

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, May 13, 2020
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, Road Master Michael Quick, Township Solicitor Joan London and Township Secretary Monica Flower local residents participated via conference call. A copy of the roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Schappell at 7:04 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Wolf's stay-at-home order, the Tilden Township Municipal building is still closed to the public. Therefore, the Tilden Township Board of Supervisors meeting was held via audio conference call only. Residents were able to call in, listen and be heard during public participation.

Steven & Marlene Skoloda - Asked for clarification of the process for the submission of final plans for Walnut Acres and for a time extension. The final plan process was addressed by the Solicitor. The letter for the time extension request was received by the office and will be on the June agenda for consideration.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

General Fund - Ck# 3964 - 4000 in the amount of \$28,959.29
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$17,921.58
 Payroll - Ck# 13363 and EFT in the amount of \$32,158.21
 ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) \$11,961.68
 Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$63.10
 Sewer Fund - Ck# 3160 - 3163 in the amount of \$105,084.41
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$802.61
 TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$59.45
 TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$747.58
 West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$230.21
 Building & Zoning - Ck# 275 & 276 in the amount of \$1,234.68
 Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$111.27

DEBT SERVICE

Building - \$290,600.00
 Tilden Collection System - \$2,066,712.22
 HMA sewer expansion - \$2,924,233.11

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the April 8, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

- The report for April 2020 was given by Chief McEllroy.

REPORT - ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY

- The Report for April 2020 was received.
- PennDOT Construction taking place in the area is using a property on Diamond Drive. There is a concern to large trucks and equipment damaging the roads being used: Laurel & Maple Drive. Possibility of posting a sign for limited truck traffic to delivery trucks only. The Solicitor would research damage to local road by PennDOT and advised that the Township Engineer be consulted regarding signage.
- Seasonal crew member, Dennis Adam, to start 6-4-2020 if he feels comfortable
- A discussion was held regarding the possibility of Blue Mountain Wildlife closing trails due to safety concerns with ongoing construction. The Road Master offered help with putting barriers in place if needed. Fred Herman will be contact the chairman of the Blue Mountain Wildlife committee for more information.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

- Completing the pavement of the drive up to the pavilion was approved at a previous meeting. A discussion was held regarding payment of the project and was decided that due to unknown affect the pandemic would have on township revenue that this project would be paid out of the Sovereign Grant Funds and reimbursed by the General Fund at the end of the year if budget allows.

SOLICITOR

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize Kozloff Stoudt to advertise Ordinance #240-2020 to provide for property addressing, assignment of address, change o address, building numbering requirements, and to set forth penalties for violation. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes; DeLong voted no.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution #2020-8 to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Centre Township for sharing of road maintenance equipment and manpower. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize Kozloff Stoudt to advertise Ordinance #241-2020 for Emergency Cost Recovery Services to authorize local fire companies to seek reimbursement for expenses from insurance companies. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes; DeLong voted no.

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SOLICITOR (cont'd):

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to execute the advisor financial service agreement from PFM subject to one more review by the solicitor. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report for April 2020 was given by Monica Flower.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to reschedule the July workshop to July 2, 2020. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to ratify the extensions of the Emergency Declaration on May 1 & May 8, 2020 for another seven days. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve Emergency Declaration extension in increments of seven days until June 4, 2020. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the 2019 LST refund for Trisha Surak in the amount of \$25.00. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the 2019 LST Refund for Jacqueline Kerns in the amount of \$15.00. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution #2020-7 to extend the Real Estate tax flat period deadline to September 30, 2020. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adjourn the meeting @ 9:14 P.M. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Monica A. Flower
Secretary