

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 9, 2009
SPECIAL MEETING**

Supervisor Kidwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 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: Fire Grant and Hall Cleaning/Matt Dunlap.

Agenda Approval: Cooper motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of finalizing the fire budget and discuss Comcast service for the fire department, Bailey supported.
All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: None.

New Business:

SAFER Fire Grant: The SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response program) grant is a federal grant that would provide salary and benefits for a firefighter for two years, with the understanding that the township would provide for a third year. Several board members expressed concern over obligating the township three years out to \$90,000.00 or more. Following discussion, Kidwell made the motion to authorize Chief Brovold to apply for the SAFER grant. Bailey supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bailey, Kidwell.

NAYS: Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Noble, Ringler.

MOTION DENIED.

Hall Cleaning/Matt Dunlap: Durm-Hiatt stated that Angie Cole had been providing cleaning services for the past two years, but is unable to continue. Times when Cole was unavailable, Matt Dunlap would cover for her. Noble motion to hire Matt Dunlap to do the cleaning of the township hall, Durm-Hiatt supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finalize Fire Budget: The only line item still unresolved was temporary salary, (secretary for fire department). The board had questions as to the need for a secretary; other departments in the area do not have one, the paid firefighters do the reports and filings. Kidwell motioned to set aside \$5,500.00, in the fire budget, for a part-time secretary, with the understanding that the job will be posted and interviews will be open.

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

NAYS: Cooper, Ringler.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comcast Service for Fire Stations: Kidwell informed the board that Comcast's policy was to provide only one complimentary service to the municipality. Currently there is service to the township hall and at the South fire station. Following discussion, Ringler motioned to provide Comcast internet and expanded basic cable for both stations. Bailey supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finalize Fire Budget: With decisions made on the secretary and Comcast service for the fire department, Kidwell motioned to approve the fire budget for 2010, Bailey supported.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Goodwin supported.
All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk