

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, November 13, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Fred Herman, Richard DeLong, Township Solicitor Joan London, Police Chief William McEllroy, Roadmaster Michael Quick, Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, Assistant Secretary Margaret Wursta 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 7:06 P.M. followed by a moment of silence in honor of Veteran's Day and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman, Geene Schappell read the following statement regarding public comment: "Public Comment will be accepted only at the time of Public Participation. Please include your first and last name and address. Any comments without name and address will not be considered. Comment length will be kept to 3 minutes. Please be concise. Comments that are relevant to Township business and/or agenda items will be heard. Any Supervisor response to public comment will be done at the discretion of the Supervisors. (Res. #1993-19 Public Comment Period)"

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the October 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS - October 2024

General Fund - Ck# 5646 - 5689 in the amount of \$98,717.04
Auto deductions in the amount of 69,951.85
Payroll - Ck# 13687 - 13694 & DD in the amount of \$49,706.56
ACH & EFT Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$17,878.12
ARPA Funds - Ck# 1023 - 1024 in the amount of \$3,795.09
Building & Zoning - Ck# 481 in the amount of \$9,303.65
Sewer Fund - Ck# 3422 - 3428 in the amount of \$127,853.64
Auto deductions in the amount of \$819.82
Water System - Ck# 1278 - 1283 in the amount of \$12,906.20
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,078.43
Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$116.82
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$142.25
TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$85.80
TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$842.47
Stormwater Control Fund - Ck# 170 in the amount of \$2,646.66
West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$271.96

DEBT SERVICE

Tilden Collection System - \$1,162,366.51
HMA sewer expansion - \$1,914,152.49

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Steve Rohrbach requested information regarding the purchase and access to landlocked properties. Township Solicitor, responds to this request as the Township has no involvement in the private matter Mr. Rohrbach is referring to.
- Karen Yob asks what option she has to prevent someone from driving up the private lane when they do not have permission to do so. The Township Solicitor recommends seeking an attorney to resolve the issue privately.
- William Bellerdine states his property is land locked and must use a private drive for access. The Township Solicitor recommends seeking legal advice to resolve the issue privately.
- Dale Stoudt requests the \$15 per property EMS tax be reconsidered and recommends General Fund money be used instead of implementing an additional tax. Dale also asks the status of the speaker system for the meeting room.

The speaker system ordered was understood to have all pieces necessary. However, additional cords/wires are needed.

Reports:

POLICE

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

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tilden Township Police Association effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the Employment Agreement for Chief McEllroy effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

FIRE

- Steve Kauffman from Shartlesville Fire Co. was present to report the need for a new engine. When more information is gathered and reviewed it will be presented to the Board.

SOLICITOR

Agenda item to adopt Ordinance 255-2024 which adopts the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) was tabled and will be added to the December Regular Meeting agenda.

ZONING/BUILDING

- The Report for October 2024 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The Report for October 2024 was given by Mike Quick.

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WATER SYSTEM

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

PARK & RECREATION

- The Tilden Park bathrooms are closed for the season as of Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

SECRETARY

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

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the Stormwater Controls and Best Management O & M Agreement for Dan Martin, Bachmoll Road, Property ID# 84-4473-00-96-5844. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the 2023 LST Refund for Brayden Quick in the amount of \$30.00. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to ratify the burn ban declared on October 24, 2024 and keep the ban in effect until further notice. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to rescind the Motion to enact a \$15 per property EMS Tax beginning in 2025, approved at the Workshop/Budget Meeting held on Thursday, November 7, 2024. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes. After consideration, the board concluded to allocate donations for the Hamburg EMS within the 2025 General Fund Budget, in the amount of \$20,000 (Account 412.540).

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve to advertise the 2025 Preliminary Budget and open for inspection. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Faye Werley requests a copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tilden Township Police Association. Township Solicitor, Joan London instructed Mrs. Werley to fill out a Right-to-Know request form.
- Dale Stoudt expressed thanks for reconsidering the implementation of an EMS tax and asked what the tax rate would be for 2025. Supervisors confirmed this budget shows no change to the tax rates.

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ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting @ 8:29 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Samantha Hartman
Tilden Township
Assistant Secretary