

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, July 12, 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.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M. AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. IN REGARDS TO PERSONNEL.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong to amend the agenda to include LeadCar Honda Time Extension Request. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Tammy Berk expressed concerns with all the recent rain, she feels that on some of the roads the shoulders need to be graded to prevent future damage to the roads. Tammy also expressed concerns with the flooding on Industrial Drive which required closing of the road and requests the appropriate work be done to fix the issue and prevent future flooding. The Road Master, Mike Quick addressed her concerns. He noted the continuous work the Road Crew does and emphasized the flooding was primarily due to an abundance of rainfall in the short period of time. Supervisor, Richard Delong commented more work should have been done to prevent the amount of flooding that occurred and requested for Mike to speak with Perry Township Road Crew as they have the equipment needed to perform the work our roads need.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONCERNING THE INTERSECTION OF LAUREL AVENUE AND PINE ROAD:

- Russ Werley asked for an update on Laurel Avenue being closed. Township Solicitor, Joan London, reviewed the Second Class Township Code which states if there is in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors an unsafe condition, any road or intersection can be closed until the matter is resolved. She then reviewed how a sight distance issue was brought to the attention of the Board, which resulted in the decision of closing the intersection until it is deemed safe again. Joan London mentioned she has spoken to the property owners and a solution is to be found soon. Russ asked about the existing easement in place, in which Joan reviewed the purpose of the easement and its wording.
- Phil Werley states he has a field to get into and the barriers are in the way. The barriers are also in the way of the transportation of a combine tractor. Phil was advised to call Mike Quick at the time the barriers need to be moved so the passage of the tractor can be made successful.
- Kenny Senft requested that the Township Road Crew stop dumping tree stumps and miscellaneous debris on his property. There was a previous verbal agreement allowing this. Mike Quick clarified with the Supervisors there was a previous verbal agreement allowing the Road Crew to do this. Mike recalls about a year or two Kenny approached him to request the end of this. Since then, all debris that was placed on Kenny's property have been removed and the Road Crew no longer dumps on his property.

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- Dale Stoudt requested to know how many accidents have occurred at the Pine Road and Laurel Avenue. This data would need to be pulled from the database to answer accurately.
- Russ Werley asked what is being done regarding the traffic concerns at Pine Road and Laurel Avenue and at Pine Road and Mountain Road. Police Chief McEllroy addressed these concerns and requested formal complaints and concerns be called in, as there have not been any calls regarding these concerns. All information regarding traffic concerns was noted by Chief to allow for follow up.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS - June 2023

General Fund - Ck# 5191 - 5214 in the amount of \$47,437.04
Auto deductions in the amount of \$13,998.56
Payroll - Ck# 13589 - 13592 & EFT in the amount of \$35,337.46
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$13,527.84
Building & Zoning - Ck# 432 - 433 in the amount of \$2,822.20
Sewer Fund - Ck# 3343 - 3347 in the amount of \$36,724.15
Auto deductions in the amount of \$928.02
Water System - Ck# 1175 - 1180 in the amount of \$8,904.70
Auto deductions in the amount of \$626.22
Cabela Traffic Light - Ck# 2063 in in the amount of \$1,182.50
Auto deduction in the amount of \$61.62
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$141.27
TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$44.55
TIP Street Light Fund - Auto Deduction in the amount of \$705.04
West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$261.72
Stormwater Control Fund - Ck# 152 in the amount of \$2,802.50
Highway/State Fund - Ck# 127 in the amount of \$20,761.18
ARP Funds - Ck# 1002 - 1004 in the amount of \$5,206.25

DEBT SERVICE

Tilden Collection System - \$1,248,966.51
HMA sewer expansion - \$2,352,996.07

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the June 9, 2023 Workshop Meeting minutes and the June 14, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

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- The report for June 2023 was given by Chief McEllroy.
- Chief McEllroy announced the "Illegible License Plate Event" being held by PA Representative Jamie Barton's office on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at Cabela's from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. The Tilden Township Police Department will be present for this event to sign-off on forms. The license plate must be present with or without the vehicle. If the vehicle is not present a valid registration must be available.

FIRE SERVICES

- Monthly report was given in brief by Monica Flower as Fire Chief Jarrod Emes was absent.
- Supervisor Richard Delong gave a brief report from the meeting he attended at the Hamburg Fire Company on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

SOLICITOR

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong to ratify and confirm the road closure at Pine Road and Laurel Avenue. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

- Joan London states the changes have been made to the Solar Farm Ordinance #252-2023, to satisfy the Berks County Planning Commission review comments. A final draft of this Ordinance will be provided to the Supervisors. The Ordinance will be advertised for adoption at the August Board of Supervisors Meeting.

ZONING/BUILDING

- The Report for June 2023 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The Report for June 2023 was given by Mike Quick.
- Mike provided information to the Supervisors regarding guide rails he recommends being installed for safety. No vote on this item, as Mike is working with the company to get a lower priced quote.
- The new zero turn mower was received on Monday, July 10, 2023.

SEWER

- A quote was received from KCE, Inc. in the amount of \$49,200 for sanitary sewer system mapping. The cost of this would come from both water and sewer fund accounts. Mike Quick gave a brief description to what this mapping would allow us to do. This topic was tabled until next meeting.

WATER SYSTEM

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

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PARK & RECREATION

- Announcement of the second Family Movie Night to occur on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at sundown, weather pending. The movie "The Super Mario Bros" will be playing.

SECRETARY

- The report for June 2023 was given by Monica Flower.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to reaffirm the Final Plan Approval for the Edge Self Storage Plan. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to grant LeadCar Honda their requested time extension up to and including August 9, 2023. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adopt Resolution 2023-13 appointing Brian T. Kelly CPA & Associates to conduct the 2022 financial audit. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

- Police Chief McEllroy announced that on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 6 P.M. - 9 P.M. Northern Berks, Bern Township, Fleetwood Borough, Tilden Township and Hamburg Borough Police Departments are coming together to host National Night Out, which will be held at the Schuylkill Valley Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting @ 8:32 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Samantha Hartman
Assistant Secretary