

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Saturday, April 2, 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 8:11 A.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD PRIOR TO THE MEETING REGARDING PERSONNEL

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Travis Hoshauer discussed with the Board, his Eagle Scout project of mulch / stone and edging around the building, sanding and painting the pavilion picnic tables. Work would be done either May 7 or June 4, 2011 **A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Eagle project of Travis Hoshauer. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.**

Jim Ryan, CEO of Red Robin Restaurant gave a presentation to the Board regarding the restaurant building on one of the Cabela Outparcels. **A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to accept the recommendation of the Township Planning Commission and approve the request for waivers from impervious surface and sidewalks. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.**
A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to accept the Township Planning Commission recommendation to approve the Red Robin Land Development Plan, subject to meeting the comments of Carbon Engineering on March 17 and March 30, 2011. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

Representative Mike Tobash was present to discuss with the Board the lease of the office in the Township Municipal building. **A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve a month-to-month lease in the amount of \$100.00 per month to rent the Representatives office. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.**

Kim Emes of 129 North Third Street, Hamburg, discussed with the Board the denial of the Explorer Post in Tilden Township. Mr. Emes stated the township was given flawed legal advice. Solicitor Lillis addressed that issue. Mr. Emes was also told that finances were also a deciding factor in the denial of the Tilden Township sponsored Explorer Post.

Dale Stoudt discussed his concern with charity the Township gave to Blue Mountain Wildlife on their road repairs, pay increases to the secretary, police and road crew, and the fire tax monies.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

General Fund - Ck# 17109-17150 in the amount of \$41,347.36
Auto deductions in the amount of \$964.41
Payroll - Ck# 11638-11661 in the amount of \$18,133.41
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$6,248.32
Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - auto deductions in the amount of \$144.06
Sewer Fund - Ck# 2379-2386 in the amount of \$142,019.30
Auto deductions in the amount of \$661.46
TIP Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$69.38
TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$696.94
West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$287.94
Building & Zoning Ck # 128 in the amount of \$25,239.96
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$99.64
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 March 4, 2011 Regular meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

The report for March, 2011 was given by Chief Schwoyer. 59 shifts were covered, 466.25 hours were worked, 1,315 miles were put on vehicles and 97.59 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

Training / classes for officers was discussed. Additional information was requested by the Board.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

Attorney Lillis discussed with the Board the zoning ordinance change from C-2 to C-3 in the commercial district.

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REPORT - ZONING/SEO

Zoning and UCC reports were received for March, 2011.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to authorize Attorney Lillis to send a letter to the Tilden Township Zoning Hearing Board to ensure a Homeowners Association is implemented, in the Special Exception request of Steve & Marlene Skoloda for a cluster Development on Walnut Road, to maintain the common areas, Stormwater, sewer, roads, etc. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to send a letter to the Tilden Township Zoning Hearing Board on the request from Eastern Pa. Conference of Seventh Day Adventist, request to operate an auto repair business on their educational property. The board wishes to uphold the ordinance. Upon roll call Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The Report for March, 2011 was received.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for March, 2011 was given by Cheryl Haus. Not much progress has been made on sewer hook-ups due to the weather. 8 hook-ups remain to be connected. A grant was filled out for WalMart for \$2,000.00 for the Tilden Township Police Department. E.I.T. taxes in the amount of \$69,999.31 were received, \$4,477.19 less than the same period last year. The 2011 road project was prepared. The 2011 county recycling report was prepared.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

Russ Werley stated he had a concern with the new swings that were purchased and installed. The construction was the same as the old set that was scrapped. The Township could have saved \$5,800.00.

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

Reading & Northern railroad called regarding the proposal they made to cooperate in the repairing of the Industrial Drive railroad crossing. They would like Tilden Township to pay \$10,000.00 for the concrete panels under the railroad.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to agree to the original proposal made by Reading & Northern Railroad. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

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REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the waiver requested by Philadelphia Pretzel Factory to exclude an exterior grease trap. The line will still need to be run on the interior and a monthly report would be required to keep track of the grease. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to accept the 2010 auditor's report. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

The Board authorized a letter to be sent to the Berks County Commissioners that Tilden Township does not understand the justification for the new radio system and costs for the radios will exceed the township's ability to pay.

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 Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary