

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, July 8, 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, Township Secretary 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 7:08 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS WERE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020 @ 3:30PM AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020 AT 6:00PM REGARDING PERSONNEL

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Michael Fisher, Upper Bern Supervisor & Attorney Hank Clark were present to discuss and request permission to place weight restriction signs in Tilden Township in accordance to the Upper Bern Ordinance recently adopted. The matter had been discussed with the Township Engineer. Per his recommendation, signs should be place on Mountain Road just before the intersection with Tilden Ridge Drive and on Lowland Road just before the intersection with Mountain Road. It was also suggested by a resident to place a left turn only sign on Mountain Road directly across from Lowland Road.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to allow Upper Bern to place up to three signs in Tilden Township to discourage truck traffic on Mountain Road at Upper Bern's expense. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes. DeLong voted no.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

General Fund - Ck# 4027 - 4052 in the amount of \$82,173.97
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$3,878.41
 Payroll - Ck# 13367 & 13383 and EFT in the amount of \$50,140.79
 ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) \$19,384.69
 Cabela Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$64.92
 Sewer Fund - Ck# 3169 & 3171 in the amount of \$51,638.86
 Auto de9uctions in the amount of \$711.62
 TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$59.47
 TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$751.49
 West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$231.30
 Building & Zoning - Ck# 280 - 281 in the amount of \$8,621.84
 Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$107.34
 Park & Recreation - Ck# 388 & 389 in the amount of \$120.00
 Highway/State Fund - Ck# 115 - 117 in the amount of \$21,682.06
 Traffic Impact Fee Fund - Ck# 1021 in the amount of \$8,394.44

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Building - \$271,600.00
Tilden Collection System - \$2,032,412.22
HMA sewer expansion - \$2,901,918.85

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the June 5, 2020 Workshop Minutes and the June 10, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

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

REPORT - ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY

- The Report for June 2020 was received.
- Shoulder mowing was done.
- Updates were given on Road Occupancy & Driveway Permits, PennDOT project on Industrial Drive and MS4.
- The Board reviewed the letter received from PennDOT dated June 12, 2020 regarding traffic signal poles. The findings of the Township Engineer and Roadmaster are as follows per an email received on 6/24/2020:
On 6/23/2020, the Township Engineer, Greg Haas, and Road Master visually inspected the signal poles for the traffic lights at Industrial & West State Street, Lowland Road & Route 61, Cabela Drive & Route 61 and Cabela Drive & Mountain Road. All poles and their associated baseplate connections and bolts were in very good/excellent condition. There were no structural deficiencies observed ... except... a dent was found to exist at the pole located at the northwest corner of the Cabela's Drive/Mountain Road intersection about 4 feet of the ground. The Pole was not "bending" or deformed due to the impact, so I believe the polis is still structurally sound. The Engineer simply recommended that the Township keen an eye on this.

PARK & RECREATION

- Movie night will be held Saturday, August 8, 2020 on the baseball field behind the Township Building.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to authorize the Road Master to purchase bollard covers up to \$500.00. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

EAC

- Thank you to the Journey Café, Jessie Adams and all of the volunteers who came out on June 16th to volunteer for out "Clean Up the Hill" event - 24 bags of trash were collected.
- Thank you, Tom & Faye Werley for cutting their corn to improve the site distance at the corner of Laurel and Pine Roads.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

- The Secretary's report for June 2020 was given.

ZONING

- Zoning / Building reports for June 2020

OLD BUSINESS

- Steven & Marlene Skoloda, Jeremy Hoagland and Allen Shollenberger were present for Walnut Acres to request a conditional final plan approval. The Township Engineer, Greg Haas, joined the meeting via speaker phone for consultation as Planning Commission had tabled the plans in June and had not met yet this month to continue their discussion and give their recommendations. After great discussion and in agreement with the Township Engineer & Township Solicitor:

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve conditional final plan approval for Walnut Acres subject to satisfaction of the Township Engineer review comments dated June 15, 2020. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

The probationary period has been successfully completed for the Township Manager.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to appoint Monica Flower as full time Township Manager; due to the unknown impact of COVID-19, the wage increase will be re-visited in January 2021. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to extend the Emergency Declaration through July 31, 2020 in seven-day increments. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

SOLICITOR

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the Long property annexation minor subdivision plan conditioned upon satisfaction of all comments on the Township Engineer's review letter dated June 16, 2020. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to grant the waiver from the requirements of Section 402(a) & Section 403(a) for plan scale in accordance with the waiver request from Bass Pro/Cabela's. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and Delong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard DeLong to appoint Fred Herman as Assistant Treasurer and to be bonded. Upon roll call Schappell and DeLong voted yes. Herman abstained.

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MISCELLANEOUS

- Union Fire Co #1 of Hamburg - 1st Qtr 2020
- Tilden Tribune Newsletter - 2019/2020

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting @ 9:11 P.M. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Monica A. Flower
Secretary