

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 22, 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.

Purpose: Board workshop on the 2010 Budget.

Agenda Approval: Durm-Hiatt motioned to accept agenda, Ringler supported.
All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public on Budget Matters: None.

Budget Discussion: Following review and discussion of the revised township police budget. Durm-Hiatt made a motion to continue police protection with Berrien County Sheriff's Department as voted by the citizens. Goodwin supported the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Highlight of budget discussion:

- Kidwell and Ringler had corrected revenue figures
- Cooper had some concerns in Planning/Zoning budget—would like to see money for commissioners training. Asked about differences of line items Contractual and Consultant
- Durm-Hiatt stated with changes to our insurance policy that the insurance numbers have to be adjusted. Also suggested that we consider a Superintendent again.
- Noble Park Maintenance line item.
- Ringler questioned B. Hulett being in the Supervisor department, instead of Hall and Grounds general.
- General questions about the Fire budget, especially capital purchases could not be answered without the chief.
- Need to add capital improvement projects to the budget: meeting room upgrades, parking lot, township hall roof.
- Questioned cost in Ordinance Enforcement budget

Durm-Hiatt suggested that we get the new numbers for the general budget and have the Fire Chief and Gary Schrader (DPW) at the next workshop.

Kidwell set the next budget workshop for Wednesday, September 30 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Kidwell adjourned the workshop at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk