

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORSFriday, June 9, 2023
Workshop

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell and Fred Herman; Absent Richard DeLong; Chief William McEllroy; Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, Assistant Secretary Samantha Hartman and Road Master Michael Quick and local residents. The attendance roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Schappell at 9:15 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation:

- Dale Stoudt expressed displeasure in his observation of Supervisor, Fred Herman, being late to the meeting.
- Dale Stoudt commented on the condition of the railroad tracks on Fisher Dam Road. He stated he called in to Northern Railroad to notify them as well.

General Discussion:

- The Burning Ordinance references a fee schedule for violation citation fees to follow. The fees would be set by the Board of Supervisors by Resolution. The Board has reviewed a sample fee schedule from the fire recovery service. Upon the adoption of a Resolution to set these fees for violations, there is a potential that a Township Resident would receive a fine for thousands of dollars. The fee schedule would not allow there to be discretion in calculating the fines. Chief McEllroy gave his opinion to eliminate this section that references a Resolution to set a schedule of fees from the Ordinance.
- The Board members discussed possibly using a flat fee, lower fees, a maximum fee or to change or delete the wording before adopting this Ordinance. In this discussion, it was confirmed that whether or not the Board sets a schedule of fees by Resolution, there would still be a fine given to the violator by the Judge upon conviction. It was also confirmed that based on a Resolution adopted by the Board in 2020, the Fire Companies would still be able to request payment from the violator's insurance company. A final decision on this will be made prior to voting to adopt this Ordinance during the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting upon.
- Mike Quick presented the Board with a quote from John Deere for a tractor with a mower that would be replacing the oldest mower currently used.
- A vote to purchase the John Deere tractor with mower will occur at the Regular Meeting.
- A vote to purchase the ZeroTurn mower will occur at the Regular Meeting.
- The Board discussed the possibilities on how the Township can distribute the remaining ARP Funds. Some ideas would be: podium and sound system for the meeting room, donations to the Hamburg Library, contributing to the payment of the LPR cameras for the Tilden Police Department, new carpet in the foyer of the Township building, donations to Shartlesville Fire Company, new projector to use for movie nights, and possibly solar panels for the Township to have the future benefit of no electric bill.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 A.M. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes.

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Samantha Hartman
Assistant Secretary