

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, June 12, 2024
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 Solicitor Joan London, Police Chief William McEllroy, 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 7:01 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to amend the agenda to include the discussion and approval of the partial financial security release for Kelly Toyota. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024 @ 3PM FOR THE MATTERS OF REAL ESTATE, LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024, @ 6:30PM FOR THE MATTER OF REAL ESTATE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Lloyd Loop Sr. requested the Board of Supervisors create and adopt an Ordinance for gun control in the Township. Township Solicitor, Joan London states the Township can not have an Ordinance stricter than the state firearms act. Township Police Chief McEllroy inserted context on the recent occurrence(s) in Mr. Loop's neighborhood. Tilden Police Department has intervened in the appropriate manner.
- Ron Arndt stated he called the police regarding an ATV driving on Hex Highway. Township Police Chief McEllroy stated this matter has been resolved.
- Greg Kozlowski asked about the parking lot at Tilden Park, if it would be getting paved. This is an agenda item and will be discussed. He asked about the 2021 Audit being published. To the knowledge of the Board, Township Manager, and Township Solicitor, it is not required to be published. Township Manager gave a brief update on the 2022 and 2023 Audits which are currently in process. Greg then raised concerns regarding the 2024 Budget. His concerns were addressed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS - MAY 2024

General Fund - Ck# 5524 - 5555 in the amount of \$54,832.70
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$13,901.38
 Payroll - Ck# 13653 - 13664 & EFT in the amount of \$43,323.31
 ACH & EFT Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$22,694.21
 ARPA Funds - Ck# 1019 in the amount of \$7,694.00
 Building & Zoning - Ck# 462 - 466 in the amount of \$17,506.30
 Sewer Fund - Ck# 3394 - 3398 in the amount of \$97,639.24
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$742.49
 Water System - Ck# 1240 - 1246 in the amount of \$6,099.10
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,429.54
 Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$114.98
 Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$139.79

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TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$83.67
TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$838.84
West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$267.46
Stormwater Control Fund - Ck# 167 in the amount of \$63.25
Fire Tax Fund - Ck# 140 - 141 in the amount of \$57,000.00

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 May 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

Reports:

POLICE

- The reports for April and May 2024 were provided by Police Chief McEllroy.

FIRE

- The reports for April and May 2024 were provided by Deputy Fire Chief Scott Thren.

SOLICITOR

- Joan London reviews her findings in Ordinance #130-2000 regarding littering, specific to manure on the roads. The Ordinance would need to be amended to include the requirement to clean up manure caused by your animal on the road. This would be costly to do so and very difficult to enforce.

ZONING/BUILDING

- The Report for May 2024 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The Report for May 2024 was given by Mike Quick.
- Reviewed the completion of the 2024 Road Project.
- Sealcoating at the Township Building is to occur Friday, June 14th or Monday, June 17th. During this time Township staff and others are to park near the garage

WATER SYSTEM

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

SECRETARY

- The report for May 2024 was given by Township Manager, Monica Flower.

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PARK & RECREATION

- Senator Rhoads Park was discussed to amend the park hours from 9AM - 9 PM to 7AM - 10PM. Ordinance #211-2021 is to be amended accordingly.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to amend Ordinance #211-2012 to extend the Senator Rhoads Park hours to 10PM. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

- Mike Quick presented the estimated pricing to pave the stone parking lot at the Tilden Park. Mike gave two options to pave certain areas. The cost would be approximately \$19,000 or more for a just portion of the parking lot and at least double the cost to pave the entire lot. He will bring quotes for review to the next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong to approve the requested time extension to October 10, 2024 for the GSP Management/Pleasant Hills Mobile Home Park lot consolidation plan. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard Delong to approve the Financial Security partial release for Kelly Hyundai at 35 Industrial Drive in the amount of \$57,967.75; retaining \$7,941.78 as per Township Engineer's recommendation letter dated 6/12/2024. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong to approve the Financial Security partial release for Kelly Toyota at 41 Industrial Drive in the amount of \$49,641.75; retaining \$6,284.18 as per Township Engineer's recommendation letter dated 6/12/2024. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution 2024-12 appointing delegates to the Berks County Tax Collection Executive Committee (TCC). Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution adopt Resolution 2024-13 increasing Township Auditors compensation to \$18.00 per hour. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

- Agenda item to discuss and possibly make action to approve Illuminated Integration quote in the amount of \$4,300.54 for purchase & installation was tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting @ 8:55 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

ATTEST:

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Samantha Hartman
Assistant Secretary