

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
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, Township Solicitor Joan London, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, Assistant Secretary Margaret Wursta, Roadmaster Michael Quick, 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 7:04 P.M. followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the February 6, 2025 Workshop Meeting Minutes and February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to pay the following bills for February 2025 and accept the debt service. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - FEBRUARY 2025

- General Fund** - Ck# 5777 - 5800 & EFT in the amount of \$54,409.31
Auto deductions in the amount of \$19,448.64
- Payroll** - EFT in the amount of \$38,702.01
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) in the amount of \$14,265.94
- ARP Fund** - Ck# 1034 in the amount of \$50,480.00
- Building & Zoning** - Ck# 488 - 490 in the amount of \$6,191.90
- Sewer Fund** - Ck# 3445 - 3446 & EFT in the amount of \$6,339.52
Auto deductions in the amount of \$670.95
- Water System** - Ck# 1310 - 1314 & EFT in the amount of \$5,621.01
Auto deductions in the amount of \$2,133.11
- Cabela Traffic Light** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$131.99
- Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$156.13
- TIP Traffic Light** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$96.32
- TIP Street Light Fund** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$773.93
- West Hamburg Street Light** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$165.75

DEBT SERVICE

- Tilden Collection System - \$1,144,266.51
- HMA sewer expansion - \$1,869,525.97

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- None

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Reports:

POLICE

- The report for February 2025 was given by Chief McEllroy.

Fire

- Scott Thren from Hamburg Fire Co. gave a report for February 2025.
- Steve Kauffman from Shartlesville Fire Co. gave a report for February 2025.
- The Hamburg Fire Company's new fire engine is estimated to be \$1.4 Million. Scott asked for a letter of commitment to the \$950,000 loan from the Board of Supervisors to USDA.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to write a letter to USDA stating that Tilden Township is committed to supply financial support for the \$950K Fire Engine Loan. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

SOLICITOR

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong authorizing advertisement and for Planning Commission to review the proposed Ordinance No. 256-2025 amending the Zoning Ordinance, to increase the maximum building height to 50 Feet in the I-2 zoning district. Upon roll call Schappell and DeLong voted yes; Herman voted no.

ZONING/BUILDING

- The report for February 2025 was received.

ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR

- The report for February 2025 was given by Mike Quick.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to award 2025 Road Project to New Enterprise Stone and Lime Company, Inc. in the amount of \$199,111.84. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

SEWER

- A sewer report was provided by Mike Quick.
- Following brief discussion, Supervisors decided to table agenda item "Discuss debt service payoff and reduction of residential billing". This will be added to the July 9, 2025 regular board of supervisors meeting.

WATER SYSTEM

- An update on water operations was provided by Mike Quick.

SECRETARY

- The report for February 2025 was given by Monica Flower.

PARK & REC

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- The Supervisors approved movie night to be scheduled for August 9, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to provide Zoning Hearing Board with a letter supporting the approval of the requested variance by Sara and Josh Linderman at 19 Ash Road. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

- Agenda item "Discuss/Approve final draft 2025 Tilden Tribune Newsletter for publication", did not require a vote.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve Resolution #2025-10 requesting a LSA Grant in the amount of \$143,225.50 and designating the Township Manager & Chairman as the officials to execute all documents and agreements pertaining to the LSA Grant application for the paving of the Tilden Park parking lot. 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 @ 8:47 P.M. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Margaret Wursta
Assistant Secretary