

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wednesday, December 14, 2022  
 Regular Meeting  
 Year-end Meeting  
 Budget Adoption

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Fred Herman and Richard DeLong, Police Chief William McEllroy, Road Master Michael Quick, Kozloff Stoudt Solicitor Brad Davis, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, Township 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 7:03 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2022 AT 3:15PM FOR PERSONNEL****PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Ronnie Arndt stated he was contacted by the Township Manager to advise he is not being reappointed as a Zoning Hearing Board member; rather offered an appointment as an alternate. He expressed his disgruntled opinion on the matter and felt it would be a travesty to the Township should he not be reappointed and asked the board to reconsider. Mr. Arndt declined the position as an alternate.
- Robert Hein made a statement of support for reappointing Ronnie Arndt to the Zoning Hearing Board for another term.
- Michelle Minnick-Merring made a statement of support for reappointing Ronnie Arndt to the Zoning Hearing Board for another term.
- Craig Moseman made a statement of support for reappointing Ronnie Arndt to the Zoning Hearing Board for another term.
- Mahlon & Tamie Berk brought concern of the Notice of Violation received for not having their septic pumped. The requirements and the internal process for the pumping of septic systems was explained.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**General Fund** - Ck# 4974 - 5001 in the amount of \$30,620.57  
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$16,975.56

**Payroll** - EFT in the amount of \$37,290.61  
 ADP & Payroll Liabilities in the amount of \$14,762.04

**Building & Zoning** - Ck# 404 - 409 in the amount of \$4,847.78

**Sewer Fund** - Ck# 3318 - 3319 in the amount of \$13,748.63  
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$685.98

**Water System** - Ck# 1134 - 1141 in the amount of \$10,652.34  
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$684.55

**Cabela Traffic Light** - Ck# 258 - 260 in the amount of \$305.00  
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$55.07

**Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund** - Ck# 139 in the amount of \$430.00  
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$90.80

**TIP Traffic Light** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$42.27

**TIP Street Light Fund** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$678.78

**West Hamburg Street Light** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$211.11

**Park & Recreation** - Ck# 396 in the amount of \$90.00

**Stormwater Fund** - Ck# 147 - 148 in the amount of \$ 2,293.75

**C.R. Township Vehicles** - Cashier's Ck# 181326 in the amount of \$15,600.00

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**DEBT SERVICE**

Tilden Collection System - \$1,297,966.51  
HMA sewer expansion - \$2,444,904.98

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills prior to closing out the books for 2022. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the Workshop Minutes for November 4, 2022 and Regular Minutes for November 9, 2022. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**FIRE SERVICES**

- The monthly report was given by Fire Chief Jarrod Emes. The Black Friday Boot Fundraiser collected \$4,200.00. Chief Emes thanked the board for their support in 2022. The next steering committee meeting will be held on January 11, 2023.

**POLICE**

- The report for November 2022 was given by Chief McEllroy.

**SOLICITOR**

**ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY**

- The report for November 2022 was given by Road Master Michael Quick.

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to accept the proposal for the garage addition from RD Contracting in the amount of \$17,975.00. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**ZONING/BUILDING**

- The Report for November 2022 as received.

**WATER SYSTEM**

- The report for November 2022 was submitted by Elite Water Ops.

**SEWER**

- None

**SECRETARY**

- The secretary's report for November 2022 was given by Monica Flower.

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A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve Veteran's Day as a paid township holiday. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution #2022-19 the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023. Advertised in the Reading Eagle on November 14, 2022 and posted at the township municipal building on November 14, 2022. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes; DeLong voted no.

Total General Fund 2023 Budget - \$2,821,261.18

"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED, THAT WE, the Board of Supervisors of Tilden Township, hereby adopt the budget for the year 2023, 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 Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adopt Resolution #2022-20 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 \$.195 on each \$100 dollars of assessed valuation is hereby levied on all property within the municipality and subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2023 for general government, the maintenance of roads, etc." Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes. (NOTE: no increase)

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adopt Resolution #2022-21 to adopt all other taxes. ½ of 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax, Local Services Tax \$52.00 and 5% Amusement taxes (NOTE: same as 2022). Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #2022-22 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 2023 (NOTE: same as 2022)." Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution #2022-23 to adopt Street Light Taxes 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 .00068 (\$.68 per \$1,000) based upon the assessed valuation" (NOTE: same as 2022)." Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #2022-24 to adopt sewer rates in the Tilden Industrial Park. "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the sewer rates in the Tilden Industrial Park remain at \$180.00 per quarter (minimum 0-16,000 gallons and \$19.00 per 1,000 gallons above 16,000 gallons) (NOTE: same as 2022)". Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

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A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #2022-25 to adopt sewer rates in West Hamburg and the 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. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #2022-26 "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the water rates for the commercial district at \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons for fiscal year 2023 (\$1.00/1,000 gallons 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 #2022-27 to adopt a fire tax, "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tilden, that a fire tax of .25 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of \$.025 on each \$100 dollars of assessed valuation is hereby levied on all property within the municipality and subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2023 for Fire Services (NOTE: .10 increase). Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to amend Resolution #2022-24 to clarify the sewer rates in the Tilden Industrial Park remain \$180.00 per 16,000 gallons and \$19.00 per 1,000 gallons or portion there of above 16,000 gallons for fiscal year 2023. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

**THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 8:38PM AND RECONVENED AT 8:41PM**

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices Operations & Management agreement for the Daniel Martin, Fox Meadow Subdivision Lot #6. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices Operations & Management agreement for Jeremiah & Sara Parry (171 Scenic Drive). Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the request from Chartwell Law to withdraw the Amended Subdivision and Land Development plans for Bass Pro/Cabela's. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to grant the request of a time extension retro-active to November 30, 2023 for Kelly Hyundai to expire on January 31, 2023. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to grant conditional preliminary/final plan approval for the Kelly Hyundai Service Area Expansion Plan subject to Carbon Engineering review comments dated September 12, 2022. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

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**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve and advertise the Schedule of Meetings for 2023 in the Reading Eagle. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman voted yes, DeLong voted no.**

- The Board discussed the request from the Tax Collector to increase the tax certification fee from \$20.00 to \$40.00. The increase will be approved on the Schedule of Fees for 2023 at Re-organization meeting.

**A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve Alan Wessner as the material hauler for 2022-2023. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve Stone House for payroll services starting January 1, 2023. 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 @ 9:23 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

ATTEST:

Monica Flower  
Secretary