

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, September 10, 2025
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Fred Herman and Richard DeLong, Township Police Chief William McEllroy, Township Solicitor Joan London, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, Roadmaster Michael Quick, and local residents. A copy of the roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Schappell at 7:02 P.M. followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th @ 2:30PM FOR PERSONNEL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to amend the August 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes public participation, to add the concerns of the Duck Farm spraying wastewater on fields. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the August 7, 2025 Workshop Meeting Minutes and August 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to pay the following bills for August 2025 and accept the debt service. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - August 2025

General Fund - Ck# 5936 - 5951 in the amount of \$8,549.75
 Auto deductions & EFT in the amount of 15,920.44
 Payroll - Ck# 13726 - 13727 & EFT in the amount of \$36,187.41
 ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$13,220.47
 Building & Zoning - Ck# 509 - 513 in the amount of \$4,187.52
 Sewer Fund - Ck# 3474 - 3476 in the amount of \$13,698.97
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$741.01
 Water System - Ck# 1352 - 1358 & EFT in the amount of \$8,964.16
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,756.50
 Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$144.02
 Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$147.81
 TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$91.39
 TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$900.18
 West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$296.88

DEBT SERVICE

HMA sewer expansion - \$1,812,186.95

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Fred Herman, on behalf of the Blue Mountain Wildlife, would like to note the appreciation for the support from Tilden Township, Road Crew, and Police Department.

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- Chelsea Williams, the Director of the Hamburg Public Library, thanks the Board for the support and provided a review with updates on the library's goals.
- Susie Bigelow read Article 1 Section 27 of the Bill of Rights. Then stated her concern for her well water being at risk.
- Theodore Driesbach, from Chapter 131 Vietnam Veterans of America, presented his request that the Township begin flying a POW/MIA flag. Stated he will provide the Township with the flag. All Theodore asked for in return is the Township fly this flag in the correct manor.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong for the Township to begin flying the POW/MIA flag. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

- Rebekah Barlup reviewed her family's health concerns since moving into Tilden Township, then shares her belief on the connection of the farming practices in the area to her family's health concerns. Rebekah also shared safety concerns for her family in relation to a neighboring property with 15-20 people being housed in a single-family home.
- Gary Weiss expressed his concern with piping that was recently done to cross Old 22 to discharge liquid to farm fields. He states this large amount of liquid in question is spraying approximately 130 feet from his patio.
- Paul Correll expresses concerns of 3 new wells drilled too close to Mill Creek. Also claims the piping that crosses Old 22, previous mentioned, is spraying duck waste from mass duck processing. Paul also provided photos of his concerns that buildings are going up without proper permits.
- Nancy Brickey stated complaints of odor when the wastewater in question is being sprayed.
- Troy Fisher asked for follow up from a previous meeting when it was asked if slaughtering was allowed as a primary use. The answer to this is yes. However, there is no quantity regulation by the Township. Troy also asked if a farmer's total property ownership is considered or if it is just the land usable for spreading that is considered if/when a limit to the amount of waste is spread. Township Solicitor, Joan London is to look into if the state has limits on quantity.
- Bonnie Bailey stated 3 of 5 residential wells that have been tested have failed. She has also contacted the Delaware River Basin Commission with questions relating to wells in the Delaware River Basin.
- Alex Martinez requested to know the difference between agriculture vs intensive agriculture. Township Solicitor, Joan London explained this.

All residents with environmental concerns were advised to file individual complaints to the Department of Environmental Protection. There is an online complaint form and a phone number to file these complaints with the DEP.

- Tyler Hard reviewed his appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board to request the Board's recommendation.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to provide Zoning Hearing Board with a letter supporting the approval of the special exception requested by Kristy & Tyler Hard @ 2637 Mountain Road. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

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- Mark Kauffman requested the Zoning Officer be present at the next Board of Supervisors Meeting.
- Multiple residents spoke without identifying themselves. Their concerns were related to wells, water use and treatment, agriculture, and environmental regulations.

REPORTS:

POLICE

- The report for August 2025 was given by Chief McEllroy.

FIRE

- Jarrod Emes, Fire Chief from Hamburg Fire Co. gave a report for August 2025. Stated they will be conducting the annual boot drive in November. Approval for this to occur on Township roads will be on next month's agenda.
- Steve Kauffman from Shartlesville Fire Co. gave a report for August 2025. Steve also announced the annual block party and parade is Saturday, September 27th starting at 4pm.

SOLICITOR

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Ordinance 257-2025 the Cable Franchise Agreement between Tilden Township and Comcast of New Mexico / Pennsylvania LLC. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize the Township Manager to advertise the adoption of Ordinance 258-2025 the Codification Ordinance. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

Recess at 9:26 P.M.

Reconvene at 9:31 P.M.

ZONING/BUILDING

- The report for August 2025 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The report for August 2025 was given by Mike Quick.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the guiderail quote for Mountain View Drive & Stone Road Intersection by Chemung Supply Corporation for \$5,660.70. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

PARK & REC

- We hosted a successful movie night in the park on August 16th.

SEWER

- Sewer inspections by camera have begun. There will be repairs necessary, a total report of findings will be provided next month.

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WATER SYSTEM

- An update on water operations was provided by Mike Quick.

SECRETARY

- The report for August 2025 was given by Monica Flower.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan 2026 MMO - \$47,302.00. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman approve the Uniformed Pension Plan 2025 MMO - \$39,920.47. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

Agenda item, "Municipal Agreement for Provision of Ambulance Services", was tabled to next month's meeting.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong approve the request from the Borough of Hamburg for Hamburg Borough Police and Fire Dept. to place temporary detour signage on Tilden roads for the King Frost Parade on Oct. 26th From 6-10pm. Rain date: Nov. 2nd. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve Trick or Treat Nights - Thursday, October 30th & Friday, October 31st from 6 - 8pm. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Safety Net Sanctuary Animal Control Services Agreement for 2026 - \$1.50 per population, subject to the Solicitor's review. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes; DeLong voted no.

Agenda item, "Discuss ZHB application for West Wind Farms LLC - Tyler & Kristy Hard - 2637 Mountain Rd", was addressed and motion was made, immediately following Tyler Hard's public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

Monica Flower
Tilden Township
Manager/Secretary/Treasurer