

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, August 12, 2026
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Richard DeLong, Gene Schappell and Chris Forte, 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 7:01 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026 @ 5:30pm
REGARDING PERSONNEL.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Alvin James expressed concerned with the local spraying of FPRs in Tilden Township. He stated that he has contacted the Jurgielewicz Duck Farm several times in the past month, along with other local and state officials and hasn't gotten anywhere. He asked the board for a status update on the FPR legislation that was recently passed. Richard DeLong provided the little information he had. Alvin also sent a video to solicitor Joan London showing evidence of spray on his glasses and had concerns about breathing issues. She suggested contacting DEP. She also stated that state officials and DEP will be helping to answer questions from the Steering Committee.
- Eron Stufflet submitted official complaints against Tilden Township and Edge Self Storage at 725 Hex Highway in regards to zoning violations.
- Holly Keller stated that the county is recommending the township to read a segment from the Northern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan while reviewing the the draft zoning ordinance. She continued to express concerns about the 35' max height not including equipment on the roof.

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

Steering Committee Presentation provided by Randy Saylor in regards to the Jurgielewicz & Son Duck Farm.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Monthly reports received from Shartlesville & Hamburg Fire Departments
- Brief discussion on radio replacement and costs.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the July 2, 2026 Workshop 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 July 8, 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 July 28, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS - JULY 2026

General Fund - Ck# 6248 - 6275 in the amount of \$146,195.53
Auto deductions & ACH in the amount of \$22,908.61
Payroll - Ck# 13774 - 13776 & EFT in the amount of \$38,312.55
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$13,499.08
Building & Zoning - Ck# 551 - 556 in the amount of \$9,525.24
Sewer Fund - Ck# 3512 - 3518 in the amount of \$195,519.86
Auto deductions in the amount of \$791.79
Water System - Ck# 1413 - 1419 in the amount of \$22,866.72
Auto deductions in the amount of \$2,126.83
Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$159.06
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$137.10
TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$88.58
TIP Street Light Fund - EFT & Auto deduction in the amount of \$909.21
West Hamburg Street Light - EFT & Auto deduction in the amount of \$296.70
Stormwater Control - Ck# 183 in the amount of \$307.00
Fire Tax Fund - Ck# 147 - 148 in the amount of \$70,000.00
Highway/State Fund - Ck# 147 - 148 in the amount of \$262,436.85

DEBT SERVICE HMA sewer expansion - \$1,527,300.76

REPORTS:**POLICE**

- The reports for June 2026 were provided by Police Chief McEllroy.
- Discussed a possible contract with Motorola regarding radios through the county. This contract will provide a discount for the Township.

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SOLICITOR

- Prepared a Planned Residential Developments (PRD) Applications. A resolution will be needed to approve the application and set a fee schedule. She will consult with Engineer Greg Haas to determine what an appropriate fee would be for the Engineer & Zoning Officer review. The Board will review the draft application and changes may be made before the next meeting.
- Joan reviewed engineer & solicitor comments on the draft data center ordinance.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Chris Forte authorizing Solicitor, Joan London to advertise the hearing and the adoption of the Data Center Ordinance. Also to authorize Solicitor, Joan London to submit the Data Center Ordinance to the Berks County Planning Commission. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

- Prepared a deed of dedication in regards to the Right-of-Way Dedication for Baidwan Holdings LLC at 229 Lowland Rd. Waiting to hear from the Engineer that the exhibit is sufficient.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the Right-of-Way Dedication for Baidwan Holdings LLC at 229 Lowland Rd pending the grantor signing. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the MOU between Tilden Township and W.B. Homes. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

ZONING/BUILDING

- The Report for July 2026 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- New benches have been installed at Rhoades Park
- Ballards have been installed at Tilden Park

SEWER SYSTEM

- Report was provided by Mike Quick.
- Requested approval of quotes from Environmental Service Corp for two manhole liners in the amount of \$31,373.60.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the quote for two manhole liners in the amount of \$31,373.60. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

WATER SYSTEM

- Report was provided by Elite Water Ops.

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PARK & RECREATION

- Movie night was discussed.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to cancel Movie Night. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

- Chris Forte will notify Hamburg baseball of the cancellation of Movie Night and will be asked to clean out the fridge in the concession stand.
- Roadmaster will be spraying the infield of baseball field in park and it will be roped off for one week. He will notify the township office once a date has been determined.

SECRETARY

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

SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the time extension for Baidwan Holdings LLC - 229 Lowland Rd until 11/30/2026. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices O&M agreement for 56 River Rd. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Chris Forte and seconded by Gene Schappell to accept the 2025 Audit Report. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Chris Forte to adjourn the meeting @ 9:52 P.M. Upon roll call DeLong, Forte and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Monica Flower
Secretary/Treasurer