

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, January 3, 2012
Regular Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell Werley, at 9:16 A.M.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

JoAnn Rahausser stated she was contacted regarding the apartments @ 56 Hill Drive. Two apartments were condemned and it is a fire hazard. The township has no knowledge of the condemnations.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to pay the following bills:

**General Fund - Ck# 17494-17512 in the amount of \$19,452.42
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,098.03
Payroll - Ck# 11872-11890 in the amount of \$8,596.70 #11880 VOID
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$3,188.63
Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - auto deductions in the amount of \$19.32
Sewer Fund - Ck# 2463-2468 in the amount of \$12,802.05
Auto deductions in the amount of \$906.02
TIP Traffic Light Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$139.83
West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$259.16
Building & Zoning Ck # 140 in the amount of \$2,601.50
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$127.59**

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

DEBT SERVICE

Building - \$832,000.00
Tilden Collection System - \$4,704,000.00
HMA sewer expansion - \$2,814,545.44

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the December 10, meeting minutes and the December 9, 2011 workshop minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

The report for December, 2011 was given by Chief McEllroy. 57 shifts were covered, 456 hours were worked, 1,903 miles were put on vehicles and 207.8 gallons of fuel were used. The call volume increased 45% from 2010 to 2011(Additional information is available on the Police Report)

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REPORT - SOLICITOR

A motion for Resolution # 7, 2012 was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to appoint Reinsel Kuntz Leshner, LLP as CPA firm to audit the financial records of Tilden Township and the Tilden Township tax collector for 2011. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Schappell voted yes.

Kozloff Stoudt was authorized to advertise and prepare the Wood Fired Boiler Ordinance for the February 4, 2012 meeting, DELETING Section 408 (j) All Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers are prohibited from operating between May 10th and September 30th of each year.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The Report for December, 2011 was received.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the quote from Buck Transport, Inc. for snow removal services, on an as-needed basis, in the amount of \$68.00 per hour for 2012. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for December, 2011 was given by Cheryl Haus. The Secretary met with Eric Shults of FEMA to discuss reimbursement for Tropical Storm Lee. One item questioned was the excess amount of \$65,000.00 billed by HMA. The secretary will call the Township Engineer to discuss the best option of finding out an I & I problem within the sewer. Televising ??

Vacation for the secretary from March 9 to 17, 2012 was approved.

Supervisors Judy Romig discussed the review of run cards and maps as requested by resident Lester Klock at the last meeting. The Supervisors reviewed the run cards, maps, and county dispatching among themselves and with the Hamburg Fire Co and Shartlesville Fire Co. The Board feels comfortable with the run cards as they are.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell, for payment to Purcell Construction, to approve Payment #4, in the amount of \$75,152.00 for the concession stand / restrooms. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Gene Schappell wanted to discuss the Fire Code Ordinance and fire inspections since suspending it a few months ago. Among the items discussed were costs to small businesses, safety, inspections without enforcement, items inspected and fire inspections only for new construction. The Solicitor will look to see if the fire code is mandatory and the zoning officer will be asked about fees.

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Supervisor Schappell also wanted to discuss the request to rebuild a warehouse on the foundation of the former warehouse belonging to the Fairmount Foundry. The Solicitor reviewed Section 1603 (d) of the Tilden Zoning Ordinance. Restoration. A non-conforming building wholly or partially destroyed by fire, explosion, flood or other phenomenon, or legally condemned, may be reconstructed and used for the same non-conforming use, provided that building reconstruction shall be commenced within one (1) year from the date the building was destroyed or condemned and shall be carried on without interruption. The constructed building shall not exceed in height, area and volume the building partially destroyed or condemned. Mr. Witmyer of Conestoga Foundry should file an application with the zoning officer.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT**REPORT - NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell authorizing Berks County to print / bill Tilden Township for 2012 real estate tax bills. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the Blue Mountain "Dutch Country" Bicycle Races Road Closure, Sunday, July 29, 2012 and also the Blue Mountain Wildlife "You Can Du IT" Duathlon Races Road Closure, Sunday, September 30, 2012, upon providing written notification to all residents on the roads affected, provide insurance information and allowing residents to reach their homes along the routes. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley 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 Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary