

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Saturday, September 11, 2010
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Russ Werley, Judy Romig and Gene Schappell, Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus, Police Chief Dennis Schwoyer and 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 8:03 A.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Dale Stoudt of 437 Hill Drive asked Judy Romig why the State Street Bridge is not being named after Master Sergeant Richard Etchberger. Ms. Romig responded that it was discussed and officials participating though it would be better to dedicate a Hamburg Street or part of I-78 to Master Sergeant Etchberger.

Mr. Stoudt also asked Cheryl Haus about the well for the Mobile Home Park. Attorney Lillis stated a hydrogeologist has been retained, however, we do not have any reports at this time.

Richard Snyder of 231 Berne Road discussed with the Board the property on Berne Road owned by Todd Landis. Mr. Snyder stated there is junk on the property, trailers, a mobile home, camper and trailer, tall weeds, blocking the creek, and landscapers use the property as a dumping ground. The Board will instruct the Zoning / Property Maintenance Officer to inspect the property and report all findings to the Board. Mr. Snyder stated his property as well as the Landis property were Met-Ed properties and regulations exclude trailers and mobile homes. Solicitor Lillis stated that is a private restriction and would require private enforcement.

Mr. Snyder stated there is also a dog on Ash Road that continually barks. Supervisor Schappell replied that the Police Chief would check into the situation.

Eric Schrack of 353 West State Street asked the Board what is being done about the Stormwater on his property as a result of removing a pipe during the sewer project. The Board discussed the only option being installing a pipe to direct the water into a nearby existing Stormwater ditch. Supervisors Judy Romig and Gene Schappell will meet with the neighbor regarding an easement to correct this problem. Mr. Schrack also wants to meet with the Engineer and a Supervisor to view the tape of the sewer project regarding the paving of the driveway.

Mike Tobash, candidate for State Representative of the 125th District was in attendance to introduce himself and listen to the concerns in the township.

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The meeting was recessed @ 8:29 a.m. for the Vacation of Lowland Road public hearing. A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the public hearing and return to the regular meeting @ 8:39 a.m. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to adopt
ORDINANCE # 202, 2010

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF LOWLAND ROAD (TOWNSHIP ROUTE T-744) FROM ITS CURRENT INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 61 IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 1,186 FEET.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

- General Fund - Ck# 16804-16856 in the amount of \$119,283.80
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,643.88
- Payroll - Ck# 11467-11486 in the amount of \$14,102.68
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$5,843.09
- Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$85.74
- Sewer Fund - Ck# 2321-2332 in the amount of \$88,682.32
Auto deductions in the amount of \$277.31
- Sovereign Grant - Transfer \$1,490.80
- TIF Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$88.44
- TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$630.41
- West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$231.40
- Building & Zoning Ck # 118-119 in the amount of \$47,126.34
- Vacation of Lowland Road - Check # 900 in the amount of \$440.05
- Fire Tax Fund - Wire transfer in the amount of \$8,125.23
- Traffic Impact Fee Fund- Transfer in the amount of \$5,013.70

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

TOWNSHIP DEBT

- Building - \$944,000.00
- Tilden Collection System - \$5,704,000.00
- HMA sewer expansion - \$3,109,432.28

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the August 7, 2010 meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

The report for August, 2010 was given by Chief Schwoyer. 47 shifts were covered, 386.50 hours were worked, 1,235 miles were put on vehicles and 111.7 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 hire Peter Witman as a part-time police officer @ 13.50 per hour for 20-25 hours a week for traffic detail and any other assignments that may be needed. Upon roll call, Schappell and Romig voted yes, Russ Werley voted no.

The regular meeting was recessed @ 8:49 a.m. for the Ag Security Area hearing. A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to adjourn the Ag Security Area hearing and return to the Regular meeting @ 8:54 a.m.

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

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to adopt
RESOLUTION # 17, 2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
ADOPTING THE TILDEN TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA PLAN, AS
MODIFIED, AFTER CONDUCTING A SEVEN YEAR REVIEW

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

REPORT - SOLICITOR

Solicitor Lillis discussed with the Board the Cabela's rezoning request. All members of the Board stated they are open to further discussion as long as costs are reimbursed and the traffic issue is resolved.

Ron Tirpak, Township Engineer, will be asked to come to the October 1 workshop to discuss the billing of sewage by the Hamburg Municipal Authority.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to release the security and post a maintenance bond for Tilden Ridge, subject to, up to \$25,000.00 earmarked in the maintenance bond for resolution of the Cabela / Tilden Ridge pavement restoration on Wilderness Drive / Cabela Drive. Also, the resolution of the ownership of the sewer and water systems @ Tilden Ridge. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

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Discussion on rezoning parts of the area around the Kernsville Dam from C-2 and L-2 to Open Space was discussed. The Solicitor will prepare the necessary documents, etc. for a hearing at the November 6 meeting. Resident Richard Snyder stated the area is a mess and needs to be cleaned up.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

Zoning and building reports were received for August, 2010

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The report for August, 2010 was received.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the second increase, 3 month evaluation, of 4% as of August 1, 2010, for Michael Quick. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the repairs to guiderails on Hex Highway @ Creamery Road, Hex Highway @ Japappa Road, Hex Highway @ 1409 Hex Highway and Lowland Road and Industrial Drive. Repairs using used guiderails, at a cost of \$9,525.60. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The Secretary's report for August, 2010 was given.

An update on the sewer hook-ups was given. Five tapping fees are still owed, 38 connections still are not finished, 21 owe 2 quarters and there are 10 past due installments accounts. The Board will begin to enforce a deadline for connections as per the Ordinance.

A decision was made by the Board to delay paving of the remaining roads from the sewer construction project until Spring, 2011.

The billing for the TIF payment for 2010 was \$14,950.44, \$6,825.21 from General Funds and \$8,125.23 from the fire tax fund.

The 904 Recycling Grant was completed and sent to DEP

The Township Manager attended the Berks County Manager's meeting. MS4 stormwater issues were discussed for municipality requirements.

The grant from Berks County Community Development was received in the amount of \$115,000.00 for the paving of Kathryn Street, Ruth Street, Yoder Street and Marion Streets.

The State Pension Plan audit was received with the finding of the overstated payroll and overpayment received for 2009. The amount of \$5,051.18 was returned.

Trick-or-Treat night will be either October 28 and 29 or October 27 and 28. The same nights as Hamburg.

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REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize accepting the proposal from Bitting Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$27,968.85, under the CoSTARS contract, for playground equipment and curbing, to be installed in October. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to pay the final payment to Joao and Bradley in the amount of \$35,000.00 minus \$5,552.74 for PennDOT inspections supposed to be paid by Joao & Bradley. Amount of check to be \$29,447.26. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to accept the 90 day extension, to 12-11-2010, for Contentment Farms subdivision plan. 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 approve sending a request for an amended Resolution to the County Association to deduct Supervisors pay due to absence at meetings. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to approve the Tilden Township Collection Policy. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the 2011 MMO for the Tilden Township Pension Plan in the amount of \$14,740.00. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes. As per recommendations, the Board will discuss the possibility of additional monies to add to the Pension Plan during the Budget meeting on October 2.

A request by Blue Mountain Wildlife for road crew and equipment usage to fix an 8'x 40' section of the Kernsville Dam Road was tabled.

The meeting was recessed for an executive session regarding personnel @ 10:18 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened @ 10:36 a.m. No action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE is 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 Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary