

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, October 9, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell and Richard Delong; Fred Herman present via phone call, Township Solicitor Joan London, Police Chief William McEllroy, Roadmaster Michael Quick, Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, 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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH @ 3:00PM FOR PERSONNEL.

Chairman Gene Schappell announced the Budget Meeting will not follow the Regular Meeting tonight and will be rescheduled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Dale Stoudt requested clarification on where the political campaigners are allowed to stand on election day. Township Solicitor, Joan London states they may be in the building, but must remain a minimum 10 feet from the meeting room door.
- Susie Bigelow asked when and where she can find the meeting agenda prior to the meeting start.
- Steve Rohrbach stated concerns regarding the necessity of naming a private drive he lives on. Steve was referred to the Berks County Department of Emergency Services.

A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Gene Schappell to provide a letter of support to the Berks County Department of Emergency Services, in the exception of changing Mr. Rohrbach's address during the readdressing of the private lane. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard Delong to pay the following bills for September 2024 and accept the debt service. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - SEPTEMBER 2024

- General Fund - Ck# 5629 - 5645 in the amount of \$42,407.04
 - Auto deductions in the amount of \$14,196.53
- Payroll - Ck# 13682 - 13686 & EFT in the amount of \$37,359.33
 - ACH & EFT Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$14,383.20
- Building & Zoning - Ck# 480 in the amount of \$5,429.55
- Sewer Fund - Ck# 3418 - 3421 in the amount of \$170,388.69
 - Auto deductions in the amount of \$785.72
- Water System - Ck# 1265 - 1269 & EFT in the amount of \$34,604.74
 - Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,773.85
- Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$110.64
- Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$129.83
- TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$78.36
- TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$835.71
- Stormwater Control Fund - Ck# 170 in the amount of \$1,201.77
- West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$268.88

DEBT SERVICE

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Tilden Collection System - \$1,162,366.51
HMA sewer expansion - \$1,925,309.12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the September 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

Reports:

POLICE

- The report for September 2024 were provided by Police Chief McEllroy.

FIRE

- The report for September 2024 was provided by Fire Deputy Chief Scott Thren.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard Delong to provide signature on the letter of support to the USDA Rural Development, regarding the application to obtain the necessary funds to purchase a new truck. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

SOLICITOR

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 255-2024 adopting the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) with the previously agreed upon amendments. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the ratification of the Polling Place Agreement. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

ZONING/BUILDING

- The Report for September 2024 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The Report for September 2024 was given by Mike Quick.
- Discussion regarding the Fisher Dam Road and River Road railroad tracks with the direction for the Township Manager to send a letter requesting for these tracks to receive maintenance for a smooth crossing and for flashing lights to be installed at River Road for safety.

WATER SYSTEM

- Elite Water Ops Monthly report was received for September 2024.

SECRETARY

- The report for September 2024 was given by Township Manager, Monica Flower.

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A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve Margaret Wursta as full-time office staff with an increase of \$.50/hour from current hourly rate, effective October 14, 2024. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve request from the Borough of Hamburg for Hamburg Borough Police and Fire Dept. to place temporary detour signage on Tilden roads for the King Frost Parade on October 26, 2024, from 6-10PM with a rain date of November 2, 2024. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

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

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard Delong to approve the Annual Black Friday Boot Drive for the Hamburg Fire Dept to be on 11/29/2024 from 6am to dusk at the approach of the intersection of Cabela Drive and Mountain Road. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve 2025 Animal Control Contract - Safety Net Sanctuary. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes: Delong voted no.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Richard Delong and seconded by Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting @ 8:31 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and Delong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Samantha Hartman
Assistant Secretary