

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wednesday, September 14, 2016  
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. Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus, Township Solicitor, Joan London, Police Chief William McEllroy 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 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -**

**Dale Stoudt of 437 Hill Drive** asked the number of man hours being spent at the Kernsville Dam since the gate has been installed and why the police are spending so much time there. Chief McEllroy responded that the police need to be there to get the message out that the area is closed. The police are responding to complaints that people are still there and also doing random checks. The police are trying to be proactive and trying to deter people by enforcement of the No Trespassing signs. Mr. Stoudt asked if BMW is still bringing the Kernsville Dam trash here. BMW has talked to Nester's and Nester's does not charge Tilden Township more to include the trash. Mr. Stoudt asked why the guiderails along Industrial Drive have been moved back so far. The Roadmaster moved the guiderails back to allow those walking along Industrial Drive a safe place to walk and also to be able to move the snow back farther along the road. Mr. Stoudt asked about the installation of the stop signs on Fisher Dam Road at the railroad tracks. The engineering study done by Carbon Engineering provided the plan to install them.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**General Fund - Ck# 19455-19482 in the amount of \$60,796.12**  
     **Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,539.69**  
**Payroll - Ck# 12953-12961 in the amount of \$28,737.42**  
     **ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$11,804.99**  
**Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - auto deductions in the amount of \$65.94**  
     **Ck # 2031 in the amount of \$106.25**  
**Sewer Fund - Ck# 2892-2898 in the amount of \$179,188.12**  
     **Auto deductions in the amount of \$568.81**  
**TIP Traffic Light - auto deduction in the amount of \$51.24**  
**West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$203.89**  
**Building & Zoning Ck # 209 in the amount of \$ 992.00**  
**Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$77.34**  
**Upon roll call, Herman, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.**

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**DEBT SERVICE**

Building - \$541,000.00  
Tilden Collection System - \$2,535,800.00  
HMA sewer expansion - \$3,801,823.67  
Park & Recreation owes Sovereign Grant - \$20,360.11

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**REPORT - POLICE**

The report for August, 2016 was given by Chief McEllroy. 119 incidents were handled, 1,029 miles were put on vehicles. All three officers attended a free training at Penn State Berks entitled "Cop Shot". Chief McEllroy met with the new PA State Police Station Commander. Supervisor Schappell Thanked Officers Witman and Quinones for handling calls, etc. while Chief McEllroy was on vacation.

**REPORT - SOLICITOR**

Solicitor London introduced Alex Elliker who is a new attorney at Kozloff Stoudt and may be attending Tilden Township meetings in the future.

As per the request by Berks E.I.T. Bureau for a Resolution to collect delinquent taxes, the secretary will forward another copy of the ordinance that was adopted in June, 2016

**A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to authorize the Solicitor to amend and advertise the Traffic Regulations ordinance to include No Parking on the entire Industrial Drive from West State Street to and including the cul-de-sac. Upon roll call, Herman, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.**

The Solicitor did a brief search on the letter from DCNR and their request for information regarding a 1978 public outdoor facilities grant used at the Township Park property at 524 West State Street and the move of the park to 874 Hex Highway at the municipal building. Ms. London will contact DCNR.

Adjustments to the draft of the Personnel policy are being made and will then be sent to the Solicitor for review.

**REPORT - ZONING/BUILDING**

The Report for August, 2016 was received

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**REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER**

The Report for August, 2016 was received.

**A motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Carl Spatz to replace the pipe on Willow Road at a cost of \$1,488.00 plus township crew labor. Upon roll call, Herman, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.**

**REPORT-SECRETARY**

The secretary's report for August, 2016 was given by Cheryl Haus. The secretary attended the FirstNet seminar on August 30 regarding the new Broadband single nationwide network for public safety only. The Attorney General of the United States and the Secretary of Homeland Security have established the law as a result of the terrorist attacks on 9/11. Plans are being drafted by FirstNet. PA will need to decide to go with the First Net Plan or submit a plan of their own. No costs are available and buildout is planned for 2022.

Dave Coult of Milestone Financial was in touch with the office to discuss the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan, the investments, etc.

The 2017 budget has been started.

The secretary and Zoning / building officer met with Floyd Dare on Monday, Sept 6 regarding his complaints about his neighbor. The only violation the zoning / building officer sees is possible unlicensed vehicles. Mr. Dare was given a complaint form and told to return it to the office. As of this date, the office has not received the complaint form.

Tilden Township received a \$15,048.33 reimbursement for Winter Storm Jonas.

**REPORT - PARK & RECREATION**

The Outdoor movie night scheduled for August 20 was held with approximately 160 people attending. The next meeting for Park & Recreation will be Wednesday, September 28, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

**REPORT - OLD BUSINESS**

**REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**A motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the request of a waiver of sidewalks along Jetson Drive subject to the developers' agreement that sidewalks can be required by the Board of Supervisors as per Section 2401 of the Second Class Township Code. Upon roll call, Herman, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.**

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A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to grant conditional approval of the Valenti Mid-Atlantic Realty Preliminary / Final Land Development Plan, subject to the comments of Carbon Engineering of August 15, 2016 and an Improvements Agreement and financial security being provided. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

**REPORT - NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the 2017 Police Pension Plan MMO of \$31,157.00. Upon roll call, Herman, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the 2017 Non-Uniformed Pension Plan MMO of \$38,496.00. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the LST refund of \$ 36.00 for Lacey E. Boyer. Upon roll call, Spatz, Herman and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the LST refund of \$16.00 for Isabelle Caruso. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE** was available with the Secretary as well as minutes and reports of all Boards in Tilden Township.

1. The Liquid Fuels audit for 2015 was received.
2. Blue Mountain Wildlife newsletter
3. Hamburg Area Historical Society newsletter
4. J. P. Mascaro invite to new facility
5. Thank you from Hamburg Emergency Medical Services for donation.

The secretary will contact Liberty Environmental for a quote on the MS4 requirements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus Secretary