

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
JULY 29, 2010  
BOARD WORKSHIP**

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

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

**Absent:** Ringler.

**Purpose:** Budget amendments and Township attorney.

**Information and discussion on Budget amendment:**

Board members had a list of projected expenses for township projects. Durm-Hiatt explained that the monies for these projects should come out of the Financing Fund. This is general fund money and we should try to eliminate the special funds, a suggestion from our auditors. When we did the 2010 budget we only budgeted \$44.00 in the finance fund. Financing fund has fund equity of \$187,024.00. The budget amendment for next week's regular meeting should be to transfer \$157,274.00 from fund equity to Financing Fund expense budget to cover possible expenses.

**Township attorney:** Kidwell brought to the board's attention, concerns, and problems he had experienced with Ladeski our labor attorney. Recently, several board members have expressed concerns with Lynch, the township attorney. Following discussion, the consensus was, to develop RFP (request for proposal) for legal services, both township general and labor law. Durm-Hiatt stated that after the election she will be able to work on the RFP. Input is needed from board members.

**Some of the discussion points:**

- Experience with township law.
- Experience with labor law.
- Stay within Berrien County for the general township attorney, if possible.

**Adjournment:** Kidwell adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk