

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wednesday, July 8, 2026  
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Richard DeLong, and Gene Schappell; Chris Forte joined via phone, 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 6:58 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026 @ 2pm REGARDING PERSONNEL.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the June 4, 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 June 10, 2026 Regular 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 June 2026 and accept the debt service. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS - JUNE 2026**

**General Fund** - Ck# 6209 - 6247 in the amount of \$150,853.97  
Auto deductions & ACH in the amount of \$15,349.10  
**Payroll** - Ck# 13769 - 13773 & EFT in the amount of \$40,103.83  
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$14,722.38  
**Building & Zoning** - Ck# 546 - 550 in the amount of \$15,815.48  
**Sewer Fund** - Ck# 3506 - 3511 in the amount of \$16,243.84  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$767.23  
**Water System** - Ck# 1405 - 1412 in the amount of \$20,544.62  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,745.43  
**Cabela Traffic Light** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$149.42  
**Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$141.33  
**TIP Traffic Light** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$91.91  
**TIP Street Light Fund** - EFT & Auto deduction in the amount of \$892.13  
**West Hamburg Street Light** - EFT & Auto deduction in the amount of \$296.69  
**Stormwater Control** - Ck# 182 in the amount of \$792.00

**DEBT SERVICE**

HMA sewer expansion - \$1,560,770.65

Meeting was recessed at 7:01PM for an executive session. Regular meeting reconvened at 7:30PM.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Gregg Adams gave an update on the Blue Mt Wildlife Kernsville Dam 2026 Revitalization Project. He requested a letter of support from the Township. It will be on the agenda for the Regular Meeting next month.
- Bonnie Bailey read Randy Saylor's 12 Month Review from the Steering Committee. She requested that a list of contacts be provided on our website in regards to FPR concerns in relations to the Jurgielewicz Duck Farm.
- Holly Keller shared concerns about the Data Center Ordinance in regards to Emergency Management and protecting the general welfare of the community. It's implied in the ordinance but not plainly stated.
  - o Holly also requested explanation of the ordinance process, which was provided by the solicitor.

**A motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell authorizing Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower to advertise a Special Meeting with Engineer once the date has been determined. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.**

- Mark Kauffman requested the Special Meeting announcement to be posted on the Township website & the Township Facebook page. Requested that engineers give their presentation during a public meeting with the local fire depts present.

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

**Reports:**

**POLICE**

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

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve to hire Phoenix Ritchie as a probationary full-time officer effective 7/8/2026 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
- Brief discussion on radio replacement and costs.

**SOLICITOR**

- Discussed the process of adopting a Resolution for Planned Residential Developments (PRD) Applications.

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**A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell authorizing Solicitor, Joan London to draft a PRD Application to present at the next meeting. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.**

- The solicitor will contact Engineer, Greg Haas, to discuss any and all fees associated with the process of adopting a resolution for PRD applications.

**ZONING/BUILDING**

- The Report for May 2026 was received.

**ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR**

- Requested approval to purchase a new Bucket Truck for \$172,581.00.
- Monica informed the board that due to the Bucket Truck being used in multiple departments of the Township, funds will be pulled from Capital Reserve, Water, Sewer and Park & Recreation.

**A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Chris Forte authorizing the purchase of a new Township Bucket Truck for \$172,581.00. Upon roll call Delong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.**

**SEWER SYSTEM**

- Report was provided by Mike Quick.
- Requested approval of quotes from Environmental Service Corp for two Township sewer projects.
  - o Manhole repair and maintenance for \$29,700.00
  - o Sewer inspection via CCTV & clean sewer mains using pressure jets for \$17,370.00

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to accept the bid quotation 1097 in the amount of \$29,700.00. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.**

**A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to accept the bid quotation 1108 in the amount of \$17,370.00. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.**

**PARK & RECREATION**

**A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the revised baseball agreement. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.**

- Discussed replacing the guiderails at the Township Park with bollards. Will be discussed further.

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**SECRETARY**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to ratify authorization to advertise Planning Commission meeting for Tuesday, June 23, 2026 @ 7:30PM. 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 @ 8:55 P.M. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Monica Flower  
Secretary/Treasurer