

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Saturday, April 18, 2009
Special Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building for a Special meeting with the following present: Chairman, Russell Werley, Vice-Chairperson, Judy Romig, Member, Troy Hatt, Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus, Township Solicitor, James Lillis and Township Engineer Ron Tirpak. A copy of the attendance roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell Werley at 9:00 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steven Heckart of 13 Erin Way Mohrsville stated since the April 4, meeting he has not received anything from the tax collector to correct the error she had made. The office will contact Berks County Tax Claim to try to rectify the situation.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to authorize Chairman, Russell Werley to sign and Secretary, Cheryl Haus to attest the Letter of Credit for PennDOT, for restoration of West State Street / Hex Highway, in the amount of \$182,533.00. Also to authorize a check for payment to VIST Financial for fees in relation to this Letter of Credit. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

Charles Fitzpatrick, Esquire started the discussion between Tilden Township and the Hamburg Municipal Authority by giving a brief background on the Original Agreement between the Township and the Authority in 1992 regarding the treatment of sewage in the Tilden Industrial Park. An Addendum was done to include the Laurel Nursing Home. A second Addendum was done to include the current 455,000 gallons of capacity Tilden Township owns. Tilden Township would pay the same user fee as the residents of Hamburg Borough. It was agreed that this should change as Tilden Township is paying a percent of the upgrade of the treatment plant.

The issue at hand being what rate Tilden Township should pay for treatment of sewage.

Respective Attorneys and Engineers have met and discussed options that would be fair to Tilden Township and Hamburg Municipal Authority.

Greg Unger of Systems Design presented a proposed Rate Structure Analysis. Engineers of both respective parties discussed this rate structure, deciding two issues remained: I & I currently in Hamburg Borough and fixed costs for operating the system.

Roger Kuhns of the Municipal Authority stated he had a problem with the installation of the Tilden Township collection system currently being installed and inspections being done. Inspections are being done by Tilden Township employees, Carbon Engineering, and, on state roads by PennDOT inspectors. It was discussed that, at the end of the project, all lines and laterals would be pressure checked and manholes would be vacuum tested as insurance that if the Authority takes over the Tilden system, I & I would not be a problem.

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Chairman Russell Werley stated an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss litigation.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to authorize execution of the Third Addendum to the Tilden Township / Hamburg Municipal Authority Sewer Agreement, whereby the rental rate would be established at a blended rate of \$42.00 per 1,000 cubic feet, for a period commencing July 1, 2006 until July 1, 2010, if there has been no Agreement established whereby, Hamburg Municipal Authority would acquire the Tilden Township collection system, the rate would be re-established for another one (1) year period based upon:
Total Operating Costs, Less I & I, Less Debt Service = Tilden Usage Rate.
Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

It was agreed that Tilden Township and Hamburg Municipal Authority should meet periodically to discuss the sewage system. A date of October 17, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m. was set, pending the availability of David Fink, Authority member.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 A.M. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary