

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, December 11, 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 7:00 P.M. followed by a moment of silence in reflection of the Christmas season and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman, Gene 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 Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the November 7, 2024 Budget Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the November 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the November 21, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes with the correction to reflect Richard DeLong's attendance and participation in Motions made. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS - NOVEMBER 2024

General Fund - Ck# 5691 - 5715 in the amount of \$48,432.89
Auto deductions in the amount of \$13,276.62
Payroll - Ck# 13695 - 13697 & EFT in the amount of \$38,516.68
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$15,341.21
ARP Funds - Ck# 1025 - 1028 in the amount of \$41,796.69
Building & Zoning - Ck# 482 - 483 & EFT in the amount of \$4,156.52
Sewer Fund - Ck# 3429 - 3436 in the amount of \$19,958.65
Auto deductions in the amount of \$788.30
Water System - Ck# 1284 - 1292 in the amount of \$7,542.19
Auto deductions in the amount of \$11,902.28
Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$59.58
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$154.57
TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$92.95

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TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$844.84
West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$271.96
Stormwater Control Fund - Ck# 174 in the amount of \$379.50

DEBT SERVICE

Tilden Collection System - \$1,162.366.51
HMA sewer expansion - \$1,902.995.86

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to authorize the Township Manager to pay all bills prior to closing out the books for 2024. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- James Wosochlo commented on the nuisance of animals at a neighboring property. He states the animals have been removed by what appeared to be a higher agency. The Township can neither confirm or deny this information as no correspondence has been received on the matter.
- Sharon Dietrich, also a neighbor to the property with nuisance animals shows concern that the neighbor responsible will likely keep these animals again. It is requested they notify the Township if the residents see a return of these nuisance animals.
- Dale Stoudt requested the microphones be moved a little closer when speaking so the sound is projected better for the audience.

Reports:

POLICE

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

FIRE

- Scott Thren representing Hamburg Fire Co, gave the monthly report. Their annual Boot Drive Fundraiser raised over \$8,000. Scott gave an update on ordering a new truck, delivery is expected 2 years after order is placed.

SOLICITOR

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adopt Ordinance 255-2024 which adopts the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

ZONING/BUILDING

- The Report for November 2024 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The Report for November 2024 was given by Mike Quick.
- We have received notification; the Mack truck will start being built in April. This is the truck ordered with the LSA Grant.

WATER SYSTEM

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

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SECRETARY

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR 2025 TAXES

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution #2024-19 the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025. Advertised in the Reading Eagle on November 20, 2024 and posted at the township municipal building on November 18, 2024. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes; DeLong voted no.

Total General Fund 2025 Budget - \$2,880,606.62

"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED, THAT WE, the Board of Supervisors of Tilden Township, hereby adopt the budget for the year 2025, setting forth the estimated expenditures which are hereby appropriated from the revenues available for the current year for the specific purposes set forth, which amounts are more fully itemized in the budget form which is on file with the township secretary."

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #2024-20 for Real Estate Tax, to levy real estate taxes, "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tilden, that a real estate tax of 1.95 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of \$1.95 on each \$1,000 dollars of assessed valuation is hereby levied on all property within the municipality and subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2025 for general government, the maintenance of roads, etc." (NOTE: no increase) Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adopt Resolution #2024-21 to adopt all other taxes. ½ of 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax, Local Services Tax \$52.00 and 5% Amusement taxes. (NOTE: no increase) Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #2024-22 to adopt the West Hamburg Street Light Tax. "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Tilden Township to levy a street light tax at \$1.00 per front foot for street lights in West Hamburg for the fiscal year 2025." (NOTE: no increase) Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to adopt Resolution #2024-23 to adopt Street Light Tax in the Tilden Industrial Park. "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tilden to levy a street light tax in the Tilden Industrial Park at .68 mils (\$.68 per \$1,000) based upon the assessed valuation for fiscal year 2025." (NOTE: no increase) Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #2024-24 to adopt Sewer Rates in the Tilden Industrial Park. "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the sewer rates in the Tilden Industrial Park to remain at \$180.00 per quarter (minimum 0-16,000 gallons and \$19.00 per 1,000 gallons above 16,000 gallons) for fiscal year 2025." Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

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A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adopt Resolution #2024-25 to adopt Sewer Rates in West Hamburg & Pleasant Hills Mobile Home Park. "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the sewer rates in West Hamburg and the Pleasant Hills Mobile Home Park remain at \$180.00 per quarter/lot for fiscal year 2025." Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #2024-26 to adopt the Water Rates for the commercial district. "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the water rates for the commercial district will be \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons for fiscal year 2025." Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adopt Resolution #2024-27 to adopt the Fire Tax. "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tilden, that a fire tax of .40 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of \$.40 on each \$1,000 dollars of assessed valuation is hereby levied on all property within the municipality and subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2025 for Fire Services." (NOTE: NO INCREASE) Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the partial financial security release in the amount of \$1,461.874.04 retaining \$886,600.11 for LeadCar Honda as per Township Engineer's letter of recommendation dated December 5, 2024. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Notice of Meetings for 2025. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes; DeLong voted no.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to amend the previous motion to approve the Notice of Meetings with the reflected change to schedule the Board of Supervisors Workshop Meetings on the Thursday prior to the Regular Meeting at 3 P.M. Also authorizing the Manager to advertise this notice. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve Arlan R. Wessner, Inc as the hauler for 2024-2025. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting @ 7:56 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman, and DeLong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Samantha Hartman
Tilden Township
Assistant Secretary