

**CITY OF NILES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Shelton in the City Council Chambers, 1345 East Main Street, Niles, Michigan at 6:00 p.m., December 18, 2017. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Shelton.

PRESENT: Gretchen Bertschy, John DiCostanzo, Robert Durm Charlie McAfee, Wm. Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede, William Weimer, and Mayor Nick Shelton.

ABSENT: Georgia Boggs

STAFF: Casperson, Huff, Landgraf

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Fouche thanked and commended Council Member McAfee for voting the wishes of her constituents.

TJ Martin submitted to the City Council copies of non-profit paperwork.

Heather Bosch and Larry Pickles members of the Park and Recreation Board submitted to the City Council a Park Use Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the City Council Minutes of December 11, 2017.
2. Consideration of approving the Bills dated December 12, 2017.
3. Consideration of approving an annual payment of \$5,500.00 to the State of Michigan – Department of Environmental Quality in Lansing for the annual National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit.
4. Consideration of approving the purchase of computer security services at a cost of \$26,080.00 for three years and consideration of authorizing the city administrator to sign any required documents.

Weimer moved, **Bertschy** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Items 1-4 as submitted.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gretchen Bertschy, John DiCostanzo, Robert Durm, Charlie McAfee, Wm. Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede, and William Weimer

NAY: None

ABSENT: Georgia Boggs

ABSTAIN: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion

Items for Council Action

5. Consideration of adopting a resolution to approve the deduction of retiree healthcare premiums by the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

**CITY OF NILES
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (MERS) OF MICHIGAN
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM DEDUCTION SERVICE
RESOLUTION #2017/12-2045**

Council Member Bertschy offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, supported by **Council Member Weimer**.

This Resolution is entered into under the provisions of 1996 PA 220 and the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan ("MERS") Plan Document.

WHEREAS, the City of Niles provides health insurance benefits to retirees and their eligible dependents;

WHEREAS, the Retirees are receiving a monthly pension benefit from MERS under the City of Niles; MERS defined benefit plan; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

The City of Niles, with the approval of the City Council, desires to have MERS deduct retiree contributions from the Retirees' monthly pension benefit from MERS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

MERS is willing to do so on the terms and conditions contained in the Health Insurance Premium Deduction Service Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gretchen Bertschy, John DiCostanzo, Robert Durm, Charlie McAfee, Wm. Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede, and William Weimer

NAY: None **ABSENT:** Georgia Boggs **ABSTAIN:** None

RESOLUTION 2017/12-2045 DECLARED ADOPTED

6. Consideration of approving the 16th Annual Niles Family Fun Fair and Bluegrass/Americana Festival to be held in Riverfront Park May 31st thru June 3, 2018 and consideration of various other requests as listed, including staff recommendations.

DiCostanzo moved, **VandenHeede** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the 16th Annual Niles Family Fun Fair and Bluegrass/Americana Festival to be held in Riverfront Park May 31st thru June 3, 2018 and consideration of various other requests as listed, including staff recommendations with the elimination of \$1,000 to restore the turf.

DiCostanzo explained that the company that provides the carnival rides would less likely abuse the turf if they were responsible for full restoration.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gretchen Bertschy, John DiCostanzo, Robert Durm, Charlie McAfee, Wm. Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede, and William Weimer

NAY: None **ABSENT:** Georgia Boggs **ABSTAIN:** None

COMMITTEE/BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

7. Consideration of approving re-appointments to various boards and committees as indicated.

Weimer moved, **DiCostanzo** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the following members for reappointment on various boards, committees or commissions.

Board or Committee	Member
Board of Public Utilities	Adam Wilson
Brownfield Authority	Michael McCauslin
DDA	Fredda Zeiter
	Justin Flagel
	Sandra Whitmyer
FSJAAC	Michael Nassaney
	Larry Sehy
	Candace Skalla
	Mary Ellen Drolet

Board or Committee	Member
Park Board	Cindy Cataldo
	Keith Scott
Planning Commission	Laura Hollister
Niles Public Arts	Fredda Zeiter
	Andrea Burns
ZBA	Marie Weimer
Niles Housing	Serita Mason

COUNCIL MEMBER’S REPORT:

All Council Members and Mayor wish everyone happy holidays.

Council Member VandenHeede mentioned that event organizers go unappreciated for the hard work that goes into the events.

Council Member Durm stated that there needs to be consistency in determining event in-kind services.

Council Member McAfee said that “the City of Niles a small town with a big heart. Everyone have an awesome year”.

MAYOR’S REPORT: He attended the El Amigo Pepe ribbon cutting. The Mayor thanked all city staff and volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:41pm.