

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell and Richard Delong; Fred Herman present via phone call, Township Solicitor Joan London, Assistant Secretary Samantha Hartman, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Gene Schappell made the following statement:

"Before we open for public participation, I would like to make a statement of correction in regards to comments and statements made towards the Board in Previous meetings in regards to the Zoning Ordinance review which is in progress with the Planning Commission. It has been stated that the only zoning district ever mentioned, discussed or considered for review in the Planning Commission meeting was the C-3 (or a particular property) and that the Board of Supervisors has not provided 'the straight truth' and 'misrepresenting' information. This is not correct. After reviewing the Planning Commission minutes; which are posted on our website; there have been multiple zoning districts discussed since June 2023. L-3 was discussed on June 20, 2023, August 16, 2023, November 21, 2023, and February 20, 2024. R-1 was discussed February 20, 2024. C-3 was only discussed February 20, 2024. Contrary to the statements made, the Board has been transparent to the best of our knowledge. Since the Planning Commission has not presented any recommendations or revisions to the Zoning Ordinance or the Zoning Map, we are not able to address any further inquiries however, your concerns and comments will be noted and taken into consideration."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Faye Werley asked why the Board has not received the Planning Commission's recommendations for changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Assistant Secretary, Samantha Hartman stated all recommendations will be presented at once to the Board after the full review, when all recommendations are inserted, and the Zoning Ordinance is in draft form.
- Dale Stoudt asked the Township Roadmaster, Mike Quick when the grass cutting will begin on the shoulders of the roads. Mike stated next week, beginning May 13, 2024.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong to pay the following bills for April 2024 and accept the debt service. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - APRIL 2024

General Fund - Ck# 5493 - 5523 in the amount of \$55,964.87
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$13,588.98
 Payroll - Ck# 13648 - 13650 & EFT in the amount of 71,662.30
 ACH & EFT Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$20,276.58
 ARPA Funds - Ck# 1015 - 1018 in the amount of \$38,622.01
 Building & Zoning - Ck# 459 - 460 in the amount of \$6,175.99
 Sewer Fund - Ck# 3393 in the amount of \$11,156.63
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$778.53

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Water System - Ck# 1236 - 1238 in the amount of \$8,315.90
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,151.32
Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$115.53
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$148.39
TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$88.67
TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$834.59
West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$267.46
Stormwater Control Fund - Ck# 166 in the amount of \$853.90
Park & Recreation Fund - Ck# 399 in the amount of \$60.00

DEBT SERVICE

Tilden Collection System - \$1,197,766.51
HMA sewer expansion - \$2,104,354.77

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, as corrected. Upon roll call Schappell and Delong voted yes; Herman recused himself as he was absent for this meeting.

Reports:

POLICE

- The report for April 2024 will be provided at the June 12, 2024, Board of Supervisors Meeting.

FIRE

- The report for April 2024 will be provided at the June 12, 2024, Board of Supervisors Meeting.

SOLICITOR

- Joan London states an executive session will be required in regards to threat and litigation. The Board agreed to recess for executive session at the end of the meeting, before adjournment.

ZONING/BUILDING

- The Report for April 2024 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The Report for April 2024 was given by Mike Quick.
- Mike proposed a quote received by The Breneman Company to crack seal and coat the Township building's parking lot, not including the garage areas. This company was highly recommended to us by the Hamburg Area School District as they recently provided services for the Perry Elementary School. This company is also a CoStars Company. The only work not included in the quote received is line painting, which the road crew will do.

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A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard Delong to accept the quote from The Breneman Company in the amount of \$8,000 to perform the crack sealing and coating of the Township building's parking lot. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

SEWER

- Mike Quick reported the recent issue of a sinkhole near Dunkin'. This has since been resolved by work performed by Joe Phillips. The integrity of the sewer line will be checked before a final coat of pavement is laid.

WATER SYSTEM

- Elite Water Ops Monthly report was received for April 2024.

SECRETARY

- The report for April 2024 was given by Assistant Secretary, Samantha Hartman.
- The Board cumulatively agreed, to request EMS Chief Leslie attend a future meeting to discuss the EMS budget.

PARK & RECREATION

- Park bathrooms & water fountains are now open.
- Lighting at the Senator Rhoads Park was discussed. The cost estimate to install this lighting is \$1,500. Strong possibility of receiving a donation towards this cost. These lights will have a timer for automatic on/off function.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard Delong to hire Mike Kerschner to install the lighting at the Senator Rhoads Park and to solicit donations to offset the cost. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

- Mike Quick began explaining cost and location of firing site for a possible firework display at a 2024 Movie Night. Multiple options and concerns were discussed. The Board unanimously agreed to have Township staff look into hosting a firework display next year at an event.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to have Township staff to investigate the possibility of having fireworks at a 2025 event. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

- Gene Schappell reviewed a previous resident's request for the Township to research getting the Tilden Park/Pavilion parking lot paved. Wyomissing Borough recently received a grant for park improvements, which is far more extensive than proposing our lot to be paved. The Board instructed Mike Quick to get a few quotes on paving this lot so the Board can see the cost to do so.

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SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the Financial Security partial release for Edge Self Storage/ALOE 9-5 LLC in the amount of \$85,786.07; retaining \$111,606.75 as per the Township Engineer's recommendation dated May 7, 2024. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to appoint Samantha Hartman as Assistant Right-to-Know Officer. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion occurred on HB-1632 which would allow first responders to receive workers' compensation benefits for suffering from PTSI. This bill has passed at the House of Representatives and is now at the Senate. We will continue to watch if this bill gets passed.

**RECESS AT 8:52 P.M. FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING THREAT & LITIGATION
RECONVENED AT 9:18 P.M.**

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard Delong to adjourn the meeting @ 9:20 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell and Delong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Samantha Hartman
Assistant Secretary