

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, April 8, 2026
Regular Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Chirs Forte at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026 @ 10AM REGARDING PERSONNEL.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS - FEBRUARY 2026

General Fund - Ck# 6130 - 6158 in the amount of \$104,288.48
 Auto deductions & ACH in the amount of \$17,140.49
 Payroll - EFT in the amount of \$36,885.24
 ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$13,687.07
 Building & Zoning - Ck# 536 - 538 in the amount of \$4,165.37
 Sewer Fund - Ck# 3498 - 3501 in the amount of \$24,437.13
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$893.48
 Water System - Ck# 1395 - 1399 & EFT in the amount of \$7,499.20
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$2,279.10
 Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$89.38
 Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$154.16
 TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$99.09
 TIP Street Light Fund - EFT & Auto deduction in the amount of \$891.16
 West Hamburg Street Light - EFT & Auto deduction in the amount of \$298.02

DEBT SERVICE

HMA sewer expansion - \$1,583,053.91

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Dale Stoudt requested the order of the agenda be modified to allow department reports be given first and public participation be added to the end. Also clarifies his request for Road Crew to work Monday - Friday 7:30AM - 4PM with a half hour lunch break.
- Paul Correll Sr. requested the answers be provided to his previous questions and concerns expressed at previous meetings.

Gene Schappell reads his proposal for a meeting to occur with all agencies to meet regarding the community concerns related to the Jurgielewicz duck processing, in hopes of reaching resolution.

- Susie Bigelow reviews her conversation with Kalen Moyer from DEP related to slaughter house operations.
- Dale Keener clarifies the community concern is focused on the FPR's, not so much the duck manure. Also requests the supervisors vote to authorize a letter be sent to the State Representative and Senator declaring support of HB 586 which relates to FPR's.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to amend the agenda for a motion to support HB 586. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Christ Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to strongly support the passage of HB 586 by our State Legislature and its enactment into law. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

- Greg Kozlowski asked what progress has been made by the Jurgielewicz operation to correct the violations DEP found.
- Holly Keller requested clarification related to the Hydrogeologist being on the potential steering committee and attendance at the proposed special meeting.

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

Reports:**POLICE**

- The reports for March 2026 were provided by Police Chief McEllroy.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- **Shartlesville Fire Dept.** - Monthly report was provided by Steve Kauffman. Reports the department is looking into using the same call recovery system that Hamburg uses.
- **Hamburg Fire Dept.** - Monthly report was provided by Bethany Thren, Hamburg's new Fire Chief as of January 1, 2026. Reports an LSA grant for \$82,000 was awarded for the new rescue truck in addition to a \$12,000 State grant for equipment for the new rescue truck which is expected summer of 2027.

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ZONING/BUILDING

- The Report for March 2026 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The Report for March 2026 was given by Mike Quick.
- The 1999 Mack Dump Truck sold for \$16,400.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to award the 2026 Road Project to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co, Inc. in the amount of \$297,465.40. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes. (Note: Liquid Fuels \$282,262.90 & LSA Grant: \$15,202.50)

SEWER SYSTEM

- Report was provided by Mike Quick.

PARK & RECREATION

- Park bathrooms are open for the season.

SECRETARY

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

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the 2026 Mobile Home Park License for GSP Mgmt/PHMHP. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Chris Forte to approve 9/11 National Memorial trail signs to be posted on Industrial Drive. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

Supervisor Schappell noted that the Road Crew has been working 4 days @ 10-hour shifts for over 8 years and it has been a great working system and sees no need to change anything. Research shows it's the most efficient and cost effective schedule.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong for the Road Crew department to begin a 5-day work week. Upon roll call DeLong and Forte voted yes; Schappell voted no.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong for the new Road Crew department 5-day work week effective May 24, 2026. Upon roll call DeLong and Forte voted yes; Schappell voted no.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Chris Forte to approve LST refunds for Tyler Flower in the amount of \$18.00, Tabitha Flower in the amount of \$8.00, and Tori Flower in the amount of \$28.00. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

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A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve to hire Brenda Kramer as the seasonal part-time park/pavilion custodian at \$25.00 per cleaning. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to adjourn the meeting @ 8:45 P.M. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Monica Flower
Secretary/Treasurer