

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wednesday, March 13, 2019  
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, Police Chief William McEllroy, Township Solicitor, Joan London, Road Master Michael Quick, Township Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, Assistant Secretary Lorraine Ramirez 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 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -**

-Jeff Cooper commented the Road Crew did a great job on snow removal in the last couple snow storms.

-Susie Bigelow inquired if the Pine Road study could be paid for by Traffic Impact Fee Funds. This study does not qualify for Traffic Impact Fee Funds.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

General Fund - Ck# 3465 - 3506 in the amount of \$59,527.19.  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,728.69  
Payroll - Ck# 13262 - 13269 and EFT in the amount of \$27,450.95  
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) \$10,073.18  
Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$61.01  
Sewer Fund - Ck# 3077 - 3082 in the amount of \$17,251.18  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$718.31  
TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$65.81  
TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$744.42  
West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$231.76  
Building & Zoning - Ck# 247 in the amount of \$1,998.13  
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$97.14  
Stormwater Fund - Ck# 121 in the amount of \$135.00  
Traffic Impact Fee Fund - Ck# 1009 in the amount of \$784.00

**DEBT SERVICE**

Building - \$383,200.00  
Tilden Collection System - \$ 2,234,212.22  
HMA sewer expansion - \$3,223,895.96

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the Workshop Minutes for February 8, 2019 and Regular Meeting minutes of February 13, 2019. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

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**REPORT - POLICE**

The report for February 2019 was given by Chief McEllroy.

The new 2019 Ford SUV Interceptor was parked out front for residents to see.

A discussion was held regarding the 2004 Ford Explorer. The Speed timing device will be removed by YIS/Cowden, lights, sirens and the police decals removed and can be used as Township sees fit.

**A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Berk County GIS Data Sharing Agreement and to authorize Chief McEllroy to create a Nextdoor Neighborhood agency account for the Tilden Police Department. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**REPORT - SOLICITOR**

-Century has filed their statement of matters complained of on appeal by the court as required by the judge. The judge will be writing an opinion addressing the issues regarding the validity of the ordinance and the alleged exclusion of the ordinance including but not limited to township building height requirements. The next step is once the opinion is completed then the record will be lodged with the Commonwealth Court and a court date will be set, possibly for September in Harrisburg.

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to have Tilden Township participate in the Northern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan with a shared cost with other participating Municipalities subject to approval prior to financial commitment. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to appoint Fred Herman as the designated representative for Tilden Township at the Northern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan meetings. Upon roll call Schappell, and DeLong voted yes.**

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF THE MEETING TO DISCUSS LITIGATION**

**REPORT - ZONING/BUILDING**

The Report for February 2019 was received.

**REPORT - ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY**

The Report for February 2019 was received.

**A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the advertising for the 2019 Road Project. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to authorize the purchase of a road sweeper for \$6,375.00 according to the estimate presented from Plasterer Equipment. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

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It was noted the storm water is not draining properly in the alley near the Westy's. The owner of Westy's has had this fixed and asking for assistance from the township to cover expenses incurred since the repairs were on township property. The solicitor recommended to submit it to the insurance company.

**REPORT-SECRETARY**

The secretary's report for February 2019 was given by Monica Flower and Lorraine Ramirez.

-CD Investment information from PLGIT was presented.

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to invest \$120,000.00 from the Sovereign Grant Account into a PLGIT CD for 150 days. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

Monica presented a plan for cross-training office personnel for this year. An update will be given at the June meeting.

Lorraine reported the Newsletter is done and will be labeled and stamped next week. It was explained there is an insert included in the newsletter for residents to complete any emergency medical information and return to the township.

**REPORT - PARK & RECREATION**

-A meeting was held with Jacki Kutzler from baseball to discuss this year's schedule along with responsibilities outlined in the agreement approved last year.

-CPR class will be held at the Township building for non-uniformed employees and three baseball coaches on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m.

-An employee meeting was held to discuss Park and Recreation activities and improvements to parks including movie nights, pavement of the driveway and planting of trees.

**REPORT - OLD BUSINESS**

**A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the ARL Contract for 2019. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the reduction in financial security from \$430,761.88 to \$314,579.54 per Township Engineer's letter of recommendations dated 2/27/19 for the Tilden Ambulatory Surgical Center. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

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**REPORT - NEW BUSINESS**

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize Carbon Engineering to conduct a study to determine placement for curve warning signs on Pine Road. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

**THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 8:41 P.M. FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSS LITIGATION AND RECONVENED AT 9:22 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting @ 9:23 P.M. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Monica Flower  
Secretary