

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wednesday, June 14, 2023  
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 Police Chief William McEllroy, Township Solicitor Joan London, Township Road Master Michael Quick, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, Assistant Secretary Samantha Hartman 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 7:09 P. M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- Dale Stoudt asked where the financials are posted. Monica Flower explained they are posted on the Township website under Public Documents.
- Bob Hein asked for clarification on the burning Ordinance in regards to small campfires.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS - May 2023**

**General Fund** - Ck# 5154 - 5190 in the amount of \$44,408.59  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$8,677.57  
**Payroll** - Ck# 13581 - 13588 & EFT in the amount of \$68,430.40  
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$24,906.53  
**Building & Zoning** - Ck# 426 - 431 in the amount of \$9,289.94  
**Sewer Fund** - Ck# 3339 - 3342 in the amount of \$86,076.81  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$996.01  
**Water System** - Ck# 1170 - 1174 in the amount of \$5,684.00  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$614.43  
**Cabela Traffic Light** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$57.93  
**Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$152.47  
**TIP Traffic Light** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$82.31  
**TIP Street Light Fund** - Auto Deduction in the amount of \$812.83  
**West Hamburg Street Light** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$260.47  
**Stormwater Control Fund** - Ck# 151 in the amount of \$767.00  
**Highway/State Fund** - Ck# 129 in the amount of \$174,199.09  
**ARP Funds** - Ck# 1002 - 1003 in the amount of \$19,940.00

**DEBT SERVICE**

Tilden Collection System - \$1,265,566.51  
HMA sewer expansion - \$2,364,152.70

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the May 5, 2023 Workshop Meeting minutes and the May 10, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

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**Reports:**

**POLICE**

- The report for May 2023 was given by Chief McEllroy.
- Chief McEllroy noted the new police bicycle has been received positively by the community. Officer Heckman has worked nine bike patrols, with a total of 70 miles.

**FIRE SERVICES**

- Monthly report was given by Fire Chief Jarrod Emes
- Update given on ROBB Consulting LLC Fire Analysis, expected to be finished for September 2023.

**SOLICITOR**

**A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Ordinance #251-2023 Fire Protection & Fire Prevention with the exclusion of current Section 208 and the final version will be renumbered. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes; DeLong voted no.**

- Joan London reviewed the Berks County Planning Commission review comments on the Solar Farm Ordinance #252-2023. She advised that no motion was needed on this item. However, she confirmed the Board of Supervisors wish to have changes made to this draft Ordinance in agreement to the Berks County Planning Commission review comments.

**ZONING/BUILDING**

- The Report for May 2023 was received.

**ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR**

- The Report for May 2023 was given by Mike Quick.

**A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the purchase of a Kubota zero turn mower, in the amount of \$17,386.70 with \$5,000 from the sewer account and the remaining balance to be paid out of ARP Funds. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the purchase of a John Deere Tractor and mower from ARP Funds contingent on the warranty commencing upon delivery without the purchase of extended warranty. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to advertise to sell the currently owned Kubota zero turn mower for not less than \$3,000. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the purchase of the quote from Moser Roofing Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$10,412.50 from ARP Funds to repair the garage roof. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

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**SEWER**

- The RAFA cellular dialer systems are projected to be installed in 2-3 weeks.

**WATER SYSTEM**

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

**PARK & RECREATION**

- Announcement of the first Family Movie Night to occur on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at sundown, weather pending. The movie "The Mitchell's vs. The Machines" will be playing.

**SECRETARY**

- The report for May 2023 was given by Monica Flower.
- A Thank You card was received and read aloud by Monica Flower, thanking Police Chief McEllroy for his kind assistance and compassion on a recent call concerning a homeless woman.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to rescind the Motion made at the May Board of Supervisors meeting to approve LeadCar Honda's requested Waiver for Traffic Impact Study and Fees. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve LeadCar Honda's requested Waiver for Traffic Impact Study. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to write a letter to the Zoning Hearing Board in support of granting the variance for parking space size. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting @ 8:39 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Samantha Hartman  
Assistant Secretary