

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Thursday, October 30, 2025
Special Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Fred Herman, Richard DeLong, Solicitor Joan London, Zoning Officer Jim Macort, Assistant Treasurer Samantha Hartman, and local residents. The attendance roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Schappell at 10:01 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Gene Schappell states it is normal practice for the Township Secretary to record the meetings to assist in the creation of meeting minutes. Gene asks those attending if anyone else is recording the meeting. Michael Fritchman identified himself as recording.

General Discussion:

- Chairman Gene Schappell announces this meeting was called to address resident's complaints related to the Joe Jurgielewicz & Son operations. He states public participation will be taken at the end of the Board's discussion. Gene then shares new research findings related to the authority the Township over agriculture.
- The Board was presented and reviewed East Coventry Township's Food Processing Residuals (FPR) Regulation Ordinance which was adopted in 2024. Solicitor Joan London reviews this Ordinance is currently in litigation. She did speak with the East Coventry Township Solicitor and explains they are currently being sued under the ACRE Laws for exceeding state standards.
- Joan London reviewed the Right To Know Request submitted to the DEP and Delaware River Basin on behalf of the Township. She will have a summarized report of all findings to present to the Board for the next Regular Meeting.
- Jim Macort was asked to review the recent permitting of the Jurgielewicz waste water sprayer. He stated the contractor who performed the work only gained permits to go under Hex Highway and neglected to gain permit to go under Cheese Lane. He then reviewed the process executed to temporarily stop the spraying and have Jurgielewicz gain proper permitting.
- Gene Schappell continued to review possible action the Township can consider taking including; air quality, soil and water way testing, contacting the EPA, hiring an expert, spread of manure and FPRs.
- Due to multiple public interruptions, Joan London reviewed the Sunshine Law regarding public participation. She requests that all comments are made at the appropriate time in an appropriate manner.
- The Board would like to further discuss consulting/hiring an expert, such as a hydrogeologist as KCE has one on staff.
- It was discussed to request the nutrient management plan for the Reppert's farm as they house and raise ducks for the Jurgielewicz farm.
- Richard DeLong suggests citizens gather their questions together and appoint a representative to ask those questions when there is a meeting where Jurgielewicz as a representative present.

Public Comments during Discussion:

- Susan Bigelow requested for Code Red to be utilized to announce meetings. Shares the strong odor she smelled and effects she experienced while the waste water sprayers were spraying recently.
- EJ Kirkpatrick, gave her recommendations for water and soil testing.
- Michael Fritchman recommended using a private company to perform any testing.

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- Janet Cornish expressed concern with possible ammonia being present in soil, water, and the air.
- Chip Haws, the attorney for Jurgielewicz/Reppbros, requests that Jurgielewicz representatives get the opportunity to present information and answer the Township's questions prior to taking public questions in an effort to be productive.

Public Participation:

- Michelle Readinger states she has put up with the waste water being sprayed for 20 years.
- Dale Stoudt asked if Gene could elaborate on the Township site visit to 189 Cheese Lane to see the Jurgielewicz processing.
- Bonnie Bailey and EJ Kirkpatrick question the water treatment/separation as it is known the Jurgielewicz farm does not have a water filtration system.
- EJ Kirkpatrick refers to last meeting and claims false information was shared about the Right To Know.
- Tom Healy asked if the meeting was being filmed, referred to Windsor Township's meeting recordings, and requested Tilden to begin doing the same.
- Paul Correll shared his opinion that Joe Jurgielewicz & Son LTD should not be permitted to operate in the Township.

Multiple interruptions occurred during this meeting. Not everyone identified themselves prior to speaking. Those general concerns were related to the waste water being spread in Jurgielewicz fields, odor, water, soil and air quality.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adjourn the meeting @ 11:47 A.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Samantha Hartman
Tilden Township
Assistant Treasurer