

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Saturday, November 7, 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 8:07 A.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Gary Hagy gave an update on his petition, on election day, concerning the opening of the Berne Bridge. He received 408 signatures. Mr. Hagy received a letter from Alan Piper stating that repairs will not begin until Spring of 2011. Commissioner Leinbach's office said that the bridge will not hold the 3 ton limit. He suggested that the township have Ron Tirpak, Township Engineer inspect the bridge and determine if that is correct and if it is not, meet with Bill Westcott to see if repairs could be made to open the bridge to one lane traffic. It was questioned if the county would accept our Engineer's opinion. The Board stated since it is a county bridge and the township would incur expenses, they want something more definitive from the county that they will accept the Engineer's information. The office will talk to our Engineer on his thoughts.

Dan Larue of the Hamburg Public Library thanked the Board for their donations in previous years. The Hamburg library has received cuts from the state, but will maintain regular hours with material purchase cuts, but no staff cuts. The Tilden Township budget has included \$1.00 per capita as in previous years.

JoAnn Rahausser asked about the manhole order from PennDOT. PennDOT has asked for continuances and Tilden Township is still waiting to meet with PennDOT.

Ms. Rahausser asked who will pay for the restoration for damage done by Met-Ed at the West State Bridge project. Restoration is part of the easement they have received.

Michael Moser stated as a result of construction at the Tilden Ridge project, they have installed a drain on his side of Mountain Road, thus creating problems on his property. The office will contact Ron Tirpak, Township Engineer and the Tilden Ridge Project Coordinator to meet with Mr. Moser at the site.

Jim Laurie asked about the paving / patching of roads in the sewer project. Restoration has begun.

Chairman Russ Werley announced that an Executive Session was held on Saturday November 7, 2009, before the meeting, regarding personnel.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

General Fund - Ck# 16374-16413 in the amount of \$23,128.26
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$914.13
 Wire transfer for TIF payment \$6,090.61
Payroll - Ck# 11232-11263 in the amount of \$16,218.56
 ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes & Aflac)
 \$5,639.34
Cabela's Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$122.02
Sewer Fund - Ck# 2217-2229 in the amount of \$378,282.28
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$122.86
TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$87.43
TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$586.43
West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$191.84
Building & Zoning - Ck# 105-106 in the amount of \$3,552.00

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve the October 3, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the October 3, 2009 budget meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

The report for October, 2009 was given by Chief Schwoyer. 39 shifts were covered, 366.5 hours were worked, 1,591 miles were put on vehicles and 132.64 gallons of fuel were used. Township police handled 77 incidents. It was decided not to check further into the speed trailer being sold by Pikeland Township. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

Officer McEllroy took the evidence tech training and is now certified. Tilden Elementary School requested a Crime Prevention Program and Officer Schwoyer is compiling information for Spring 2010.

The state budget has included cuts for MPOETC training. This will now be township responsibility.

The Police Department gave a tour of the department to Cub Scout Troop 149

REPORT - SOLICITOR

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve the Amended Traffic Ordinance. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

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A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt for a Resolution to condemn sewer right-of-way, to the property of Frank Perano, for the West Hamburg Sewer System. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Hatt voted yes.

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

Report October, 2009 was received.

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the one month evaluation of Tim Luckenbill, Roadmaster. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the traffic signal time change of 10-20 seconds for the light at Cabela Drive and Route 61. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

Zoning & UCC reports were received for September & October, 2009

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for October, 2009 was given by Cheryl Haus.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the preliminary 2010 budget and to authorize the advertising, with final budget adoption at the December meeting. Option # 3 was approved with budgeting for a second full-time road person and a full-time police officer. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Hatt voted yes.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

Tilden Township has acquired the property adjacent to the West Hamburg Bridge for a pump station and has plans to install a park in the memory of Senator James Rhoades. Senator Argall has been asked for a donation of monies to install a memorial stone with a bronze plaque, two lights from the Hamburg bridge and flowering trees. The Park & Recreation Board will be asked to take over the planning for this park. JoAnn Rahausser asked about the park being in the floodplain.

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt to conditionally approve the Rocktown Rollin Acres minor subdivision. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.

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REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to advertise and change the meeting date for December 5 to Monday, December 7, 2009 @ 8 a.m. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Hatt voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to approve the Fire Company Boot Drive, on Cabela Drive, on Black Friday. Upon roll call, Romig and Werley voted yes. Troy Hatt abstained as Chief of the Fire Company.

The office will check with Tilden Ridge officials to see if they include pre-empters on the traffic signals for emergency vehicles.

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig for authorization to Kozloff Stoudt, to prepare a draft ordinance for the December meeting, requiring pre-empters for all traffic signals. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.

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 8:58 A.M. Upon roll call, Hatt, Werley and Romig voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary