

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wednesday, January 5, 2026  
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Richard DeLong, Chris Forte, and Gene Schappell, Township Police Chief William McEllroy, Township Solicitor Joan London, Township Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, Assistant Treasurer Samantha Hartman, Roadmaster Michael Quick, and local residents. A copy of the roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard DeLong at 12:05 P.M. followed by a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the December 4, 2025 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call DeLong and Schappell voted yes; Forte abstained.**

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the December 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call DeLong and Schappell voted yes; Forte abstained.**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to pay the following bills for December 2025 and accept the debt service. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS - DECEMBER 2025**

**General Fund** - Ck# 6036 - 6083 in the amount of \$104,878.38  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$48,260.00

**Payroll** - EFT in the amount of \$38,539.32  
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$13,751.86

**Building & Zoning** - Ck# 525 - 531 & EFT in the amount of \$11,175.12

**Sewer Fund** - Ck# 3488 - 3492 & EFT in the amount of \$99,194.41  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$732.86

**Water System** - Ck# 1373 - 1384 & EFT in the amount of \$23,191.33  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,946.85

**Cabela Traffic Light** - Ck# 2068 in the amount of \$473.00  
Auto deduction in the amount of \$163.65

**Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund** - Ck# 150 in the amount of \$473.00  
Auto deduction in the amount of \$153.59

**TIP Traffic Light** - Ck# 2060 in the amount of \$236.50  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$98.33

**TIP Street Light Fund** - EFT & Auto deduction in the amount of \$1,914.56

**West Hamburg Street Light** - Ck# 386 & EFT in the amount of \$439.47  
Auto deduction in the amount of \$298.87

**Fire Tax Fund** - EFT in the amount of \$33,000.00

**C.R. Police Vest/Computer/Ammo** - EFT in the amount of \$3,178.53

**Stormwater Control Fund** - Ck# 180 - 181 & EFT in the amount of \$ 1,366.26

**DEBT SERVICE**

HMA sewer expansion - \$1,617,534.67

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wednesday, January 5, 2026  
Regular Meeting

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Prior to public participation Township Solicitor, Joan London provided an update related to her ongoing communication with the DEP and other action she has taken pertaining to the ongoing resident concerns and complaints against Joe Jurgielewicz & Son LTD operations.

- Bonnie Bailey shares she met with someone in DEP to express her concerns. She asked the board for an update on creating a steering committee. Bonnie asks for the exact number of ducks being processed at Joe Jurgielewicz & Son's operation. She then requested to know what/if any feedback was received regarding the Township's online post about residential wells. Lastly, she requested for
- Randy Saylor requests third party mediation to investigate Joe Jurgielewicz & Son's operations. He also requests for the enforcement of current policies and Ordinances.
- Holly Keller shares her concerns with gases related to spreading FPR's on fields. She shares her experience with the strong odors from spreading.

Resident's concerns were responded to at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

**REPORTS:**

**POLICE**

- The report for December 2025 was provided by Chief McEllroy.

**SOLICITOR**

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to adopt Ordinance 259-2025 amending Ordinance 246-2020 Street Excavation. Upon roll call DeLong and Schappell voted yes; Forte voted no.**

**ZONING/BUILDING**

- The report for December 2025 was provided.

**ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR**

- The report for December 2025 was provided by Mike Quick.

**SEWER**

- An update on sewer operations was provided by Mike Quick.

**WATER SYSTEM**

- An update on water operations was provided by Mike Quick.

**SECRETARY**

- The report for December 2025 was provided by Monica Flower.
- Monica shares the LSA grant to pave the Tilden Park parking lot has been partially approved.

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**Wednesday, January 5, 2026  
Regular Meeting**SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the waiver requests for DeTurk Ag Operation @ 574 St. Michael's Road on survey markers and monuments, bearings and distances for property lines, a landscaping plan, plan scale size and paving of the access drive, all in accordance to the draft Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2025 and the recommendation letter provided by the Planning Commission Secretary dated December 31, 2025. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to reject the requested waiver for a lighting plan, SALDO Sections 406(a)(2)(vi), 406(a)(2)(xiii), and 514, on the DeTurk Ag Operation plan @ 574 St. Michael's Road. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to grant Conditional/Final Plan approval for DeTurk Ag Operation @ 574 St. Michael's Road contingent upon satisfying all township engineer's comments on the review letter dated December 9, 2025. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Chris Forte to approve the time extension for Wilson Zimmerman Land Development @ 26 Clayton Avenue until May 13, 2026. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell to approve Resolution 2026-7 setting 2026 Mileage reimbursement of \$0.725/mile. There was no second to this Motion.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Chris Forte to adopt Resolution 2026-7 setting the 2026 Mileage reimbursement to \$0.45/mile. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to adopt Resolution 2026-8 Police Pension Plan Contribution for 2026. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution 2026-9 adopting the revised Emergency Operation Plan. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Chris Forte to approve Berks County UCC Appeals Intergovernmental Agreement. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to accept the 2023 Audit Report from Brian T. Kelly, CPA & Associates, LLC. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to accept the 2024 Audit Report from Brian T. Kelly, CPA & Associates, LLC. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wednesday, January 5, 2026  
Regular Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to adjourn the meeting @ 1:47 P.M. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Samantha Hartman  
Tilden Township  
Assistant Treasurer