

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wednesday, August 14, 2019  
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Fred Herman and Richard DeLong, Police Chief William McEllroy, Township Solicitor Joan London, Road Master Michael Quick, Township Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower and local residents. 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:**

- Phil Werley inquired of the status on the three zoning violation complaints he submitted last month. It was reported that one property was in compliance and the other two property owners agreed to remedy the violation. The Zoning Officer will be following up on compliance of property owners.
- Phil Werley also inquired how long the Township was going to allow residents to keep the "No Warehouse No Overlay" signs up. The Solicitor advised that signs on private property and are a political type of sign, that is a free speech issue and cannot be required to take them down unless they are in the right-of-way, looking bad and deteriorating or a safety hazard.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to pay the following bills and accept the debt service: Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

- General Fund** - Ck# 3641 - 3672 in the amount of \$45,564.29  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$2,086.50
- Payroll** - Ck# 13296 - 13306 and EFT in the amount of \$37,769.19  
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) \$12,588.48
- Cabela Traffic Light** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$60.54
- Sewer Fund** - Ck# 3112 - 3118 in the amount of \$114,426.19  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$786.84
- TIP Traffic Light** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$54.75
- TIP Street Light Fund** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$746.23
- West Hamburg Street Light** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$463.70
- Building & Zoning** - Ck# 254 in the amount of \$4,902.04
- Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$84.64
- Traffic Impact Fee Fund** - Ck# 1013 in the amount of \$1,739.50

**DEBT SERVICE**

- Building - \$346,600.00
- Tilden Collection System - \$ 2,168,012.22
- HMA sewer expansion - \$3,146,936.00

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the Workshop Minutes for July 5, 2019 and Regular Meeting minutes of July 10, 2019. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.**

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**THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 7:07PM FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LABOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND RECONVENED AT 7:20PM**

**REPORT - POLICE:**

- The report for July 2019 was given by Chief McEllroy.
- National Nigh Out was held on August 7<sup>th</sup>, Tilden Police Officers were invited to attend the Northern Berks and Shoemakersville events. Residents were both surprised and happy to see them there.

**A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Tilden Township Board of Supervisors and the Tilden Township Police Association for January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2023. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes; DeLong voted no.**

**REPORT - SOLICITOR:**

**A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Ordinance #236-2019 an ordinance repealing Ordinance #97-1993 relating to the Township Manager position, and creating the administrative office of Township Manager/ incorporating the job description for the position; giving the Board of Supervisors the power to determine the Township Manager's salary; repealing inconsistent ordinances and parts for ordinances; providing a savings clause and providing for an effective date (5 days after the date of adoption). Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes; DeLong voted no.**

- A discussion was held on the Jetson Drive and Dave's Way intersection and the property owner's responsibilities. The drawing discussed at the Workshop was presented to the Solicitor which will contact the property owners surrounding Dave's Way with the suggested solution.
- Presentations are being solicited and scheduled from firms for the next Workshop and/or Regular Meeting to prepare for the selling of the Blue Mountain Water Cooperative. The Secretary will invite Dave Gettle to attend.

**REPORT - ZONING/BUILDING:**

The Report for July 2019 was received.

**REPORT - ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY:**

The Report for July 2019 was received.

- The backhoe was purchased and delivered. Thank you to the Board, it's a very nice machine.
- The basketball court was paved on August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Lines will be painted on the court for \$650.00
- The Road Project is in progress and going very well. New Enterprise is doing and outstanding job.
- Blooming Glen will be working on PS#2 next week.

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**REPORT - ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY (cont'd):**

-A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman authorizing the Roadmaster to order a sewer pump for PS#2 at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.00. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

-A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve a 90-day probationary period for Darryl Adam, ending September 24, 2019. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

**REPORT-SECRETARY:**

The secretary's report for July 2019 was given by Monica Flower.

**REPORT - PARK & RECREATION:**

-A discussion was held regarding partially paving of the drive up to the park pavilion. Three quotes will be presented at the next Workshop.  
-Ideas and pricing for foul ball netting for next months meeting.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC):**

-Pat Adams resigned on June 18, 2019.  
-Susie Bigelow resigned on August 2, 2019.

**SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT:**

-Wawa access reconstruction discussion was continued from the Workshop meeting. It was decided to ask Wawa to attend the next workshop for further suggestions.

**REPORT - OLD BUSINESS:**

**REPORT - NEW BUSINESS:**

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve LST refund for Patricia Tokarchek in the amount of \$20.00. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

-PSATS Township Legal Defense Partnership - Summer 2019  
-The Township Planner - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting @ 8:39 P.M. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Monica Flower  
Secretary