

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Thursday, May 8, 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., Assistant Township Secretary, Stacy Degler, 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 7:02 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ron Arndt, 745 Hex Highway, addressed the board regarding a trash problem at a nearby property. The board indicated that Mr. Arndt needs to complete a property maintenance complaint form so the situation may be addressed.

Dale Stoudt, 437 Hill Drive, addressed the board regarding the necessity of retaining the old police car.

Marilyn Krick, 175 Woodland Terrace, who was unable to attend the meeting, spoke to the Assistant Secretary on 5/8/14 to express concern regarding logging activities near the Blue Mountain Academy. She requested that the Township consider a permanent burn ban on the north side of Mountain Road.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**General Fund** - Ck# 18504-18538 in the amount of \$74,416.84  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,256.89  
**Payroll** - Ck# 12651-12682 in the amount of \$29,617.16  
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$11,108.62  
**Cabela's Traffic Light Fund** - auto deductions in the amount of \$64.06  
**Sewer Fund** - Ck# 2667-2673 in the amount of \$86,363.63  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$443.53  
**TIP Traffic Light** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$54.90  
**TIP Street Light** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$558.91  
**West Hamburg Street Lt Fund** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$169.70  
**Building & Zoning** Ck # 176 in the amount of \$ 609.75  
**Tilden Ridge Traffic Light** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$86.88

**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 - \$4,456,811.75  
Park & Recreation owes Sovereign Grant - \$32,637.49

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the April 3, 2014 Workshop minutes, the April 10, 2014 regular meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Herman, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.**

**REPORT - POLICE**

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The report for April, 2014 was given by Chief McEllroy. 100 incidents were handled, 1,919 miles were put on vehicles and 140.94 gallons of fuel were used. Four (4) new Motorola radios were picked up for the upcoming new system set to launch August 1, 2014. Agreement to Cody upgrade was signed. Received quotes from Dell for the purchase of two backup hard drives. Ordered a server from Dell on 5/1/14.

**REPORT - SOLICITOR**

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve Ordinance # 217, 2014 to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to join with other entities as a member of the Berks County Emergency Response Team. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

**REPORT - ZONING/SEO**

The Report for April, 2014 was received.

**REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER**

The Report for March, 2014 was received.

A motion was made by Carl Spatz, Jr. and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the advertising and bidding for the 2014 Road Project which includes work on the following roads: Mountain Road, Ash Road, Old Route 22 and Windy Road. Upon roll call, Herman, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Carl Spatz, Jr. and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the hiring of Alan G. Ammarell as a part-time, as needed, roadcrew worker at the hourly rate of \$16.00 per hour. Upon roll call, Herman, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

**REPORT-SECRETARY**

Attended BCCPC meeting on April 8, 2014. The salt contract was again discussed by those with damages. Results of the ammunition survey were received with 12 municipalities looking to participate. Bern Township will take the lead for proposals. Attended the Berks County Secretaries meeting on April 9, 2014, topic was 'Safety in the Workplace'. Chief Eaken gave the presentation. Chief McEllroy attended also. A table dialogue was done by each table and results will be compiled by the Center. A follow-up session will be held to identify and put together a best practices manual. Attended PSATS convention on April 14 & 15, 2014. Voted on Resolutions as Board directed. A few additional Resolutions were added, including one for a 4% increase in annual dues. I opposed this increase as there was an increase in 2012 and the difference from 2012 to 2013 was a \$2,000,000.00 difference (to the good) in operating income. The motion was passed. The difference for Tilden Township dues in 2014 will be \$33.00.

**REPORT - PARK & RECREATION**

Gene Schappell stated that a solar light for the flagpole at the baseball field was ordered and will be installed.

**REPORT - OLD BUSINESS**

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**REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT**

A request was received from Primax Construction Inc., (Advance Auto) to release financial security. A letter from Greg Haas of Carbon Engineering dated May 5, 2014 outlining remaining requirements that need to be met, was reviewed in response to this request.

A motion was made by Carl Spatz, Jr. and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the release of financial security funds to Primax Construction Inc. in the amount of \$242,685.00, and retain the balance of \$29,831.75 until all conditions are satisfactorily completed. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

**REPORT - NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Carl Spatz, Jr. and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the request for waiver of zoning fee of \$50.00 for the new baseball shed. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the request for road closures for Adventist Whole Health Network 7th Annual Fit Family 5K Race on Sunday, June 15, 2014, pending the receipt of clarification of the term "premises" on the Certificate of Insurance. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

A motion was made by Carl Spatz, Jr. and seconded by Fred Herman to deny the second request made by Logan's Roadhouse for refund of \$11,371.91 for sewer irrigation meter. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

A request from the Fleetwood Police Department for fire police assistance on Saturday, May 31, 2014 was discussed. As Tilden Township has no jurisdiction over the assignment of fire police, a letter will be sent to the Fleetwood Police Department indicating such.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve LST refunds as follows:

**Marlene Edmonds - \$40.00**

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

At this time, Gene Schappell re-opened the subject of bills to be paid for several additional bills that were received after the initial bill list for the meeting agenda had been set. They are as follows:

1. Payment to Paul Shobe in the amount of \$150.00 for 3 sets of truck tire chains. Check to be issued.
2. Payment to the Hamburg Municipal Authority in the amount of \$63,936.48 for sewer usage charges for the first quarter of 2014. Paid from the Sewer Fund with check # 2675.
3. Payment to Tompkins Insurance Agencies, Inc. in the amount of \$3,074.00 for police professional insurance policy. Paid from the General Fund with check # 18539.

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4. Payment to Tompkins Insurance Agencies, Inc. in the amount of \$3,674.00 for public officials insurance policy. Paid from the General Fund with check # 18540.

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

General Fund - Ck# 18539-18540 in the amount of \$6,748.00  
- To be written to Paul Shobe in the amount of \$150.00  
Sewer Fund - Ck# 2675 in the amount of \$63,963.48

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

**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 Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting on @ 8:10 P.M. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.**

ATTEST:

Stacy L. Degler  
Assistant Secretary