

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Saturday, December 15, 2012
 Regular Meeting
 Year-End Meeting
 Budget Adoption

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors, Russell Werley, Carl Spatz and Gene Schappell, Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus and Township Solicitor, James Lillis. 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.

A moment of silence was held in honor of the 26 victims of the Newtown, CT Elementary School shooting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Anna Shollenberger of 772 Hex Highway thanked Stacy Degler and the Board for the newsletter. She stated that she thought it was the best newsletter yet. The Historical Society held the Meet With Santa on December 9. It was poorly attended as only 12 children showed up. Ms. Shollenberger would like the Supervisors to contact the Berks County Commissioners and request to preserve the plaque that is located on the top of the Berne Bridge with the date of 1898 on it, and also a large rock off to the right side of the bridge inscribed with 1803 and some writing.

Sue Stewart of the Philly Pretzel Factory @ 1708 Tilden Ridge Road and Ryan of Schuylkill Valley Sporting Goods requested the Board consider signage changes in the strip mall. Their businesses cannot be seen and they would like directional signs to invite more business to their stores. This would need an application and fee for a zoning amendment. Anthony Merklinger, Zoning / Building Official, stated off building signage is very limited in the ordinance and cited Section 1914 and Section 1905 of the Tilden Township Zoning Ordinance that would need changes. Mr. Merklinger will work with the mall owners.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the payment of bills:

General Fund - Ck# 17905-17954 in the amount of \$54,468.34

Auto deductions in the amount of \$10,024.61

Payroll - Ck# 12181-1204 in the amount of \$21,987.44

ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes & Aflac)

\$9,519.40

Cabela's Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$59.14

Ck # 2016 in the amount of \$131.00

Sewer Fund - Ck# 2548-2555 in the amount of \$21,736.96

Auto deductions in the amount of \$529.91

TIP Traffic Light Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$47.96

Ck # 2023 in the amount of \$166.00

TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$688.94

Ck # 2021 in the amount of \$1,349.74

West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$258.22

Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$92.82

Ck. # 103 in the amount of \$1,279.45

Historical Society - Ck # 102/103 in the amount of \$145.30

Building & Zoning - Ck# 155 in the amount of \$13,471.16

Stormwater Fund - Ck # 101-104 in the amount of \$ 3,498.75

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Capital Reserve - buildings Ck # 101 in the amount of \$22,226.32
Fire Tax Fund - ck # 106 in the amount of \$64,215.47
Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz to authorize the secretary to pay any additional bills prior to closing the books for 2012, by December 31, 2012. Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the November 2, 2012 workshop minutes. Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the November 3, 2012 meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

The report for November, 2012 was given by Chief McEllroy. 110 incidents were handled, 1,917 miles were put on vehicles and 179.60 gallons of fuel were used. Other information is available by asking the secretary for the police report.
More retail thefts were handled in November and December due to the holiday season.
The officers participated in the Shop with a Cop program.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the amended Traffic Regulations ordinance to include traffic signals. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Werley voted yes.

Mr. Lillis spoke about the draft amendment of the HMA / Tilden Sewer Agreement. He will send a letter to Mr. Unger regarding a few things: the involvement of Hamburg Boro, notices and the "perpetual" time frame. The Board wishes to approve the Agreement at their January 7, 2013 meeting.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

Zoning / building reports for November, 2012 were received.

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

Report for November, 2012 was received.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for November, 2012 was given by Cheryl Haus.
A request was sent to the Hamburg Area School District for an exoneration of the 2012 school real estate tax bill for the 6.12 acres adjacent to the Township building, given by Contentment Farms.
A letter of interest to participate in Comcast Cable franchise negotiations was sent to Cohen Law Group.

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A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve vacation / time off for Cheryl Haus from January 9 to January 17, 2013, June 21 to July 5, 2013 and September 23 to October 10, 2013. Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATIONREPORT - OLD BUSINESS

A motion for Resolution # 17, 2012 was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz to adopt the final budget for fiscal year 2013. Advertised in the Reading Eagle-Times on November 8, 2012 and posted at the township municipal building on November 6, 2012. Total General Fund 2013 Budget - \$1,113,115.00.

"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED, THAT WE, the Board of Supervisors of Tilden Township, hereby adopt the budget for the year 2013, setting forth the estimated expenditures, which are hereby appropriated from the revenues available for the current year, for the specific purposes set forth, which amounts are more fully itemized in the budget form which is on file with the township secretary." Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell for Resolution # 18, 2012 to levy real estate taxes: "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tilden, that a real estate tax of 1.2 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of \$.120 on each \$100 dollars of assessed valuation, is hereby levied on all property within the municipality and subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2013 for general government, the maintenance of roads, etc." Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz for Resolution # 19, 2012 to approve the ½ of 1% Real estate transfer taxes, ½ of 1% E.I.T. taxes, \$52.00 for LST taxes, and 5% for Amusement taxes. Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz for Resolution # 20, 2012 for West Hamburg street light taxes of \$.45 per front foot. Upon roll call, Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

A motion for Resolution # 21, 2012 was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to levy a street light tax for the Tilden Industrial Park in the amount of \$.00068 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Werley voted yes.

A motion for Resolution # 22, 2012 was made by Russell Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz to set sewer rates in the Tilden Industrial Park at \$180.00 per quarter (minimum 0-16,000 gallons and \$19.00 per 1,000 gallons above 16,000 gallons). Upon roll call, Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

A motion for Resolution # 23, 2012 was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to set the fire tax at .25 mills on each dollar or \$.025 on each \$100 of assessed property valuation. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

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A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz to pay ½ the cost of printing and mailing of the 2013 county and township real estate tax bills. Upon roll call, Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the date & time for the Re-Organization meeting as Monday, January 7, 2013 @ 8:00 a.m., at the Tilden Township Municipal Building, with the Regular meeting immediately following, to set the Auditors Re-Organization meeting for Tuesday, January 8, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m., to set the Board of Supervisors Regular meeting dates for 2013 as the second Thursday of each month @ 7:00 p.m. as follows:

February 14	March 14	April 11	May 9
June 13	July 11	August 8	September 12
October 10	November 14	December 12	

Workshop meetings will be held the Friday morning before the monthly Board of Supervisors meeting @ 8:00 a.m.

Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz to transfer from the Sovereign Bank fund to the Park & Recreation fund, \$39,335.64, as of 11-27-12, plus excavation costs for work still being completed on the field, to be repaid to the Sovereign Grant fund within the next four years. Upon roll call, Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to accept the Agreement with Blue Mountain IPG for use of the Traffic Impact Fees. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the tax collector request to increase the tax certification fees from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per certification. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz 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 Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 A.M. Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
 Secretary