

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Saturday, May 2, 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 8:02 A.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** -

A presentation was given by several Berks Technical students using the Tilden Township sewer project as a project for a State Championship Technical event in Tennessee.

Anna Shollenberger presented a follow-up to the April 30 meeting relative to the sewer project. Items of concern are:  
The inspection fee being part of the tap-in fee (Requesting the Board to take this issue into consideration)  
The tap in fees for vacant lots, (Requesting the Board to consider waiving the tap-in fee for vacant lots until developed).  
The Township engineer mentioned about the township's sewer system being turned over to the Borough of Hamburg. (it was of the opinion that the residents did not seem to be too receptive to the idea). (Concerns were future rate increases, flat fees vs. metered fees and additional sewer capacity for future developments).  
Thanked Judy for being faithful and attending Sewer Authority meetings.  
Asked about the number of members on the Hamburg Sewer Authority.  
Suggested Tilden have another member for representation on the Board.

JoAnn Rahauser asked if there will be metered water? Solicitor Lillis stated that is part of the discussion with Hamburg.  
There will be no entrance to homes to read meters. The meter will be inside and a remote would be used to read the meter.  
Funding may be available to pay for the initial cost of the meters.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**General Fund - Ck# 16184-16210 in the amount of \$75,522.68**  
**Auto deductions in the amount of \$837.84**  
**Payroll - Ck# 11098-11119 in the amount of \$14,676.62**  
**ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes & Aflac)**  
**\$5,014.95**  
**Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$20.27**  
**Sewer Fund - Ck# 2161-2172 in the amount of \$55,122.17**  
**Auto deductions in the amount of \$47.59**  
**TIP Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$48.77**  
**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**

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**Building / Zoning - Ck # 900 & 901 in the amount of \$2,027.50  
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 April 4 & April 18, 2009 meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

**REPORT - POLICE**

The report for April, 2009 was given by Chief Schwoyer. 42 shifts were covered, 340.5 hours were worked, 1,363 miles were put on vehicles and 106.37 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

The police have continued speed monitoring and issued 7 traffic citations. JoAnn Rahouser asked about 2 motorcycles speeding up the West Hamburg hill. Chief Schwoyer is also looking into a grant for a wireless Enradd system.

Judy Romig stated there was a request from a resident to lower the speed limit on Hex Highway. PennDOT replied that it does not qualify to lower the speed limit.

Russ Werley suggested the police getting their answering machine messages through their cell phones while out on patrols.

Gene Schappell asked what speed equipment the police are using. They are using V-spec which is an upgrade from Vascar and a wired Enradd system.

Troy Hatt joined the meeting @ 8:33 a.m.

**REPORT - SOLICITOR**

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to terminate the Sewer Capacity Agreement and return the capacity fee to Lone Star. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.**

Holding \$2,000.00 for fees.

Solicitor Lillis read the letter from DEP dated April 15, 2009. Suggesting that there be discussions with DEP, however, the time limit of 120 days is not enough time. Authorizing appeal of order and then set up discussions with DEP.

**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to authorize Pepper Hamilton to appeal the Act 537 order from DEP dated April 15, 2009. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.**

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve a Resolution for retention of audio recordings. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.**

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Solicitor Lillis advised the Board that they are working with Focus Development for an alternate method to post security. Solicitor Lillis left briefly to call Focus Development.

**REPORT - ZONING/SEO**

Reports were received for zoning / UCC for March & April, 2009

**REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER**

Report for April, 2009 was received  
A new push mower will be purchased for approximately \$300.00.  
Barry Luckenbill, Roadmaster updated the Board on the erosion of the bank @ 212 Tilden Road, which by letter of Berks County Conservation District needed to be completed by May 11, 2009. Hilltop seeded and installed matting @ a cost of approximately \$1,100.00.  
Trees and flowers were gotten from the Young property and planted around the Township property.  
Marlene Skoloda thanked Mr. Luckenbill for doing a great job as Roadmaster.  
There have been signs, etc. vandalized in the township.

**REPORT-SECRETARY**

The secretary's report for April, 2009 was given by Cheryl Haus.  
The Comcast franchise fees in the amount of \$8,985.48 were received.  
The Census Bureau was very grateful for the use of the meeting room for training.  
A meeting was attended with HMA regarding sewer usage.  
A meeting was attended with VIST Financial regarding the Letter of Credit for the sewer project.  
The BCCPC meeting was attended and the next initiative will be electricity.  
The Berks County EMA meeting was attended and the Swine Flu was discussed.  
Joe Scalia from the Auditor General's office started the Liquid Fuels Fund audit.  
Rural Services was in the office to meet with residents on financing for sewer hook-ups.

**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to authorize the secretary to apply to CBDG for funds for resident sewer hook-ups. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Hatt voted yes.**

A meeting was held on April 30 with residents, Supervisor Romig and Engineer Ron Tirpak to answer questions on the sewer project.

**A motion for a Resolution was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig for Met-Ed to upgrade one streetlight @ the intersection of Old 22 & Lowland Road. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

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**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve the Right-of-Way for Met-ed to relocate the electric facilities due to the Department of Transportation Refurbishment of the State Street Bridge. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.**

On Tuesday night, at the Hamburg High School auditorium from 6:30-7:00 there will be a meet the candidate and @ 7:00 p.m. there will be a debate between the candidates for District Judge.

**REPORT - PARK & RECREATION**

**REPORT - OLD BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to authorize Kozloff Stoudt to advertise the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Ordinance for Emergency Management, with Hamburg Borough, Windsor Township and Tilden Township. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.**

**REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT - NEW BUSINESS**

A meeting / hearing was scheduled for July 11, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m. to amend the SALDO and the zoning ordinance with miscellaneous changes, to incorporate lighting provisions and advertise for the Wood burner Ordinance as a stand alone Ordinance.

**A motion for Resolution #21, 2009 was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig for a Plan Revision for New Land Development (amendment to the sewer plan to run the line on Clayton Avenue and Pine Road and to eliminate the pump station on Yoder Street. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

**A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to authorize the Berks County Official form for the Emergency Management Coordinator to be sent to Berks EMA. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to authorize action against D & M Enterprises for grease trap maintenance violations. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Hatt voted yes.**

The office will contact Barkman's Cleaning, Merry Maids and other cleaning agencies to clean the township building. If prices are too high, the office will advertise for a cleaning person.

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to allow The Westy Bar & Grill to have their sewage charges based on actual water meter readings as per the letter of April 28, 2009 from Carbon Engineering. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.**

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**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve the final Payment #5 for Wexcon on Phase I of the West Hamburg Sewer Project in the amount of \$39,631.27, upon Supervisor and Engineer approval of the system. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.**

Judy Romig stated that the handicapped ramp at the end of the side walk to the school is cracked. The office will advise the Engineer.

**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to approve Payment #1 for Joao & Bradley for work done on Phase 2 of the West Hamburg Sanitary Sewer System in the amount of \$423,776.75. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Hatt voted yes.**

**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig that there will be laterals installed to vacant lots to the extent of the township right-of-way. Payment will be needed at time of the hook-up. The resident will have the option to pay now at the current tapping fee or pay later at the cost for the tapping fee at that time, and also include the cost of the lateral and also restoration of the road. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Hatt voted yes.**

Harry Lankert of Diamond Drive stated he does not want to pay for the lateral now for 2 lots he owns but will not be using.

**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve the return of \$52.00 LST for Franklin Wiltrout, Andrew Faust and Isaiah Roeder, under the limit of \$12,000.00. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.**

**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt to include the required inspection as part of the \$2,000.00 tapping fee. A re-inspection is the responsibility of the landowner. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.**

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to go out for written quotes for hook-up inspections. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.**

A letter from The Yoder Family Partnership, requesting the Board to allow extra time to pay the tapping fees for the 10 apartments @ 203 Clayton Avenue was tabled until the next meeting.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus  
Secretary