

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wednesday, April 12, 2023  
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell and Fred Herman, Township Solicitor Joan London, Township Road Master Michael Quick, Township Police Chief William McEllroy, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, Assistant Secretary Samantha Hartman and local residents. Richard DeLong was present via phone call. 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.

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. IN REGARDS TO PERSONNEL.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- Brian Herbert commented on the recently passed Burning Ordinance and requests the Supervisors review and amend the Ordinance to allow responsible burning.
- Victoria De La Cruz expressed concerns with not being able to burn yard waste. She requests there be a no cost solution for residents as an alternative method to dispose of the waste.
- Norman Yeager stated his dissatisfaction with the Burning Ordinance.

**Recessed at 8:21 P.M.**

**Reconvened at 8:27 P.M.**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to pay the following bills for March 2023 and accept the debt service. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS - March 2023**

**General Fund** - Ck# 5103 - 5133 in the amount of \$46,368.54  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$12,615.40

**Payroll** - EFT in the amount of \$37,746.16  
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$13,808.66

**Building & Zoning** - Ck# 420 - 422 in the amount of \$14,610.20

**Sewer Fund** - Ck# 3329 - 3330 in the amount of \$25,293.35  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,047.28

**Water System** - Ck# 1158 - 1164 in the amount of \$16,178.02  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,286.91

**Cabela Traffic Light** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$61.76

**Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$168.05

**TIP Traffic Light** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$90.52

**TIP Street Light Fund** - Auto Deduction in the amount of \$808.35

**West Hamburg Street Light** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$195.83

**AutoZone Escrow Fund** - EFT in the amount of \$2,782.77

**BMA Escrow Fund** - EFT in the amount of \$1,004.75

**Stormwater Control Fund** - Ck# 150 in the amount of \$1,268.50

**DEBT SERVICE**

**Tilden Collection System** - \$1,265,566.51

**HMA sewer expansion** - \$2,386,465.96

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the March 3, 2023 Workshop Meeting minutes and the March 8, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

**Reports:**

**FIRE SERVICES**

- Monthly report - Fire Chief Jarrod Emes
- Municipal meeting via Zoom with Hamburg, Tilden, Windsor, Robb Consulting Group and the Fire Department.
- Regular Quarterly meeting to be held April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. In Richard's absence, Gene Schappell and Monica Flower will be in attendance.
- New run cards have been submitted for the higher populated areas.
- The new pagers have been delivered; these were purchased with grant funds.
- A new grant writer will be utilized for Federal Grant applications.
- The checking account has been hacked; funds are to be returned.

**POLICE**

- The report for March 2023 was given by Chief McEllroy.

**ZONING/BUILDING**

- The Report for March 2023 was received.

**ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR**

- The Report for March 2023 was given by Michael Quick.
- The 2023 Road Project is projected to begin the first week of May. CodeRed to be issued when the project is to begin.

**SEWER**

- Brief update given by Mike Quick. Sewer mapping is a future priority.

**WATER SYSTEM**

- Elite Water Ops Monthly report for March 2023 was received.

**PARK & RECREATION**

- The seesaw has been installed.
- Bathrooms at the park have been opened and the water has been tested. The results of the water tests have not been returned yet. There are "Do Not Drink" signs posted.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the 2023 Tilden Movie Night dates, Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> with no rain dates. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

**SECRETARY**

- The report for March 2023 was given by Monica Flower.
- Discussion on the ScanTek proposal for electronic storage. Vote has been tabled to next meeting to allow time to consider another company.

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**A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to advertise for the CPA Firm, Brian Kelly, for the 2022 Audit. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- The Burning Ordinance was discussed for revision. The revisions are for; adding definitions for religious/ceremonial and recreational, modifying definition of rubbish, considering paper and cardboard an exception when referencing recyclables, modification to the excessive smoke wording in general restrictions and also adding size limitations to recreational fires upon further research.
- The draft Solar Ordinance was discussed as it has been revised to add Agrivoltaics. During the discussion, it was decided that other revisions are to be made prior to adopting this Ordinance. Revisions will be made by Township Solicitor and provided to the Supervisors to review and vote to advertise at the May 10, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to authorize Hazlett Municipal Services, Nick Hazlett, to conduct the rental property inspections in accordance with the Township's Rental Ordinance. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution 2023-11 to authorize the Township Manager to sign and submit the Traffic Service Management Agreement with PennDOT. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adjourn the meeting @ 9:12 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

ATTEST:

Samantha Hartman  
Assistant Secretary