

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, October 18, 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, Solicitor Julia Adams sat in place of Township Solicitor Joan London, 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 7:01 P. M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard Delong to amend this agenda to include the following: Discuss/Approve HVAC quotes for the Police Department Office and Discuss/Approve the body camera quote from Axon for the Police Officers. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Steve Kauffman from Shartlesville Fire Department gave report on calls responded to in Tilden and states interest in attending future Board meetings.
- Dale Stoudt reported having some issues with the website loading the agenda and requested it be looked into.
- Mike Kahl, a volunteer with Blue Mountain Wildlife, expressed his concerns for pedestrians having enough safe space to walk on Industrial Drive in the area of the PennDot construction project.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS - September 2023

General Fund - Ck# 5269 - 5299 in the amount of \$122,983.79
Auto deductions in the amount of \$13,750.38

Payroll - Ck# 13614 - 13620 & EFT in the amount of \$36,293.00
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$13,693.71

ARP Funds - Ck# 1009 in the amount of \$2,000.00

Building & Zoning - Ck# 442-445 in the amount of \$3,849.52

Sewer Fund - Ck# 3358 - 3362 in the amount of \$182,746.73
Auto deductions in the amount of \$751.52

Water System - Ck# 1192 - 1198 in the amount of \$12,861.56
Auto deductions in the amount of \$643.32

Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$124.95

Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Ck# 142 in the amount of \$51.85
Auto deduction in the amount of \$142.45

TIP Traffic Light - Ck# 2052 in the amount of \$45.50
Auto deductions in the amount of \$112.25

TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$922.74

West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$261.99

Stormwater Control Fund - Ck# 157 in the amount of \$29.50

Park & Rec - Ck# 398 in the amount of \$120.00

Capital Reserve Township Building - EFT in the amount of \$17,975.00

Capital Reserve Police Computer/Ammo - EFT in the amount of \$5,759.00

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Playground Capital Reserve - EFT in the amount of \$2,039.00

DEBT SERVICE

Tilden Collection System - \$1,232,166.51

HMA sewer expansion - \$2,206,870.31

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong to approve the September 8, 2023 Workshop Meeting minutes and the September 13, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes, contingent upon the following statement be added to the September 13, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes at Public Participation regarding a sound system; "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." Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

Reports:**POLICE**

- The report for September 2023 was given by Chief McEllroy.
- LPR cameras are live and already proving to be a great asset.
- Chief McEllroy gave update on the proposed new Police vehicle. Pricing for a 2025 vehicle will come in mid-November, as we are no longer able to purchase a 2024 vehicle. There is a possibility to for the Board to vote in December with the updated pricing. The Board tabled this item of business.
- Chief McEllroy reviewed the Axon body camera quote and requested to be considered for purchase with ARP funds. The proposed body cameras would require a policy update. If the body cameras were to be purchased at the same time as the tasers, a great discount would be received. The tasers would be purchased out of the regular Police budget. The Board tabled this for further consideration.

A Motion to accept the HVAC replacement quote by CMS at \$19,901, contingent on CMS remaining the lowest quote for the same service. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

FIRE SERVICES

- Monthly report was given by Scott Thren in the absence of Fire Chief Jarrod Emes.
- The next quarterly fire meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024.
- An arrow board is being donated by PennDot to support the global detour for I-78.
- ROBB Consulting LLC final report is to be expected soon.

SOLICITOR

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Ordinance #253-2023 - Grease Trap & Cleaning. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

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ZONING/BUILDING

- The Report for September 2023 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The Report for September 2023 was given by Monica Flower, in the absence of Mike Quick.

A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the John Deere tractor quote in the amount of \$28,507.08. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong to re-affirm the approval to sell both the red and yellow tractors on Municibid. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

WATER SYSTEM

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

PARK & RECREATION

- Announcement for the park bathrooms to be closed when the weather demands. The last pavilion rental is scheduled for October 22nd, bathrooms will not be closed before that date.

SECRETARY

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

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion related to the 2024 Animal Control Contract led to decision to table the item of business to the next Board of Supervisors Meeting.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Fred Herman to grant time extension for Jurgielewicz Duck Hatchery at 57 Jalappa Road to February 1, 2024. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and second by Richard Delong to approve the Stormwater Management Agreement for the Sensenig Subdivision. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and second by Fred Herman to grant Final Plan Approval to the Sensenig Subdivision. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion related to amending Chapter 25 Stormwater Management Ordinance led to decision to table the item of business to the next Board of Supervisors Meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting @ 8:38 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Samantha Hartman
Assistant Secretary