

NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP

JUNE 11, 2009

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Kidwell called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Kidwell, Noble, and Ringler. Also present: Chief Brovold and Deputy Supervisor Tammy Youngs.

Ringler asked that discussion on the web-site be added to the agenda. Also added was discussion of the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System.

Chief Brovold explained the proposed agreement, and request board action at the regular meeting on June 15, 2009.

Web-site: Proceeding with the Sheffer Design website was discussed and agreed upon. Ringler will be the contact person.

Back-up building inspector: Dr. Tom Bybee is licensed through the township for three more years, and is able to cover for Jeff Dunlap when needed.

Policies and Procedures: Kidwell has been working with Lynch on board Policies and Procedures; he will make copies for the board to review and make suggestions.

Roads: The road committee reported on their meetings. They are waiting on quotes from BCRC and information from the drain commissioner on Walnut Street. More information is needed on the roads on the spring break-up list, some the roads were on the yearly BCRC list already. Kidwell will research the procedure for turning Township roads back to the homeowners. (The township currently owns Walnut, Hartman, Sunside Byway, and part of Jeanine Court,)

Zoning: There was much discussion on several aspects of Zoning; Need for updates, (especially to PUD regulations) Cooper suggested that we should work with LSL on these issues so the planning commission can move forward. Zoning Administrator? In most townships, the building official is the zoning administrator. If Jeff takes on these duties, ordinance enforcement duties needs to be reassigned. Durm-Hiatt suggested Steve Walter as a part-time hourly possibility.

Attorney: Discussion on Lynch and the MCI, the board needs an update of where we are with ordinance enforcement and the courts.

Durm-Hiatt asked if Linda Keller, when time allows, could assist Stefanie Woodwick with getting the ordinances put together and sent out for proposals to review and codify. No problems.

Committee Assignments: Discussion on which committee list is in effect? Durm-Hiatt suggested that until otherwise determined, the committee list approved by the board at the January 20, 2009 workshop is the current list. A legal opinion is needed to determine the role of the Supervisor as *ex officio* on all committees and whether or not this is in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

The workshop was adjourned at 8:10.