

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Friday, March 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 8:00 A.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Bob Hall and Phil Harmon of R. J. Hall Company were present to discuss with the Board, costs and implementation of a pension plan for the Tilden Township Police Department, and also, the Non-Uniformed Pension plan which is currently in place.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to pay the following bills:

General Fund - Ck# 17074-17108 in the amount of \$48,889.86
Auto deductions in the amount of \$785.07
Payroll - Ck# 11617-11626 in the amount of \$16,454.76
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$5,448.77
Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - auto deductions in the amount of \$38.81
Sewer Fund - Ck# 2372-2378 in the amount of \$54,533.45
Auto deductions in the amount of \$530.57
TIP Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$56.46
TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$711.61
West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$299.49
Building & Zoning Ck # 127 in the amount of \$29,518.57
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$105.28
Ck # 1002 in the amount of 764.25
Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

DEBT SERVICE

Building - \$888,000.00
Tilden Collection System - \$5,704,000.00
HMA sewer expansion - \$3,001,040.88

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the February 4, 2011 Regular meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

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REPORT - POLICE

The report for February, 2011 was given by Chief Schwoyer. 53 shifts were covered, 411.50 hours were worked, 1,037 miles were put on vehicles and 118.52 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

The implementation of a Tilden Township Police Department Explorer Post sponsored by Tilden Township was discussed. Solicitor James Lillis stated several concerns he had with support by a government agency and also liability / legal challenges of a government agency to sponsor a private club. Since most applicants were outside of Tilden Township, a countywide sponsored agency was discussed. Costs of supplies / officer wages was discussed. Letters will be sent to all applicants who were interested in the Post.

Supervisors Judy Romig had information to report to the police regarding vandalism at the Kernsville Dam area. Chief Schwoyer will contact Pat Adams of Blue Mountain Wildlife.

Use of the police garage for the Tilden Township 125th Anniversary celebration was discussed.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

Supervisor Russ Werley asked if any response was received regarding the supply of water to the Pleasant Hills Mobile Home Park. A response has not been received.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

Zoning and UCC reports were received for February, 2011.

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The Report for February, 2011 was received.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to send letters to businesses, and place a notice in the Hamburg Item, regarding the length of time and defining the stretch of road that will be closed during the Tilden Township / railroad restoration on Industrial Drive, subject to details when they come available. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

Sweeping should be done on the sidewalk @ the park and also on the "pork chops" on Cabela Drive.

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REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for February, 2011 was given by Cheryl Haus. Not much progress has been made on sewer hook-ups due to the weather. The Secretary attended the FEMA meeting at the Ag Center with Supervisor Romig and Engineer Ron Tirpak. FEMA has provided new maps with new flood zone areas. Flood insurance on the pump stations was discussed.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the 90 day extension for Contentment Farms. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to exonerate the Tilden Township Street Light Tax at the Township owned property @ the pump station @ West State Street. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

Information on the Upper Bern Zoning Hearing with Joe Jurgielewicz was received.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

In a few cases our park has not been rented due to the lack of electricity, plumbing and sewer.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to contact the Park & Recreation Board to find out where they want the monument sign and for the Park & Recreation Board / Eagle Scout to move the sign, with help from the township road crew. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

The Barry Luckenbill plaque is on the list for the road crew. They haven't gotten to install it yet.

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

Schuykill Greenway contacted the township regarding adding a small sign to their signposts on the trail acknowledging Tilden Township for mowing the trail.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the LST refund requests from Brian Webb, Cindy Hoppes and Tiffany Hoppes. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

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**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE MEETING TO DISCUSS
PERSONNEL. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.**

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 Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to
adjourn the meeting at 10:21 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and
Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary