

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, May 13, 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, 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 Chairman Richard DeLong at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Chairman Richard DeLong took a moment to recognize National Police Week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the April 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS - APRIL 2026

General Fund - Ck# 6159 - 6189 in the amount of \$74,788.41
 Auto deductions & ACH in the amount of \$16,487.34
 Payroll - Ck# 13755 - 13763 & EFT in the amount of \$65,668.93
 ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$23,709.81
 Building & Zoning - Ck# 538 - 542 in the amount of \$4,107.08
 Sewer Fund - Ck# 3502 - 3504 in the amount of \$11,706.63
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$932.31
 Water System - Ck# 1400 - 1404 in the amount of \$8,105.70
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$2,113.68
 Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$153.60
 Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$153.13
 TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$98.93
 TIP Street Light Fund - EFT & Auto deduction in the amount of \$891.16
 West Hamburg Street Light - EFT & Auto deduction in the amount of \$296.41

DEBT SERVICE

HMA sewer expansion - \$1,560,770.65

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Brief presentation on the DeTurk Chicken Houses Land Development Plan related to the request for conditional/final plan approval

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve a Conditional/Final Plan approval for DeTurk Chicken Houses at 574 St. Michael's Road, contingent upon Upper Bern Township also granting approval. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

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- Marianna Burns expressed concerns related to data centers.
- Jeanette Cornish expressed concerns related to data centers. Then asks if the duck farm is spreading duck fat. ***The Board of Supervisors along with the Secretary reiterated there has not been any submission or approval for a data center in Tilden Township. The CLOUDHQ Data Center Tracker website had already been contacted by the Secretary as to the incorrect information on their site and requested to have it removed.***
- Greg Kozlowski recollects the votes from the recent Zoning Hearing Board hearing and requests that the Board of Supervisors don't hold it against the members for voting as they did when re-appointments occur.
- Dale Keener raises concern related to children in the workplace and requests they be excluded.
- Susie Bigelow states the community is relying on the Board of Supervisors to do the right thing based on the community's wishes.
- Tom Hognowski requests there be more proactivity by the Township.
- Bonnie Bailey, speaks for the Steering Committee, providing an update on the research and progress made related to the concerns with the Jurgielewicz operations. Most recently a letter has been sent from the Kozloff Stoudt office to the agencies responsible for monitoring and regulating Jurgielewicz operations addressing community concerns.

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

Reports:**POLICE**

- The reports for April 2026 were provided by Police Chief McEllroy.
- Free license plate replacement event is scheduled for June 12th at Cabela's.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Chris Forte to approve to hire Thomas Moran as a probationary full-time officer effective 5/13/2026 as a 1st Class Officer in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Monthly reports received from Shartlesville & Hamburg Fire Departments and Hamburg EMS.

SOLICITOR

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Gene Schappell to declare the Tilden Township Zoning Ordinance invalid as not providing for any types of Data Center use. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare a resolution in support of the curative amendment. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

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A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Chris Forte to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare a draft zoning ordinance amendment covering Data Centers. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

ZONING/BUILDING

- The Report for April 2026 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The Report for April 2026 was given by Mike Quick.
- New benches have been ordered for Senator Rhoads Park.
- 2026 Road Project is to begin early June.

SEWER SYSTEM

- Report was provided by Mike Quick.

WATER SYSTEM

- Report was provided by Elite Water Ops.

PARK & RECREATION

- Tilden Baseball was discussed, no action taken.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Chris Forte to show appreciation to the Road Crew and the POSofA on the Township website and Facebook. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

SECRETARY

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

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the purchase of new battery and pads for the AED's. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to amend the agenda to add C2C Design Time Extension Request for 26 Clayton Ave. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the time extension for C2C Design - 26 Clayton Ave until 8/12/2026. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to grant the time extension for Baidwan Holdings. LLC - Maintenance Facility- 229 Lowland Rd until June 21, 2026. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Chris Forte to grant the time extension request for 30 Hamburg Assoc - Proposed hotel at Cabela's Outparcel 1 -

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60 Wilderness Trail until October 15, 2026. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Chris Forte to provide the Zoning Hearing Board with a letter supporting the approval of the requested special exception by Baidwan Holdings LLC, 229 Lowland Road. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Chris Forte to accept Brenda Kramer's resignation as seasonal part-time park/pavilion custodian, effective April 13, 2026. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to appoint James Landis as the seasonal part-time park/pavilion custodian effective April 24, 2026 at \$25.00 per cleaning. 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 @ 8:57 P.M. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Monica Flower
Secretary/Treasurer