TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, March 11, 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 Solicitor Joan London, Police Chief William McEllroy, Roadmaster Michael Quick, Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, 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 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS WERE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 @ 3PM IN REGARDS TO LITIGATION, MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 @ 12PM, THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026, MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026 @ 1PM, AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026 @ 3PM IN REGARDS TO PERSONNEL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the February 5, 2026 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Chris Forte to approve the February 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the February 17, 2026 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to pay the following bills for February 2026 and accept the debt service. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – FEBRUARY 2026

General Fund – Ck# 6105 - 6129 in the amount of $35,267.36
Auto deductions in the amount of $21,742.30
Payroll – EFT in the amount of $40,261.81
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of $14,987.23
Building & Zoning – Ck# 534 - 535 in the amount of $1,128.75
Sewer Fund – Ck# 3494 – 3497 & EFT in the amount of $94,457.55
Auto deductions in the amount of $864.06
Water System – Ck# 1389 – 1394 & EFT in the amount of $15,504.76
Auto deductions in the amount of $2,039.88
Cabela Traffic Light – Auto deduction in the amount of $88.59
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund – Auto deduction in the amount of $157.18
TIP Traffic Light – Auto deductions in the amount of $100.76
TIP Street Light Fund – EFT & Auto deduction in the amount of $891.33
West Hamburg Street Light – EFT & Auto deduction in the amount of $298.48
Gougler Financial Security – Cashier's Check #572427 in the amount of $26,876.84

DEBT SERVICE

HMA sewer expansion - $1,595,220.41

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Dale Stoudt requested the Board adjust the Road Crew hours to five days a week. He then requests the agenda be reorganized to allow Police and Roadmaster reports be heard earlier.

Chris Forte requests it be added to the April agenda to discuss and vote on a change to the Road Crew hours.

- Paul Correll states the seriousness of his personal health concerns and reiterated his views and concerns related to clean air, water, and environment in relation to the Jurgielewicz duck farm.
- William Readinger recalls previously asking about Jurgielewicz operation expansion and requested clarification on work that is being done on the farm.
- Holly Keller asked clarification on the open building permit the Jurgielewicz operation has. She also stated she has photos and a log of tanker truck activity.
- Steve Kauffman states the fire company reviewed the plan for Lucas DeTurk and can confirm there is enough of an access and a letter was issued to state that.
- Bonnie Bailey reviewed information she had regarding the community concerns on Jurgielewicz operations. She requested an update on progress made by the Township's Hydrogeologist. She also asked how reassessment happens when permits are obtained.
- Paul Schaeffer reviews his concerns related to his property and violation notices.
- Susie Bigelow requests the board members hear and act on more of the resident's concerns.
- Barbara Correll asked the board members if they have personally contacted any state representative, congressman, etc.
- Faye Werley requested to know the amount of the transfer tax being received for the sale of Camping World.
- Kate Kauffman requested to know what the Hydrogeologist has made progress on.
- Michelle Readinger asked if the Jurgielewicz homes have contaminated water. She also recollects seeing multiple disposal companies going to Jurgielewicz operation.

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

Reports:

POLICE

- The reports for January and February 2026 were provided by Police Chief McEllroy.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- No report received from Hamburg Fire Department or Hamburg EMS.
- Report from Shartlesville Fire Department was received.

ZONING/BUILDING

- The Report for February 2026 was received.

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ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The Report for February 2026 was given by Mike Quick.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve to sell the 1999 Mack Dump Truck. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

WATER SYSTEM

- Elite Water Ops Monthly report was received for February 2026.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the Water System Ordinance Proposal from KCE. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

PARK & RECREATION

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to schedule movie night, weather permitting, on Saturday, August 22nd at sundown. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

SECRETARY

- The report for February 2026 was given by Monica Flower.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Chris Forte to grant the waiver request for Baidwan Holdings LLC – DeFacto Subdivision @ 229 Lowland Road from SALDO Section 450-401.A(2)(a) to allow 30″x42″ sheet size. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to grant Conditional Final Plan Approval for Baidwan Holdings LLC– DeFacto Subdivision @ 229 Lowland Road. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Gene Schappell to grant the time extension for Baidwan Holdings – Maintenance Facility @ 229 Lowland Road until May 15, 2026. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to grant the waiver request for Baidwan Holdings – Maintenance Facility @ 229 Lowland Road from SALDO Section 450-401.A(2)(a) to allow 30″x42″ sheet size. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to grant the waiver requests for GSP Management/PHMHP – Lot Consolidation Plan from MHP Chapter 18 Section 108 & 118 and SMW Chapter 25 per the letter of recommendation received from the Planning Commission. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to grant Conditional Final Plan Approval for GSP Management/PHMHP – Lot Consolidation. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

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A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices Operations & Maintenance Agreement for the Lucas DeTurk Ag Operation at 574 St. Michael's Road. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the Final Subdivision/Land Development Improvements and Financial Security Agreement for the Lucas DeTurk Ag Operation at 574 St. Michael's Road. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Gene Schappell to grant Final Plan approval for the Lucas DeTurk Ag Operation contingent upon receipt of a letter of approval from Upper Bern Township. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve to terminate Maria Hollenbach as the part-time Assistant Secretary effective February 26, 2026. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve to adopt the 2021 Uniform Construction Code. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve Kozloff Stoudt to advertise and draft the ordinance adopting the 2021 Uniform Construction Code. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve to hire Alisha Masarone as the full-time Assistant Secretary effective March 16, 2026 at the rate of $18.00 per hour with a 90-day probationary period. Upon completion of the probationary period a rate increase will be given to $18.50 per hour. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to adjourn the meeting @ 8:30 P.M. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Monica Flower
Secretary/Treasurer