

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**Friday, September 8, 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 9:00 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Participation:**

- None

**General Discussion:**

- Schappell reviewed the current year budget. Monica Flower explained how some expenses are held until the end of the year and there are some known upcoming expenses that will impact the current standing of the budget as well.
- Road Master, Mike Quick reviewed his known upcoming expenses, some of which being the bucket truck repairs, guide rail, and miscellaneous small tools. He notes depending on the cost of repairs for the red tractor, it may need to be considered for replacement. The mower would be kept, only the tractor would be replaced in this scenario. Mike states the 10-wheeler will need to be the next large piece of equipment to be replaced. He and Monica are working towards a plan to replace this in the future.
- Schappell asks Police Chief McEllroy to review the HVAC issues that are continuing in the Police Department Office space. It was recommended that they look into replacing both heating and air conditioning at the same time as neither are running consistently or efficiently. Supervisors Schappell and Herman mention this cost could be taken from the ARP Fund.
- Township Manager, Monica Flower reviewed the current allocation of ARP funds.
- Schappell and Herman agree that \$2,000 should be allocated from the ARP funds to donate to the Hamburg Public Library. This item will on the agenda to be voted on at the Regular Meeting.
- Schappell reports on his recent investigations on solar panel installation on Township property. There is not enough open property to install ground solar panels. Schappell spoke to Red Tail Solar, he was given the estimation of \$100,000 to own and install panels on the roof. However, these panels would only generate approximately \$600 per month of electricity, which is not enough to cover the cost of the monthly electric bill. Schappell and Herman agree this is not a project worth further pursuing.
- The current Baseball Agreement was reviewed. Discussion took place on changes that need to be made to this agreement to ensure the upkeep of the field. The Township will continue to correct erosion issues to maintain a safe field. Other maintenance issues will need further discussion. There is to be changes to the current agreement before the end of the year.

**A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 A.M. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes.**

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Samantha Hartman  
Assistant Secretary