

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, October 8, 2025
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Fred Herman and Richard DeLong, Township Police Chief William McEllroy, Township Solicitor Joan London, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, 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 Gene Schappell at 7:02 P.M. followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025
AT 2:30PM AND AT 6:00PM, TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the September 4, 2025 Workshop Meeting Minutes and September 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to pay the following bills for September 2025 and accept the debt service. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - September 2025

General Fund - Ck# 5952 - 5975 in the amount of \$47,477.51
 Auto deductions & EFT in the amount of \$23,049.29
 Payroll - Ck# 13730 - 13731 & EFT in the amount of \$33,855.32
 ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$12,573.43
 Building & Zoning - Ck# 514 - 516 in the amount of \$2,104.65
 Sewer Fund - Ck# 3477 - 3482 in the amount of \$190,393.44
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$722.91
 Water System - Ck# 13592 - 1361 & EFT in the amount of \$3,996.00
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,723.81
 Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$150.90
 Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$146.92
 TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$90.91
 TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$900.18
 West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$298.87

DEBT SERVICE

HMA sewer expansion - \$1,651,004.56

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Chairman, Gene Schappell provided an update related to the wide concerns related to the Joe Jurgielewicz & Son LTD duck farm operation. Joan London reviewed the Right To Know Request submitted on behalf of the Township to Southeast Regional Office of the Department of Environmental Protection regarding all Joe Jurgielewicz entities within Tilden Township. In addition, the Township is currently reviewing samples of well regulating ordinances. Jim Macort, the Tilden Township Zoning Officer, reviewed the steps he has taken and will continue to take to enforce Township Ordinances.

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- Erica Kirkpatrick, a resident of Centre Twp, voiced concerns related to Jurgielewicz operations. She was directed to voice her concerns to the Centre Township Board of Supervisors.
- Bonnie Bailey reviewed her research related to food processing residuals (FPR's), water usage during food processing, and communications with Dr. Jurgielewicz. She requested the Supervisors contact East Coventry Township, who recently had a steering committee regarding FPR's.
- Rebekah Barlup reviewed she spoke with multiple agencies and believes the responsibility to regulate airborne particles and well water are on the Board of Supervisors. Rebekah also shared her research on health issues related to agricultural waste spreading. She requested the Board create the necessary Ordinances to regulate these items.
- Patty Tsaggos, a previous Jurgielewicz employee, left her position there 8 years ago after approximately 20 years. She then reviewed the questionable things she saw while working there related to; immigration, smell, and payment to employees. She has called ICE regarding her suspicions and believes general poor practices are continuing.
- Chris Forte asked for clarification on if Jurgielewicz does or does not need a permit to pipe under Cheese Lane and requests a stop work order be issued to stop the use of this pipe.
- Alvin James states his home has been invaded with flies recently. His property abuts a Jurgielewicz property where waste water is sprayed.
- Paul Correll asked if someone gets their well tested, can they submit the bill to the Township for the Township to request reimbursement from Jurgielewicz operations. Paul also requested to know how/why the pictures he brought to last month's meeting were provided to Mr. Jurgielewicz.
- EJ Kirkpatrick asked if the pictures Paul Correll presented were requested by Mr. Jurgielewicz via a Right To Know Request. She then requested that all information requesters be required to submit a Right To Know Request form for any document.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to require a Right To Know Request form be submitted for any public information and documents being requested. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

- Multiple interruptions occurred during public participation. Not everyone identified themselves prior to speaking. Their general concerns were related to the waste water sprayers located in Jurgielewicz fields, odor, water quality, and air quality.
- Resident's concerns were responded to at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

Recess at 9:00 P.M.

Reconvene at 9:12 P.M.

REPORTS:**POLICE**

- The report for September 2025 was given by Chief McEllroy.

A Motion was made to Authorize Chief McEllroy and Monica Flower to advertise for a full-time police officer. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

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FIRE

- Steve Kauffman from Shartlesville Fire Co. gave a report for September 2025.
- Jarrod Emes, Fire Chief from Hamburg Fire Co. was unable to attend but asked it be announced that October is fire prevention month.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the Boot Drive Fundraiser on Friday November 28, 2025. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

SOLICITOR

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Ordinance 258-2025 Ordinance Codification. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the proposal from EH Creative Services, LLC retaining Erik W. Hetzel, AICP/PP/LEED AP at the rate of \$150.00 per hour. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

ZONING/BUILDING

- The report for September 2025 was provided by the Zoning Officer, Jim Macort.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The report for September 2025 was given by Mike Quick.

SEWER

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

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the quote from Environmental Service Corp (ESC) for manhole restorations in the amount of approximately \$53,900.00. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

WATER SYSTEM

- A brief update on water operations was provided by Mike Quick.

SECRETARY

- The report for September 2025 was given by Monica Flower.

PARK & REC

- Mike Quick states the parks have had great utilization. Those using the parks have been great with cleaning up after themselves.
- The bathrooms will remain open, weather permitting. Once closed an announcement will be made.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

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A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the release of the remaining Financial Security in the amount of \$7,154.95 for LeadCar Honda, 40 Industrial Drive, per the recommendation of Greg Haas, Township Engineer. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to grant the time extension request for GSP Management/PHMHP Lot Consolidation and Land Development until April 10, 2026. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to grant the time extension request for Wilson Zimmerman Clayton Ave Land Development until January 5, 2026. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

- Agenda item "Municipal Agreement for Provision of Ambulance Services" has been tabled for next month.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman approve the revised 2026 MMO for Uniformed Pension plan in the amount of \$29,920.47 (previously: \$39,920.47). Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting @ 9:37 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Monica Flower
Tilden Township
Manager/Secretary/Treasurer