

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
OCTOBER 20, 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:** Cooper motioned to accept agenda, Bailey supported.  
All voting in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Comments from the Public on Budget Matters:** None.

**Budget Discussion:**

Highlight of budget discussion:

Durm-Hiatt presented having a township superintendent.

Ringler explained the pension actuary report for Fire and Police.

Following discussion, Durm-Hiatt motioned to apply a 5-year asset smoothing and a 30-year amortization of UAAL with the option of revisiting it in two years at the next amortization, Noble supported.

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

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion of the engineer program within the fire department. Some of the points of discussion: grandfathering the current volunteer firefighters, using the current point system rather than hourly salary, making engineer program available to all (scheduling), can individuals come into the program at anytime, is it going to be repeated yearly?

**Changes to the Budget:** Removed \$23,500.00 from Hall and Grounds for tennis courts and parking lot. Corrected figures of retirement fund for Police and Fire. Transferred \$17,764 from general fund balance stabilization to general fund revenues (101-676-102).

Durm-Hiatt advised the board that for the purpose of legal notification for a public hearing on the proposed budget, publication must be at least eight days prior to voting on the budget. Durm-Hiatt stated that we have to complete at least the general fund budget. The budget public hearing is set for October 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Bailey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm, Goodwin supported.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk