

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Friday, September 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 8:01 A.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2011 REGARDING PERSONNEL  
AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2011 REGARDING LITIGATION**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -**

**John Minnich of 3218 Berne Road** asked if the Supervisors could do anything about the Propane Cannon at a property on Berne Road. The Solicitor will look into a noise, etc. ordinance.

**Dale Stoudt of 437 Hill Drive** said the paving was a good job, however, is the township doing anything about the shoulders. Millings will be used on the shoulders.

**Jodi Nester of 14 Clayton Avenue** asked if anything could be done about her neighbor's outdoor wood burner. The solicitor will look into an ordinance.

**Esther Hartman of 351 Lowland Road** stated something needs to be done about the water on her property, surrounding her house, coming from the Industrial Park Development. The secretary will set up a meeting with Mr. Hartman, the Roadmaster and Supervisor Werley. This may be an IWCO problem.

**Henry Witmyer, Greg Witmyer and Jim Woodacheck of Conestoga Foundry** discussed with the Supervisors and Anthony Merklinger, Code Official, the fire inspections that will be done on commercial building in Tilden Township. A letter will be sent to commercial businesses that received information packets earlier, stating a date and time for a meeting with Mr. Merklinger, to answer questions businesses may have.

**Brian Bartholomew of 513 Overview Drive** asked for information on the sewer extension to the Pleasant Hills Mobile Home Park. Solicitor Lillis explained the Environmental Hearing Board decision regarding DEP, Pleasant Hills and Tilden Township. Tilden Township is working with GSP Management toward an Agreement to connect Pleasant Hills to the West Hamburg Sanitary Sewer System.

**Dave Geist of Geist's Nursery, 1111 Hex Highway** asked What stipulates a commercial business relative to the Fire Inspections. Anthony Merklinger, Code Official, answered, The Sale of Goods and/or Services.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**General Fund - Ck# 17316-17348 in the amount of \$23,404.06**  
    **Auto deductions in the amount of \$6.50**  
**Payroll - Ck# 11769-11791 in the amount of \$18,569.15**  
    **ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$6486.28**  
**Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - Ck # 2013-2014 in the amount of \$2,945.00**  
**Sewer Fund - Ck# 2421-2427 in the amount of \$90,676.54**  
**Building & Zoning Ck # 135 in the amount of \$11,014.35**  
**Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Ck. # 101 in the amount of \$106.15**  
**Environmental Advisory Council Ck # 905 in the amount of \$922.02**  
**Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.**

**DEBT SERVICE**

Building - \$888,000.00  
Tilden Collection System - \$4,704,000.00  
HMA sewer expansion - \$2,859,171.96

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the August 5 & 6, 2011 meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.**

**REPORT - POLICE**

The report for August, 2011 was given by Acting Chief McEllroy. 63 shifts were covered, 504 hours were worked, 1,934 miles were put on vehicles and 209.68 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

Chief McEllroy thanked Roadmaster Mike Quick for cooperation with the Police department before and during the storm.

Supervisor Gene Schappell thanked Acting Chief McEllroy for the job well done during the Hurricane.

**REPORT - SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Lillis stated a letter was received from Henry Koch, Attorney for Ironwood Properties regarding questions / comments regarding the Zoning Amendment. A meeting will be set to, hopefully, work out any changes.

Anna Shollenberger asked for Planning Commission direction on the Amendment and the Final revised plan for Contentment Farms. Two comments will be added to the Contentment Farm plan. The first regarding the transfer of Lot 1 to Tilden Township and the second, when the Traffic Impact Fees should be paid.

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Solicitor Lillis also stated he sent a letter to Hamburg Municipal Authority regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> Addendum. Suggested entering into a new agreement, terms of old agreement modified, reflect Tilden Township has new system with -0- I&I, and using audited figures minus debt service.

**REPORT - ZONING/SEO**

The zoning / building code reports for August, 2011 were received.

**REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER**

The Report for August, 2011 was received.

**REPORT-SECRETARY**

The secretary's report for August, 2011 was given by Cheryl Haus. A meeting was held with Phil Harmon and Cathy Snyder to sign the financial paperwork, set up accounts, etc. for depositing into the Police Act 600 Pension Plan.

The Berks E. I. T. Bureau July 2011 payment in the amount of \$17,381.75 was received.

The October 1 meeting will be the 2012 Budget Preparation meeting. The November 5 meeting will be the approval of the 2012 Preliminary Budget and the December 3 meeting will be the approval of the 2012 final budget.

The October meeting will be changed from the workshop on September 30 and meeting on October 1 to the workshop on October 7 and the meeting on October 8, 2011.

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Tilden Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan MMO for 2012 in the amount of \$17,477.00. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.**

**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Tilden Township Police Pension Plan MMO for 2012, in the amount of \$17,647.65. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.**

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the 2012 contribution to the annuity for Dennis Schwoyer, in the amount of \$2,000.00. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.**

**REPORT - PARK & RECREATION**

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve and sign the contract for the concession stand / restroom, with Purcell Construction. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.**

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**REPORT - OLD BUSINESS**

**REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT - NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the release of \$133,554.00 from the financial security of Red Robin Restaurant, leaving a balance of \$54,908.00, as per the recommendation of Carbon Engineering. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

The secretary will contact Shoemakersville Borough, Center Township and Perry Township regarding the RATS survey and the Berne Bridge.

**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 Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus  
Secretary