

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Thursday, July 10, 2014
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Fred Herman and Carl Spatz, Jr., Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus, Police Chief Bill McEllroy, 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 Gene Schappell, at 7:08 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014 REGARDING PERSONNEL**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014 BEFORE THE MEETING REGARDING LITIGATION.****PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Sandie Kieffer of the Hamburg EMS was present and told the Board that they have received all the radios. The mobile radios have been installed and the portables are charging, however, the serial numbers are still needed to be programmed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to pay the following bills:

General Fund - Ck# 18581-18608 in the amount of \$33,003.25
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$2,302.67
 Payroll - Ck# 12712-12728/ in the amount of \$17,277.36
 ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$6,504.92
 Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - auto deductions in the amount of \$44.45
 Sewer Fund - Ck# 2681-2687 in the amount of \$92,647.29
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$470.27
 TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$46.29
 TIP Street Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$558.53
 West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$169.24
 Building & Zoning Ck # 179 in the amount of \$ 905.00
 Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$85.77
 Park & Recreation - Ck # 365 in the amount of \$50.00
 Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

DEBT SERVICE

Building - \$705,000.00
 Tilden Collection System - \$3,514,585.00
 HMA sewer expansion - \$4,445,655.12
 Park & Recreation owes Sovereign Grant - \$32,637.49

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the June 6, 2014 Workshop minutes and the June 12, 2014 regular meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Herman, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

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REPORT - POLICE

The report for June, 2014 was given by Chief McEllroy. 95 incidents were handled, 1,303 miles were put on vehicles and 130 gallons of fuel were used. On June 20, 2014 "Train the Trainer" training will be done for the new county radio system. Testing will begin August 4 and police use, phase roll out will begin approximately November 2, 2014. Officers are working on thefts in the mobile home park and surrounding roads. All thefts are from unlocked vehicles

REPORT - SOLICITOR

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to withdraw the appeal of 2007 of the Township of Tilden, etal. Vs. Zoning Hearing Board of the Township of Tilden, etal. Judge Spreicher has ordered that a rule to show cause be issued to the parties to show cause why the case should not be terminated for inactivity. As per the Township Solicitor, circumstances have been resolved and there is no purpose in pursuing the appeal. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted to withdraw the appeal.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

The Reports for May, 2014 were received.

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The Report for June, 2014 was received.

A motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Carl Spatz to hire Nick Gehringer as a full-time employee of the Road Crew. Mr. Gehringer will start at an hourly wage of \$16.00 per hour with health benefits beginning July 14, 2014. There will be a 90 day probation period. After the 90 days an evaluation will be done by the Roadmaster and within 2 weeks a report will be given to the Board of Supervisors. Upon a satisfactory evaluation and completion of his CDL, the hourly wage will be increased to \$17.50 per hour. All other benefits will be per the current employee handbook. Upon roll call, Herman, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

Supervisor Schappell made a recommendation that painting of slow with arrows be painted on Hill Drive to help with a speeding problem. The secretary will talk to the Engineer for advice on how to proceed.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The Secretary's report for June, 2014 was given. The secretary worked with the auditor to supply information needed to certify billing numbers to Hamburg Municipal Authority as per the current contract. On June 11, 2014 the secretary attended the Berks County Secretary's Association meeting. Discussion was on Property Improvement, given by the City of Reading Zoning Officer. July 1, 2014 sewer bills were printed and mailed. The secretary worked with Milestone Financial and Municipal Partners to get paperwork ready for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan switch. Hopefully all will be switched over by August 1, 2014.

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REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

A load of mulch will be gotten from A. R. Adam & Sons for the current playground. A discussion was held regarding the grass in the infield of the ball field and who will maintain it the 9 months Tilden Baseball is not playing on the field. The secretary also discussed with the Board and Park & Recreation members the need for discussion with Tilden Baseball on who is expected to do what maintenance. The secretary stated she worked Thursday to clean the floor of the concession stand in order to rent the concession stand / pavilion on Friday night. The next meeting will be August 6, 2014. A date will be set in September to have a work day on dugouts, fencing, etc.

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to refund the 2013 LST to Ellyn White in the amount of \$40.00 for wages less than the \$12,000.00 threshold. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

A discussion was held, with public participation, on the proposed Code Red emergency system being considered by the Board. The secretary will work with the Police Chief on guidelines for using the system. These guidelines will be presented to the Board at the August 8 workshop.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE is available as well as minutes and reports of all Boards in Tilden Township. Please contact the secretary.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting on @ 8:15 P.M. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary