

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Friday, August 2, 2013  
Workshop

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Russell Werley, and Carl Spatz, Chief of Police Bill McEllroy, Zoning / Building Officer, Anthony Merklinger, and Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus. One resident, Eileen Luckenbill was present. A copy of the Attendance sheet is with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order @ 8:00 a.m.

Items discussed were

- ✓ August 8, 2013 agenda items
- ✓ The secretary will be meeting with Phil Harmon of R.J. Hall on Thursday, August 8 @ 9 am, if anyone would like to attend. The secretary also met with David Coult of Milestone Financial Associates regarding investments and pension plans.
- ✓ Eileen Luckenbill of 323 Clayton Avenue discussed with the Board, her rental property @ 8 Moonlight Drive and the R-3 Zoning District, which does not allow 2 or more family dwellings. The Board will consider changing the zoning district to 2 or more family dwellings as a conditional use.
- ✓ Other zoning amendments previously discussed, such as Woodland Conservation, changing the C-2 district on the Tilden Ridge side to C-3 for clarification purposes, sign regulations for the strip mall area, etc. will be organized by the Zoning / Building Officer and the secretary and presented to the Board for amendment consideration.
- ✓ Anthony Merklinger, Zoning / Building Officer discussed with the Board the Property Conservatorship Act, which is a tool to get blighted, etc. properties back on the tax roles. Initial costs would be approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000, which would be recouped with the sale of the property. As per Mr. Merklinger, properties @ 6 Linden Drive, 307 West State Street, 99 Diamond Drive, 205 Bachmoll Road, 5 Fox Road and 545 West State Street would be possibilities for this program.
- ✓ Adoption of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code. The Board will adopt Ordinance 214, 2013, which has been prepared, advertised, etc. at the meeting on Thursday, August 8, 2013
- ✓ International Property Maintenance Code hearing Board. Members of the Planning Commission will be asked to represent Tilden Township as members of the IPMC hearing Board.
- ✓ Notice of Violation for 5 Fox Road. Discussion with the property owner has been requested
- ✓ The Police Financial Survey and the Police Assessment survey from Berks County were discussed.
- ✓ Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement was discussed. The Board will await the advice of the Solicitor. One question of "Borough" instead of "Township" in the Agreement was asked
- ✓ The flagpole at Rhoades Memorial Park, Eagle Project of Sam Moseman was discussed. The Board is fine with a sturdy steel pole being used, as long as it is cemented in the ground at the proper depth and sanded, primed and painted correctly.

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- ✓ The Board will approve moving forward with the West Hamburg Sanitary Sewer project for the 13 homes on West State Street that had been removed from the original plan.
- ✓ One light at pump station # 2 and one light at pump station # 3 will be installed.
- ✓ Supervisor Schappell will check with the company that installed his solar system for information / meeting time, to discuss solar installation for Tilden Township. Financial assistance from government / Met-Ed will be researched
- ✓ The refund for Cabela's Reassessment was discussed. Crediting their account and the refund of 100% collected versus 36% retained by Tilden Township was discussed.
- ✓ The request from Logan's for irrigation meter charge relief was discussed.
- ✓ The Board asked if the Zoning Hearing Board has authority to set conditions of working hours for variances / special exceptions for commercial businesses
- ✓ Local charity events such as car shows, bike races, foot races and emergency personnel / fire police was discussed. Chief McEllroy has set up a meeting between the police and emergency services.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting @ 12:05 p.m. Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

Tilden Township  
Secretary

Cheryl A. Haus