

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Supervisor Kidwell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 320 Bell Road. Kidwell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Kidwell, Noble, Ringler.

Others Present: Chief Brovold and Sheriff Bailey.

Purpose: Board workshop on the 2010 Budget.

Agenda Approval: Durm-Hiatt motioned to accept agenda, with the addition of public comment after board budget discussion. Cooper supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public on Budget Matters: None.

Budget Discussion:

Highlight of budget discussion: Worked on the fire department budget first.

Fire Special revenues of \$908,737 proposed expenditures of \$838,281.

Some costs are based on best estimate due to contract negotiations

Decreases in insurance cost,

Increases in temporary employees fund with possible new engineer classification

Fire Capital revenues \$340,343 proposed expenses \$104,451.

Discussed replacing a leaking tank on the back-up truck or purchase a new truck.

Ringler advised that the debt elimination figures are higher due to the state requiring 5 year total debt elimination.

If the township would receive the fire station grant, an adequate reserve fund should be available.

Water/Sewer

Need to replace well # 1 (consider spreading over two budget years) Talk to Gary.

Ordinance Enforcement:

Kidwell introduced the line item in ordinance enforcement to include a \$12,000 salary for Tammy Youngs. In the past, part-time personnel worked on an hourly voucher system. No decision was made.

Kidwell adjourned the workshop at 9:45.

Kidwell set the next budget workshop for Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk