

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Saturday, April 4, 2009  
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors, Russell Werley and Judy Romig, Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus, Township Solicitor, James Lillis and several residents. Member, Troy Hatt was absent. A copy of the roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell Werley, at 8:00 A.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -**

**JoAnn Rahauser of 334 West State Street** discussed with the Board speeding on Diamond Drive by the sewer construction vehicles (Buck being the worst), carelessness of the drivers and whether there is an inspector out there. The Board will contact the foreman on the job regarding speeding/carelessness and the Roadmaster, Barry Luckenbill is the township inspector.

Ms. Rahauser asked when the No Parking Signs will be put up on West State Street across from the Westy. The Road Crew will install the signs now that the ground has thawed.

**Steven Heckart of 13 Erin Way** discussed his tax collector problem. He paid his taxes and the tax collector sent them to Berks County Tax Claim Bureau, resulting in them sending him notices. He stated the tax collector is not doing her job as others have had the same problem. The Board will address the problem.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russell Werley to approve the payment of bills:**

**General Fund - Ck# 16158-16183 in the amount of \$48,557.59**  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$692.12

**Payroll - Ck# 11073-11094 in the amount of \$12,731.71**  
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes & Aflac)  
\$4,386.59

**Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - Ck# 2006 in the amount of \$1,491.65**  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$46.48

**Sewer Fund - Ck# 2154-2160 in the amount of \$51,966.18**  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$304.53

**TIP Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$45.78**

**TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$579.52**

**West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$185.53**

Upon roll call, Romig and Werley voted yes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russell Werley to approve the March 14 & March 19, 2009 meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

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**REPORT - POLICE**

The report for March, 2009 was given. 43 shifts were covered, 357 hours were worked, 1,772 miles were put on vehicles and 136.60 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to approve Chief Schwoyer to apply for a COPS grant for 100% funding (entry level wages and benefits) for a full-time officer for three years. Upon roll call, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

Judy Romig stated a great effort has been undertaken by the Tilden Township Police, Hamburg Police and PA State Police, for safety along Olde Route 22. PennDOT has also installed reflectors on all guiderails along Olde Route 22. Work is still being done on signage along the route.

**REPORT - SOLICITOR**

**A motion for Resolution # 18, 2009 was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russell Werley to appoint Cheryl Haus as Tilden Township Manager and to set her salary @ 33,750.00 for April 1 through December 31, 2009. Upon roll call, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

**A motion for Resolution # 19, 2009 was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russell Werley to declare intent to follow the schedules and procedures for disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008. Upon roll call, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

**REPORT - ZONING/SEO**

No report received for March

**REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER**

Russ Werley gave the Report for March, 2009.

**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to award the bid for the 2009 Road Project of Hill Drive to EJB Paving and Materials in the amount of \$137,332.08. Upon roll call, Werley and Romig voted yes.**

**REPORT-SECRETARY**

The secretary's report for March, 2009 was given by Cheryl Haus. Two Berks Emergency classes were attended on March 25. The first on Special Needs evacuation and the second by FEMA on disaster document preparation.

The amount of \$79,269.19 was received from Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau for December 1 through February 28, 2009.

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The 2008 annual audit & financial report was received from Reinsel Kuntz Lesher and will be forwarded to the Tilden Township elected auditors.

**REPORT - PARK & RECREATION**

Minutes for March 24, 2009 were received.

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley, upon the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Board, to suspend the Park & Recreation summer program for 2009 and revisit the situation for 2010. Upon roll call, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

**REPORT - OLD BUSINESS**

Supervisor Judy Romig stated the developer has consented to donate the stone from the Jeffrey Young home on Mountain Road for projects at the Township Municipal Building.

Ms. Romig asked the Solicitor if the Planning Commission has not done an ordinance on outdoor fires and windmills as forwarded to them by the EAC, can the Board do an ordinance. The secretary stated the reason their request was not answered was that the Planning Commission cancelled their meeting on March 17, The request is on their agenda for the April 21 meeting.

A reply was received from the Berks County Commissioners addressing the letter sent by the EAC requesting opening the Berne Bridge with weight restrictions. The Commissioners stated there will be no change at this time, however, the Berne Bridge is at the top of the list when the county starts repairing bridges.

Ms. Romig asked the Solicitor about fundraising by the Tilden EAC by selling flower bulbs, etc. to raise funds for pamphlets, tire collections, etc. The Solicitor will check into the scope of the EAC statute and what type of things the EAC is supposed to be doing.

**REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to reaffirm approval of the Focus Development Hotel & Restaurant Land Development Plan due to expiration of 90 days for recording. Upon roll call, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

**REPORT - NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to waive the permit fees and authorize signing of the Zoning Permit Application by Blue Mountain Wildlife, for building of a footbridge, by Russ Werley, as owner, on behalf of Tilden Township. Upon roll call, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

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A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to replace the Tilden Township Emergency Operations Plan with the Emergency Operations Plan using the Berks County EOP template. Upon roll call, Werley and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig, upon having received the fee, to approve the 2009 license for Pleasant Hills Mobile Home Park. Upon roll call, Werley and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to authorize closing of various roads in Tilden Township on June 7, 2009 for the Blue Mountain Wildlife 15 mile bike race from 8:45 to 11:00 a.m. Upon roll call, Romig and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to authorize a 4% increase effective April 9, 2009 to Roadmaster Barry Luckenbill. Upon roll call, Romig and Werley voted yes.

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

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING TO DISCUSS LITIGATION. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley and Romig voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus  
Secretary