

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monday, January 19, 2022
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, Township Road Master Michael Quick, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, Township Assistant Secretary Lorraine Ramirez and local residents. Absent: Police Chief William McEllroy. A copy of the roster is on file with the secretary.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021 AT 3:50 P.M. & January 19, 2022 AT 3 P.M. IN REGARDS TO PERSONNEL.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Schappell, at 3:49 P. M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to post amended agenda for the Board of Supervisors Regular meeting on January 19, 2022. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Resident Marlene Skoloda gave kudos to the road crew for their work on the roads during Snow Storm Izzy.
- Resident Ron Arndt had requested clarification regarding the pay for the Zoning Hearing Board Secretary/clerk. The information on pay was regarding the clerk getting pay per Zoning Hearing Board Application.
- Resident Greg Kozlowski asked if there was anything in the budget for possibly paving the parking lot by the Tilden Playground. At this point it is not but will be in future discussions. Mr. Kozlowski also asked about new office hours as well as use of ADP payroll services.
- Ron Arndt expressed concerns regarding Edge Self-Storage at 725 Hex Highway storing trailers along the side of the property. Mr. Arndt stated that by the Certification of Order from the Zoning Hearing Board they are not allowed to do that. Township Manager will look into the matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to amend the word "hearing" to "application" on the January 3, 2022 Re-organization Meeting minutes for the Zoning Hearing Board Clerk. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the December 5, 2021 Workshop Meeting minutes and the December 10, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes and the January 3, 2022 Re-organization Meeting minutes as corrected. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

SOLICITOR

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution 2022-8 that sets the wages and salaries for 2022 for both full-time and as needed employees. Supervisor Herman would like it noted that he would like to review doing a flat formula instead of looking at individual employees to have a standard pay raise. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman voted yes, DeLong voted no.

SOLICITOR (continued)

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A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adopt Resolution 2022-9 to appoint Jody Klinger to a 3-year term as Zoning Hearing Board alternate. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution 2202-10 reducing employee contribution to the Police Pension Plan for 2022. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to adopt Resolution 2022-11 Roadway Sufficiency Analysis. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

ZONING/BUILDING

- The Report for December 2021 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY

- The Report for December 2021 was given by Michael Quick.

SEWER

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong accept the Preventative Maintenance Inspection Agreement from Axiom, Inc. for maintenance on the pump stations. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to purchase a chopper pump for pump station #2 in the amount of \$14,980.00. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

WATER SYSTEM

- The Report for December 2021 was submitted by Elite Water Ops.
- Discussion regarding a letter from Elite Water Ops that David Gettle still has not finished the DEP application. Joan London will be contacting him by mail.

PARK & RECREATION

- The Tilden baseball field/diamond needs to be expanded to accommodate older baseball groups that play on the field. It was said that this is mainly Baseball's responsibility, the Road Crew is willing to assist.

SECRETARY

- The secretary's report for December 2021 was given by Monica Flower.

OLD BUSINESS

- Supervisor Schappell held discussion regarding the Rental Inspection Ordinance. Information will be reviewed for the February meeting.

Recessed at 5:10 P.M.

Reconvened at 5:16 P.M.

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SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

Walnut Acres - Marlene and Steven Skoloda were present to request to defer the payment of Recreation fees until such time as lots 29 and 30 are sold and the 27 lots would be paid at one time once sold.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell authorizing Township solicitor prepare a recorded agreement that the Recreation fees be deferred until the sale of the 27-lot, and lots 29 and 30 development area. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to grant time extension request for BPS/Cabela's Amended Land Development Plan until April 30, 2022. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding the Lenhartsville Toll Road & County Lawsuit. Township Solicitor will get more information on how the costs are going to be apportioned and will be further discussed in February meeting.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to authorize Kozloff Stoudt to advertise the hearing for the Northern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan to be held February 9, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt policy, in effect for the next 90 days to provide employees their usual rate of pay who test positive for Covid-19 illness, exposed or required quarantine after being notified of a potential Covid-19 exposure subject to medical verification paid from township funds received under the American Rescue Plan (ARP Funds). Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

MISCELLANEOUS

Supervisor Herman questioned current Emergency Management Plan not being in compliance. First draft was sent to Manager and will be reviewed by supervisors.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adjourn the meeting @ 5:55 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Lorraine Ramirez
Assistant Secretary