

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, September 13, 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 7:00 P. M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22nd AT 3:30 P.M. FOR POLICE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Fred Herman to amend this agenda to include the following: "Grant Conditional/Final Plan approval for Sensenig Subdivision contingent upon meeting all review comments by Keystone Consulting Engineers", "Approve LST refund for Grant Mahon in the amount of \$22.00", "Discuss/Approve Sponsorship for the Shartlesville Block Party & Parade", and the "Recess for Executive Session to discuss a legal matter". Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Jamie Barton, State Representative of the 124th District was present to introduce himself and answer questions.
- Steve Miller at 294 Fox Road expressed stormwater concerns in his area. The Township Engineer is scheduled to come look at the area.
- Dennis Kunkel at 107 Fox Road stated his frustrations with the way the shoulder of the road was filled. Millings were used and had washed out. Road Master Mike Quick confirms this issue is known and is being worked on.
- Greg Kozlowski thanks Gene Schappell for taking the time to respond to his email regarding the park/pavilion parking lot. Greg has requested paving to be considered when allocating funds out of the ARP account. However, the funds are being used elsewhere. Greg asked if Capital Reserve funds are being used for the equipment that is being replaced.
- Dale Stoudt asked for an update on looking for a sound system for the meeting room. This is something everyone agrees would be needed. However, public commentary and discussion during the meetings also contribute to the difficulty in hearing the Supervisors discussion. It is also very challenging to find a system that suits our needs. Township Solicitor, Joan London recommends reaching out to Sue Brown at Washington Township.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS - August 2023

General Fund - Ck# 5237 - 5268 in the amount of \$31,007.92
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$26,706.96
 Payroll - Ck# 13608 - 13613 & EFT in the amount of \$37,379.25
 ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$14,091.41
 ARP Funds - Ck# 1007 - 1008 in the amount of \$9,333.33

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Building & Zoning - Ck# 439 - 441 in the amount of \$5,997.23

Sewer Fund - Ck# 3355 - 3358 in the amount of \$1395.87

Auto deductions in the amount of \$832.95

Water System - Ck# 1185 - 1191 in the amount of \$11,394.89

Auto deductions in the amount of \$643.07

Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$116.86

Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$134.96

TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$155.33

TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$814.95

West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$261.16

Stormwater Control Fund - Ck# 155 - 156 in the amount of \$105.50

Fire Tax Fund - Ck# 135 - 136 in the amount of \$45,000.00

DEBT SERVICE

Tilden Collection System - \$1,248,966.51

HMA sewer expansion - \$2,341,839.44

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the August 4, 2023 Workshop Meeting minutes and the August 9, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

Reports:

POLICE

- The report for August 2023 was given by Chief McEllroy.
- Chief McEllroy reviews the recent successful National Night Out and the Illegible License Plate Event.

FIRE SERVICES

- Monthly report was given by Fire Chief Jarrod Emes.
- Multiple grants being received were reviewed.
- Jarrod Emes states the Hamburg Fire Department has entered a partnership with the Red Cross.
- Reports of another successful boot drive fundraiser.
- The Hamburg Fire Department recently received an ISO score of 4, the highest score possible for volunteer fire. A representative from ISO is to visit to discuss how this score affects insurance costs.

SOLICITOR

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong to adopt Resolution #2023-15 - Agricultural Security Area Plan as modified. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong to authorize Kozloff Stoudt to advertise Ordinance #253-2023 - Grease Trap Installation and Cleaning, with the changes discussed. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

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ZONING/BUILDING

- The Report for August 2023 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The Report for August 2023 was given by Mike Quick.
- Mike reviews the current issues with the red tractor and brings possible replacement to discussion. The mower would be kept and continued to use. Further discussion followed by a vote will occur at next month's Regular Meeting.
- Supervisors discussed posting the yellow tractor for sale on Municibid.

SEWER

- Mike Quick reiterates the importance of the Grease Trap Ordinance being adopted at next meeting as there are a few locations with grease traps that are not providing proof of pumping/cleaning the traps.

WATER SYSTEM

- Elite Water Ops Monthly report was received for August 2023.
- Water tank inspection was briefly discussed with the update of looking at different companies for possible use.

PARK & RECREATION

- Gene Schappell thanks all involved in the planning and execution of Movie Night.
- Sponsors were: Edge Self Storage, Camping World, BIU, Kozloff Stoudt, and Joe Jurgielewicz & Son

SECRETARY

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

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to donate \$2,000 from the ARP Funds to the Hamburg Library. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to grant conditional/final plan approval to Sensenig Subdivision contingent upon meeting all review comments by Keystone Consulting Engineers. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

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A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve Trick or Treat Nights - Monday, October 30th & Tuesday, October 31st from 6 - 8pm. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong to approve the 2024 MMO Non-Uniformed in the amount of \$44,435.00. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong to approve the 2024 MMO Uniformed in the amount of \$57,104.36. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve Hamburg Borough Police and Fire Department to place temporary detour signage on Tilden roads for the King Frost Parade on October 28, 2023 from 6-8pm with a rain date of November 4, 2023. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize Township Solicitor, Joan London to review the Safety Net Agreement 2024. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the LST refund for Grant Mahon in the amount of \$22. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong to approve Sponsorship for the Shartlesville Block Party & Parade in the amount of a \$200 Donation. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

RECESS AT 8:46 P.M. FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

RECONVENED AT 9:32 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting @ 9:33 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Samantha Hartman
Assistant Secretary