

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 12, 2009
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

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

Roll Call: Bailey, Cooper, Goodwin, Kidwell, Noble, Ringler. Board member absent: Durm-Hiatt. Others present: Angie Cole, Deputy Clerk

Purpose: Board workshop on the 2010 Budget.

Agenda Approval: Ringler motioned to accept agenda as submitted, Cooper supported.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Comments from the Public on Budget Matters: None.

Budget Discussion:

Highlight of budget discussion:

- Increased park board allocation by \$2,000.00
- Maintain conference/workshops and mileage reimbursement for board members
- Tax preparation back to \$6,050.00
- \$10,500.00 placed back in fire budge for part time secretary
- Retirement fund increased by 35% per actuarial
- Tabled allowance for engineer volunteers for written clarification of program
- Changed ordinance enforcement wage allowance from contractual to payroll
- Allowed \$200.00 gasoline allowance for ordinance
- Increased office equipment maintenance to \$4,500.00 from \$4,000.00
- Maintained \$22,500.00 in capital outlay for roof on hall and parking lot
- Fire/Police pensions must be split per auditors
- Life Insurance increased to \$507.00 from \$477.00
- Workman's Compensation increased to 1,540.00 from \$716.00
- Park board members increased from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00
- Planning and Zoning social security allowance changed to \$1,715.00
- Public relations increased to \$10,000.00

The consensus of the board was to leave allowances for conferences and workshops, and mileage reimbursement for the board in the budget.

The board, again, would like written clarification from Chief Brovold on the engineer program. Ringler will get actuarial information clear before a decision is made.

Again, clerk's department clarified public hearing publication requirements.

Set potential final budget workshop for Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Bailey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm, Goodwin supported.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Cole, Deputy Clerk