

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Saturday, July 11, 2009
Regular Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell Werley, at 8:03 A.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Marlene Skoloda of 71 Walnut Road stated she was very concerned about the communication between the state police and the Tilden Township Police Department and incidents that occurred in the past week.

Dale Stoudt of 437 Hill Drive asked about manhole approvals for the sewer project.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Troy Hatt, seconded by Judy Romig to approve the payment of bills:

General Fund - Ck# 16246-16284 in the amount of \$65,979.73
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,397.30

Payroll - Ck# 11154-11174 in the amount of \$14,196.47
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes & Aflac)
\$4,827.63

Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$117.98

Sewer Fund - Ck# 2180-2188 in the amount of \$55,777.61
Auto deductions in the amount of \$225.06

TIP Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$89.35

TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$582.97

West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$201.58

Wachovia loan-sewer-3rd payment to Joao & Bradley \$571,959.52

Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Hatt voted yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the June 6, 2009 meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Hatt voted yes.

Berks Career & Technology Center students presented a signed photograph to the Board and sang a song, written by Ben Rohrbach, that was sung by the students at the National Conference in Tennessee, where the students, along with their instructor Mr. Mack, placed first in the second challenge of Manufacture and Design and a Third place overall.

REPORT - POLICE

The report for June, 2009 was given by Chief Schwoyer. 41 shifts were covered, 317 hours were worked, 1,732 miles were put on vehicles and 131.12 gallons of fuel were used. Township police handled 85 incidents. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

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A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve the request for a new V-Spec Speed Timing device for the second police vehicle, in the amount of \$1,420.00. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

Tilden Township was not accepted for a digital photography course in September, but will be guaranteed to be accepted and get the free camera kit in 2010.

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig, that approval be given, at the Chief's discretion, Officer McEllroy and possibly Chief Schwoyer, as a refresher course, would attend the free training offered by Berks County District Attorney's Office, an Evidence Technical Course, on October 12-16, 2009, upon approval by Berks County District Attorney's office. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.

This will allow the Township Police Department to collect evidence correctly at the scene of small crimes.

Gene Schappell of 8 Linden Drive stated it is very important to collect evidence at the time of the crime and not just do a report.

Dale Stoudt of 437 Hill Drive asked who decides if the scene is a small or large crime scene. It is up to the discretion of the officer.

The regular meeting was recessed @ 8:55 a.m. to begin the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened @ 9:24 a.m.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to accept the Lighting Ordinance #194, 2009.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER XXXII, ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH DEFINITIONS OF FOOTCANDLE, FULL CUTOFF, FULLY SHIELDED, GLARE, ILLUMINANCE, LIGHT TRESPASS, AND LUMEN: AND TO ESTABLISH A NEW PART 20, ENTITLED "OUTDOOR LIGHTING" TO ESTABLISH PURPOSE, APPLICABILITY, CRITERIA, RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION FIXTURE PLACEMENT, RECREATIONAL USES, PLAN SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS, COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND NONCONFORMING LIGHTING.

Upon roll call, Werley and Romig voted yes, Hatt voted no.

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to accept Ordinance #195, 2009, amending the Zoning Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER XXXII, ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND DEFINITIONS FOR BUFFER YARD, HOTEL, AND STRUCTURE; TO ESTABLISH THE DEFINITIONS OF KENNEL, TREATMENT CENTER, AND WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTION CENTER; ETC. ETC.,

With the revision that pools are not allowed in front yards.

Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

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A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to accept Ordinance # 196, 2009, amending the SALDO Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER XXVII, ENTITLED "SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT: OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND PART 4, ENTITLED "PLAN REQUIREMENTS: TO ADD A NEW SECTION REQUIRING THE PREPARATION OF AS-BUILT PLANS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 602, ENTITLED "REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS" TO ESTABLISH THAT STREET LIGHTS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTEAD OF THE TOWNSHIP SECRETARY.

Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

The Amendment to Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler Ordinance was tabled.

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

Report for June, 2009 was received.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve the third increase, of 5%, to the Road Master's salary, as part of his hiring agreement. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to authorize a reimbursement of \$20.00 per month to Barry Luckenbill for the extra minutes he added to his personal cell phone plan as a result of township use. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

Reports for May 2009 were received.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for June, 2009 was given by Cheryl Haus. The Berks E.I.T. check for the period March 1 to May 31, 2009 in the amount of \$95,294.75 was received.

Quarterly payroll reports were completed.

A motion was made by Judy Romig, seconded by Troy Hatt authorizing the secretary to release payment to Joao & Bradley in the amount of \$417,686.90. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Hatt voted yes.

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the paperwork for Fleet Services regarding Liquid Fuels sales tax, upon review by the Solicitor. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.

The secretary will also check non-tax fuel costs with Penn Pride

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

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REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt to reaffirm Resolution No. 8, 2009, to Electronically Process dotGrants. Upon roll call Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to accept the municipal office cleaning proposal from Cinderella Cleaning Service in the amount of \$122.00 bi-weekly. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Hatt voted yes.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to release the escrow funds being held for St. Mary's Education Center. Upon roll call, Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made for Resolution # 24, 2009, by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt, to appoint Cheryl Haus as Representative to the Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council and approve Resolution # 24, 2009 to Purchase electricity cooperatively. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Russ Werley to appoint Judy Romig as delegate and Cheryl Haus as alternate delegate to the Tax Collection Committee as per Act 32-Earned Income Tax Collection. Upon roll call, Hatt, Werley and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve the EAC request for a Tire Recycling Event on October 23 & 24, subject to information received on farm / truck tires and inquiring with Upper Tulpehocken Township on their tire recycling event. Upon roll call, Werley, Hatt and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Troy Hatt to approve the requests for refunds of LST taxes from Sara Teaford, Joanna Zweizig and Nancy Kauffman. Upon roll call Romig, Hatt and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to appoint Barry Luckenbill as sewer hook-up inspector, at his current hourly wage, and Anthony Merklinger as alternate sewer hook-up inspector, at \$40.00 per hour. Upon roll call, Hatt, Romig and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to appoint Troy Hatt as Tilden Township Emergency Management Coordinator. Upon roll call, Romig and Werley voted yes. Troy Hatt abstained.

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Judy Romig stated a name for the park on West State Street is needed. She would like the name to include Senator Rhoades as he was very helpful to Tilden Township in getting a traffic light installed at that location.

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

Luke Wicks asked if he missed the discussion on lighting. He was concerned about page 6 & 7 of the ordinance which addresses times lights need to be turned off. Solicitor London responded that the hearing is over and the Ordinance had been adopted. Mr. Wicks should refer to page 6 (g) Signs (3) stating what the regulations will now be.

A motion was made by Troy Hatt and seconded by Russ Werley to advertise and change the next meeting date from August 1 to Tuesday, August 4, 2009 @ 8:00 a.m. Upon roll call, Hatt, Werley and Romig voted yes.

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, seconded by Judy Romig to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig, and Hatt voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary