

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Saturday, March 14, 2009  
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors, Russell Werley, Judy Romig and Troy Hatt, Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus, Township Solicitor, Joan London and several residents. A copy of the roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell Werley, at 8:18 A.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD BEFORE THE MEETING REGARDING LITIGATION, LAND ACQUISITION AND PERSONNEL

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -**

**A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to accept the proposal from Patrick Walthers to place tables, benches, etc. at the Park for his Eagle Scout project. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

Dale Stoudt of 437 Hill Drive asked if the white areas marked on Hill Drive are to be paved over or dug out. The areas will be dug out.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the payment of bills:**

**General Fund - Ck# 16104-16157 in the amount of \$96,542.65 (16124 void)  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$213.29**

**Payroll - Ck# 11047-11072 in the amount of \$13,491.21 (11060,11069 & 11071 void)**

**ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$4,856.53**

**Sewer Fund - Ck# 2149-2153 in the amount of \$99,093.50**

**Auto deductions in the amount of \$186.97**

**TIP Traffic Light Fund - Ck # 2016 in the amount of \$127.00**

**TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$579.52**

**West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$185.53**

**Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

**REPORT - POLICE**

The report for February, 2009 was given. 30 shifts were covered, 239 hours were worked, 1,500 miles were put on vehicles and 133.99 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

A COPS office grant was discussed. This grant will be to fund an officer for three years (salary & benefits). Funding will be from the Stimulus Plan. The application will come out in March and more information will be given.

**A motion for Resolution #14, 2009 was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to allow the police to make warrant less arrests. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.**

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**REPORT - SOLICITOR**

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to adopt Ordinance # 192,2009 Anti-Graffiti An Ordinance of the Township of Tilden, Berks County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter XIV, Entitled "Health and Safety" of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Tilden by establishing a new part 2, entitled "Graffiti"; establishing that graffiti is a nuisance; establishing that it is illegal for minors to possess graffiti instruments on public property or private property without the private property owners consent; establishing that any owner of property on which graffiti is visible to the public shall remove said graffiti. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to authorize Kozloff Stoudt to prepare and advertise an Ordinance for the Berks County Joint Purchasing Membership Agreement for fuel bids. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

JoAnn Rahausser of 334 West State Street asked about the facilities rental fee. The fee for the meeting room and park / pavilion is \$25.00 for residents and \$40.00 for non-residents.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve the February 7, 2009 meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Hatt voted yes.

**REPORT - ZONING/SEO**

Zoning and building/UCC reports were received for February, 2009 from Zoning Officer Anthony Merklinger.

**REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER**

Russ Werley gave the Report for February, 2009. A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the PennDOT mowing contract. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.

**REPORT-SECRETARY**

The secretary's report for February, 2009 was given by Cheryl Haus. Various seminars were attended: DCNR and Emergency Management. The DCNR grant application is being finalized. A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley for the secretary to return the MRM proxy. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Hatt voted yes.

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A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to authorize Kozloff Stoudt to prepare and advertise an Ordinance to establish a Manager position. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt for Kozloff Stoudt to prepare a Resolution for the Manager's compensation beginning April 1, 2009, of \$3,570.00, 2010 will be \$5,000.00 and 2011 will be \$5,000.00. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

**REPORT - PARK & RECREATION**

A letter of recommendation from the Park & Recreation Board to the Board of Supervisors concerning dirt for the ball field was addressed. The lowest quote was \$6,534.00. Stating that other things can be done, and in trying to save money, township maintenance workers will lime, seed, fertilize and roll the outfield. If additional seeding / soil, etc. needs to be done, fall is the right time to do that.

Judy Romig shared with the residents there has been a request made to reutilize stone from the Jeffrey Young home on Mountain Road, upon demolition, to use on the exterior of the restroom, concession stand, etc.

**REPORT - OLD BUSINESS**

**REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT**

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt for a 180 day time extension for Contentment Farms. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt for a 90 day time extension for the recording of plans for Ironwood Properties. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to execute the Agreement for the annual payment of \$50,000.00 including the percent of increase, if any, of the Department of Labor's increase in the Consumer Price Index for Philadelphia. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to authorize the secretary or the attorney to attend the Ironwood Properties settlement to transfer paperwork, if needed. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

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REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to allow the U.S. Census Bureau to use the meeting room, subject to policy, for training with no fee, on April 9, week of April 13-17, week of April 20-24 from 8-4:30. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt to award Phase II of the Tilden Township Sanitary Sewer System to Joao & Bradley Construction Co. in the amount of \$ 3,986,085.00. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt, as per the March 6, 2009 letter from Carbon Engineering, to authorize Resolution #15, 2009, James Kauffman, Resolution # 16, 2009, Kenneth Senft, Resolution # 17, 2009, Frank Perano, for condemnations in the event easements cannot be negotiated, under the Eminent Domain Code. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve the Perpetual Easement and Temporary Construction Easement as described in the Agreement for Daniel Kline of 538 West State Street. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Russ Werley to approve the application with VIST Bank for a PennDOT Letter of Credit in the amount of \$182,533.00 for the sewer project. Upon roll call, Hatt and Werley voted yes. Romig abstained as family works @ VIST Bank.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve the tapping fee for Westy Bar & Grill in the amount of \$42,000.00. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve the \$52.00 LST refund for Kim Weller and the \$16.00 LST refund for Dillon Hoppes. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Russ Werley for the Historical Society to send a letter to the Berks County Commissioners regarding the Berne Bridge. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to increase the salary of Barry Luckenbill by 3% retroactive to February 9, 2009, as per the conditions of his hiring. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.

Anna Shollenberger asked what the quarterly cost of sewer usage will be. The cost will be \$180.00 per quarter, per EDU, as per Ordinance. Another meeting will be held for residents, possibly in June.

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Helen Shollenberger asked the Board to have the police patrol Berne Road and Hex Highway, at night, for speeding. The Board will discuss options with the police department.

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE** was available with the Secretary as well as minutes and reports of all Boards in Tilden Township.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Hatt voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus  
Secretary