

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 7, 2009
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Supervisor Kidwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 320 Bell Road. Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Other Present: Chief Brovold

Purpose: Fire Budget

Agenda Approval: Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve agenda with the addition of Safer Grant and Joint Communication Upgrade. Ringler supported.
All Voting in Favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: Chief Brovold and others from the Fire Engineer Program attested to the value of the Engineer Program and the need to stay current on the equipment by doing a shift at the stations once a month.

Board Discussion/Finalize Fire Budget: Following discussion on budget request for the Engineer Program, Kidwell motioned to grant the request for \$8,200.00 be added to the fire budget for the salary of the engineer's shifts at the stations. Bailey supported. Following additional discussion and concerns of board members, Durm-Hiatt offered the amendment that \$8,000.00 be added to the line item 336-707.000, making a total of \$32,000 Salaries-temporary (volunteer point system) rather than adding another salary layer within the system. Goodwin supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Noble, Ringler, Kidwell.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Call for vote of the original motion as amended.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Noble, Ringler, Bailey, Kidwell

NAYS: None.

MOTION DENIED.

Due to lack of time, Kidwell set another workshop for 6:00 p.m. on December 21, 2009 prior to the regular meeting to finalize the rest of the fire budget.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Goodwin supported.

All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk