

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Friday, February 4, 2011
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Russell Werley and Judy Romig, 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 8:17 A.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010 REGARDING LITIGATION.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD BEFORE THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 4, 2011 REGARDING PERSONNEL.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Jeremy Fogel of Tilden Ridge development discussed with the Board a sign application that was sent in by Wawa. Anthony Merklinger, Zoning Officer discussed his interpretation of the request and the zoning ordinance.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to send a letter to advise the zoning officer that the Board accepts the "interpretation" of Section 1914 of the zoning ordinance to allow for the proposed sign for Wawa to be considered a center sign for purposes of this development and this application only and the sign be limited to 25 feet and the location as set forth on page 11 of the amended plan, Key D23, which states a 25 foot sign, subject to the developer understanding that "any challenges or exceptions will be their responsibility" Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to pay the following bills:

General Fund - Ck# 17016-17073 in the amount of \$73,187.63
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$82.67
Payroll - Ck# 11586-11606 in the amount of \$9,381.78
 ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$3,127.84
Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - auto deductions in the amount of \$42.27
Sewer Fund - Ck# 2366-2371 in the amount of \$67,718.67
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$360.34
TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$645.51
West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$213.69
Building & Zoning Ck # 126 in the amount of \$22,922.22
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$80.66
Fire Tax Fund - Ck # 102 in the amount of 8,361.15

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

DEBT SERVICE

Building - \$888,000.00
Tilden Collection System - \$5,704,000.00
HMA sewer expansion - \$3,064,805.76

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the January 3, 2011 Re-Organization and Regular meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

The report for January, 2011 was given by Chief Schwoyer. 49 shifts were covered, 354.75 hours were worked, 1,083 miles were put on vehicles and 99.30 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to increase the part-time police officer, Peter Witman's, wages to \$15.00 from \$13.50 and increase his hours to a maximum of 32 hours per week, effective February 6, 2011, subject to the Solicitor's confirmation that it will not implicate any Act 600 requirements.. Upon roll call, Schappell and Romig voted yes. Werley voted no. The Solicitor will check on full-time vs. part-time hours as per Act 600.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russell Werley to accept the plan to provide water to the Pleasant Hills Mobile Home Park, completed by Ron Tirpak of Carbon Engineering, to deliver the plan to the Mobile Home Park and direct Kozloff Stoudt and Carbon Engineering to take the steps necessary to implement the plan, with costs per the 1999 order to be paid by Mr. Perano of Pleasant Hills Mobile Home Park. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize the lease with Representative Mike Tobash for the office in the Tilden Township Municipal Building. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes. Mr. Tobash will need to change the name on the monument sign also.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

Zoning and UCC reports were received for December, 2010 and January, 2011. A discussion was held on the boundary of Hamburg Boro and Tilden Township. Some residents believe that the boundary line is the middle of the Schuylkill River. Others think it on the west bank of the Schuylkill River

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The Report for January, 2011 was received.

Russ Werley asked if the camera was put into the sewer line on Industrial Drive. The secretary did not think so. Mr. Werley asked that this be done ASAP.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize the road crew and the manager to prepare and advertise for bids for the 2011 Road Project. Roads included will be Pine Road, Laurel

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Avenue, Clayton Avenue, Berne Road, Lincoln Drive, Hill Drive and Diamond Drive. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for January, 2011 was given by Cheryl Haus. Not much progress has been made on sewer hook-ups due to the weather. The week of January 10-14, 2011 Reinsel Kuntz Lesher was in the office auditing the 2010 books. Reports were done for fourth quarter 2010, end of year, including W-2's, 1099's, etc.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to send a letter to Freedom Hyundai, approving their plan revision, subject to signing off on comments, within 10 days, made by Carbon Engineering, e-mail dated Feb. 1, 2011. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

Rebecca Romig completed her school project which included new / painted mailboxes for the Tilden Township Municipal Building.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to change the meeting date in March from March 5 to Friday, March 4, 2011 @ 8:00 a.m. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the 2011 Mobile Home Park license. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to accept the proposal of Reading & Northern Railroad to cooperatively make repairs to Industrial Drive. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the 2010 LST tax refund for Marlene Edmonds. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell for Resolution # 8, 2011 to participate in the Peer-to-Peer study with Northern Berks Recreation Commission for area recreation facilities. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary