

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Saturday, November 3, 2012
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Russell Werley, Gene Schappell and Carl Spatz, Jr., Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus, Township Solicitor, James Lillis and several citizens. A copy of the roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell Werley, at 8:05 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dale Stoudt of 437 Hill Drive asked if, to help the budget, one officer could be moved from full-time to part-time. The Board stated that with the commercial business coming into Tilden, three full-time officers are needed. Mr. Stoudt also asked about employee contributions to health insurance. The police contribute 10% of the difference between the single rate (approx \$535.00) and the husband and wife (approx \$1200) and family plan (approx \$1300) The non-uniformed employees do not pay anything toward health insurance. There is a \$750.00 deductible and no dental or eye.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to pay the following bills:

General Fund - Ck# 17879-17904 in the amount of \$71,055.92
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$777.39
 TIF wire transfer in the amount of \$9,498.42
Payroll - Ck# 12149-12180 in the amount of \$22,544.12
 ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$6,600.69
Cabela's Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$66.87
Sewer Fund - Ck# 2541-2547 in the amount of \$203,199.63
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$543.32
 Void check # 2538
TIP Traffic Light fund Auto deductions in the amount of \$97.04
TIP Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$690.88
Building & Zoning - Ck # 154 in the amount of \$21,548.21
West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$258.35
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$129.85
Historical Society - Ck # 101 in the amount of \$3.30
Fire Tax Fund - ck # 104/105 in the amount of \$45,000.00
Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the October 5 workshop minutes and the October 11 Regular and budget meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.

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REPORT - POLICE

The report for October, 2012 was read by Supervisor Gene Schappell. 133 incidents were handled, 2,282 miles were put on vehicles and 170.9 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report). The Department was on 24 hours during Hurricane Sandy.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize payment of \$64,215.47, for the radios, accessories and hardware for the Union Fire Company # 1 of Hamburg and the Shartlesville Fire Company # 1, by November 30, 2012. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

Zoning / Building reports for October 2012 were received.

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The Report for October, 2012 was received.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the 2012-2013 snow removal quotes from Buck Transport (backhoe @ \$68.00/hr and hauling @ 3.20 per ton, Luckenbill excavating (backhoe @ \$80/hr, skidloader \$75/hr and 2 axel dump truck @ \$80/hr and Berks Products antiskid @ \$9.25 per ton, on an as needed basis. Upon roll call, Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for October, 2012 was given by Cheryl Haus. The hold-up on the Berne Bridge is the Army Corp of Engineers permit. The secretary attended the BCCPC on October 9. Potential commodities for cooperation are codification of ordinances, alarm systems, leasing/purchasing vehicles and auditing services. At re-organization meetings, townships should designate a position rather than a name for the BCCPC membership. Comcast cable franchises are being negotiated. Tilden's agreement expires in 2014 and we will be included in the next round. The secretary and Mr. Spatz attended the Commissioners Breakfast on Oct 26. Items of discussion were, the radio towers, payment, delivery of radios and testing of the radios. Berks County received approx. \$530,000.00 from the Marcellus Shale project to be dedicated to Greenway projects, parks, open space and bridges. Berks County took a 3.8% loan to fully fund pension plans, a wage freeze and are expecting a 4.5% increase in taxes. The prevailing wages bill, not passed before the end of sessions in Harrisburg, adds approximately 20% to municipal costs of a project. The secretary will fax the letter to Cigars International, from Carbon Engineering, dated October 19, 2012.

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REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the 2013 Preliminary budget. Upon roll call, Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Russ Werley to approve the Russell Stover Candies, Inc. preliminary/final land development plan subject to the Engineer's comments and the Berks County Planning Commission comments. Upon roll call, Spatz, Werley and Schappell voted yes.

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Russ Werley, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary