

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Saturday, April 10, 2010
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, Police Chief Dennis Schwoyer and Solicitor Joan London. 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.

A \$100.00 gift card was presented to Holly McEllroy for designing the Tilden Township website. Costs of designing websites are not cheap and Mrs. McEllroy designed the Township website at no charge to Tilden Township.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Sandie Kieffer of the Hamburg Emergency Medical Services asked the Board to clarify to the Township residents that the Fire Tax implemented in January, 2010 does not include their subscription to ambulance services. Ms. Kieffer stated that subscriptions are down compared to previous years and feels that residents are not going to subscribe due to the fire tax.

Marguerite Crow of 100 Yoder Street asked the Board for a waiver of the \$180.00 sewer usage payment until the problem with her lateral is solved.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell, because this is a township problem, to waive the \$180.00 sewer usage payment until the problem with the lateral @ 100 Yoder Street is resolved. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Schappell voted yes.

JoAnn Rahauser asked when the sewer project is going to be finished. Why the homes on West State Street across from the school are not hooked up. There is a problem with a property owner owning two properties that we cannot get easements for. This has gone to court and the homes in that area have put on hold. We will have to bid this section out to another contractor.

Yoder Heights paving will be started by the end of the month.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

**General Fund - Ck# 16594-16638 in the amount of \$67,613.73
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,221.96**

**Payroll - Ck# 11359-11386 in the amount of \$19,378.51
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$6,764.19**

**Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - auto deductions in the amount of \$74.06
Sewer Fund - Ck# 2270-2280 in the amount of \$187,872.78**

**Auto deductions in the amount of \$361.91
TIP Traffic Light Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$82.93**

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TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$612.05
West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$201.58
Building & Zoning Ck # 113 in the amount of \$1,760.00

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

DEBT SERVICE

Building - \$944,000.00
Tilden Collection System - \$4,841,077.67
HMA sewer expansion - \$3,240,871.20

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the March 6, 2010 meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the December 31 2009, February 5 & March 5, 2010 workshop minutes. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

The report for March, 2010 was given by Chief Schwoyer. 41 shifts were covered, 338 hours were worked, 1,097 miles were put on vehicles and 97.10 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report. An older model Sony Digital handycam and a 35 mm camera outfit was donated by the District Attorney's office. The Enradd system has not been used yet. Chief Schwoyer asked for a Board liaison. Gene Schappell will be the liaison.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve Resolution # 13, 2010 requiring Pre-empters to be installed on all new traffic lights. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

Zoning / Building reports for March, 2010 were received.

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The Roadmaster Report for March, 2010 was received.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the increase of 5%, as per the Road Master's 6 month review. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

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A motion for Resolution # 12, 2010 was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to formally accept the Deed of Dedication from Merrill & Elizabeth Ressler for right-of-ways along Mountain and Rocktown Roads. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A tentative award of a bid for paving of Yoder Street, Ruth Street, Marion Street and Kathryn Street, subject to Berks County Community Development Office approval, was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig, to EJB Paving & Materials, Co. in the amount of \$123,645.90. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for March, 2010 was given by Cheryl Haus. A meeting with Representative Tim Seip and Engineer, Ron Tirpak was held regarding the PennDOT manhole order.

Tilden Township was not funded from the PCCD "stimulus funds" grant application for a police officer. Only twelve applications were accepted.

\$74,476.50 was received from Berks E.I.T. Bureau for earned income tax during the period of December 1, 2009 and February 28, 2010.

A meeting was held with Mike Flanagan and Ben Stopper of VIST regarding the Township Pension Plan. VIST will be attending the April 30 workshop with a presentation to the Board.

The Emergency generator will be delivered mid-May.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to take the balance owed on the generator, after the grant of \$16,000.00, from the Sovereign Grant fund. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to appoint David Einsel as a member of the Park & Recreation Board. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Schappell voted yes.

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Application and fee schedule for the Act 167 Stormwater Management / Drainage Plan. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Russ Werley to authorize Judy Romig to order a 22x10 plaque for the pavilion, dedicated to Barry Luckenbill, in the amount of \$850.00, and a pin oak tree. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED @ 8:48 A.M. FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED @ 9:07 A.M.

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A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt the amended SALDO ordinance to include the requirement of traffic studies during the Land Development and Subdivision process. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the waiver request of Section 402(c) :Hydric soils of the HO type only exist to the rear of lots 10, 11 and 12. We would propose cross hatching this area and including the following note on the plan in lieu of performing a wetland delineation. "NO CONSTRUCTION OR GRADING WITHIN THE HO SOIL BOUNDARIES SHALL BE PERMITTED WITHOUT FIRST PERFORMING A WETLAND INVESTIGATION/DELINIATION AND OBTAINING ANY REQUIRED FEDERAL STATE OR LOCAL PERMITS, for Contentment Farms. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to approve the minor amendment to the Plan for Tilden Ridge, as per the letter dated March 22, 2010, from Carbon Engineering, Inc. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to re-approve the Rocktown Rollin Acres Subdivision Plan due to the expiration of the 90 day recording requirement. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Schappell voted yes.

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to accept the repository bid for the property @ 707 First Street extension. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to qualify the delinquent taxes @ 201 Merry Street as uncollectible. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

A letter will be sent to Upper Bern Township advising that the Board does not support the Shartlesville Community Park Trail System along Old 22. The letter will state that there is not enough information where the trail is, etc. If the Board receives more information, they will revisit the letter, and if the Board approves, they will send a letter of Support directly to DCNR.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to accept the service of the amended preliminary order to sell properties at the free and clear sale on June 23, 2010. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

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A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the LST refunds for Andrew Faust, Kyle Dancheck, Pamela Shollenberger, Melanie Lutz and David Cappuccio. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the partial exoneration of the sewer billing for Jesse Dixon, Jr. due to unlivable conditions. November and December, 2009 will be exonerated. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to accept the Township audit report for 2009. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to accept the tax collector audit report for 2009. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

JoAnn Rahauser asked if something could be done at the A.R. Adam & Son property, 4 Industrial Drive, where the water runs onto the road due to fill, etc. The office will ask the Road Master to talk to Mr. Adam and the State Street bridge contractor.

A waiver request for Mr. & Mrs. John Koinski, as per the recommendation of the Engineer, will not be granted. Law only provides for exoneration in the case of the property being 150 feet from the main sewer line.

The Board will review current applications for another road crew employee.

The secretary will review the final billing from LTL Consultants and provide information to the Board to decide the amount to be paid.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary