

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Thursday, July 11, 2013
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Russell Werley and Carl Spatz, Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus, Township Solicitor, James Lillis and several residents. A copy of the roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell Werley, at 7:03 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD BEFORE THE MEETING REGARDING REAL ESTATE**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Dale Stoudt of 437 Hill Drive asked why the township is keeping the old patrol vehicle once the new vehicle is delivered. Chief McEllroy responded that there was just \$3,000.00 put into the transmission and it has a very low resale value. Supervisor Werley responded that it was the Supervisor's decision to keep it. The vehicle will only be used as a backup vehicle, to go to court, etc.

Fred Herman of 10 Berne Road asked if the township cleans up the cinders put onto the roads during the winter because it builds up at people's properties. Supervisor Werley responded that intersections are cleaned up and if it hinders water coming off the road, the road crew will respond.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to pay the following bills.

General Fund - Ck# 18162-18197 in the amount of \$38,222.06 # 18149 void
Auto deductions in the amount of \$2,317.09

Payroll - Ck# 12377-12399 in the amount of \$18,035.41 #12376 void
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$6,825.73

Cabela's Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$43.09

Sewer Fund - Ck# 2603-2609 in the amount of \$85,397.73

Auto deductions in the amount of \$3,582.56

TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$44.33

TIP Street Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$684.10

Building & Zoning Ck # 164 in the amount of \$11,811.15

West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$255.47

Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$83.89

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

DEBT SERVICE

Building - \$753,900.00

Tilden Collection System - \$4,675,100.00

HMA sewer expansion - \$4,639,100.00

Park & Recreation owes Sovereign Grant \$42,637.49

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the June 13, 2013 Regular meeting minutes and the June 7, 2013 workshop minutes. Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

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REPORT - POLICE

The report for June, 2013 was given by Chief McEllroy. 113 incidents were handled, 1,742 miles were put on vehicles and 205 gallons of fuel were used. The 2014 patrol vehicle was ordered on June 17, 2013. Delivery will be in approximately 2 months.

Further information on the records management system will be received before the 2014 budget is started.

Fred Herman of 10 Berne Road asked if the problems with the tower in Bethel Township will affect the new Tilden Township radios. Chief McEllroy responded that it would.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

A discussion was held on the adoption of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code and collection of fees. Items discussed were insect screens, weeds, tenant heat supply, exempting agriculture, etc. The Ordinance was tabled until the August meeting. The Solicitor will draft another ordinance for review.

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize the acquiring of a grading easement from Thomas G. Werley, Jr., on the southeast corner of Pine Road and Laurel Avenue, as necessary, to complete the 2013 Road Project, with fees not to exceed \$550.00. Upon roll call, Spatz and Schappell voted yes. Werley abstained.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

The Report for June, 2013 was received

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The Report for June, 2013 was received.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report For June, 2013 was given by Cheryl Haus. Preparation of Supervisor packets, payroll, agendas, paid bills, phone calls. The secretary thanked the Supervisors for approving her two weeks of vacation.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

The secretary will give the Supervisors the number of rentals and approximate number of people that have rented the pavilion this year.

Due to lack of discussion items, the July 17 meeting will be cancelled.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz to authorize the rental of a dumpster, from Nester's Sanitation, size up to 2 cubic yards, for approximately 6 months, for the Park. Upon roll call, Werley and Spatz voted yes. Schappell abstained.

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

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REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to conditionally approve the Advance Auto Parts Preliminary / Final Plan subject to fulfilling the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission letter of July 10, 2013. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Werley annexation final plan, subject to the Planning Commission letter of July 10, 2013. Upon roll call, Spatz and Schappell voted yes. Werley abstained.

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

The Comcast cable franchise was discussed. Cohen Law Group is sending a red lined copy of the old Agreement so the Board can see the differences between the old and new Agreements. A date for a hearing was tabled until the Board gets the Agreement.

The letter from the Berks County Commissioners for a replacement for the RATS committee was discussed.

None of the Supervisors will speak at the Shartlesville Parade on behalf of the new Shartlesville truck.

Cameron Keener completed his Eagle Scout project and a Certificate of Appreciation will be sent.

Supervisor Schappell suggested sending a letter to Comcast regarding the tree on Pine Road that has been on the wires since Hurricane Sandy. Since we are negotiating the Comcast Agreement, we will send a picture of the tree on the wires to Cohen Law Group, who is negotiating the Agreement.

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 Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus, Secretary