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella, Cooper, Eull
NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

SMCAS –Articles of Incorporation/Line of Credit: Tim Grey with SMCAS was present to request the board approve amending the articles of incorporation to allow SMCAS to obtain a line of credit. After much discussion, Stover inquired if Tim Grey wanted to discuss the consolidation plan. Grey gave presentation for the consolidation. Board members asked questions. Stover asked if any board members wanted to bring the consolidation plan back for a vote. No motion was made. Ringler motioned to table the amendment to the articles of incorporation for obtaining a line of credit until the December 2, 2013 meeting, Noble supported. ROLL CALL AYES: Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella, Cooper, Eull, Hoese
NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Add Delinquency to Winter Tax Roll: Ringler motioned to add delinquency of water/sewer to the winter tax roll in the amount of \$79.23 from the City of Buchanan. Cooper supported.

MOTION CARRIED.

All Voting in Favor:

Set Public Hearing for 2014 Budget: Stover set public hearing for the 2014 budget for December 16, 2013 at 7:05 p.m.

Comments from the Public: None.

Committee Reports:

Cooper: None.

Eull: None.

Hoese: gave an update on the landfill.

Noble: had a flooding issue at school crossing at Fulkerson and S. 13th Street.

Ringler: None.

Vella: advised another grant for \$10,000.00 for the trail project should start April 4,2014 and finished by July 7, 2014.

Supervisor's Report: presented an update on the pipeline project.

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

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Eull, Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor