

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monday, January 4, 2010
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 8:32 A.M.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Alan Hileman of 8 Royann Circle stated his opposition to Resolution # 36, 2009 (Fire Tax implementation). Mr. Hileman stated he does not agree with the tax and as per the Hamburg Ambulance, they have workers compensation and Tilden Township only gives them a small donation. He stated the minutes do not read like that.

Donald Maher of 362 Fisher Dam Road stated his disapproval of getting a ticket from the PA State Police for going through the stop sign at Industrial Drive and West State Street. Mr. Maher also stated his overall disapproval over the bridge closings, and government in general.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

- General Fund - Ck# 16444-16497 in the amount of \$83,451.42 #16447 VOID
Auto deductions in the amount of \$797.51**
- Payroll - Ck# 11272-11308 in the amount of \$19,031.96 #11305 VOID
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$5,779.87**
- Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - auto deductions in the amount of \$37.80
Ck# 2008 in the amount of \$182.00**
- Sewer Fund - Ck# 2238-2248 in the amount of \$742,676.99
Auto deductions in the amount of \$176.56**
- TIP Traffic Light Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$44.84
Ck# 2017-2018 in the amount of \$973.00**
- TIP Street Light Fund - Ck# 2012 in the amount \$919.01
Auto deduction in the amount of \$586.43**
- West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Ck# 371 & 372 in the amount of \$173.05
Auto deduction in the amount of \$190.99**
- Building & Zoning Ck # 108-109 in the amount of \$7,703.24**

DEBT SERVICE

- Building - \$944,000.00**
- Tilden Collection System - \$4,288,142.92**
- HMA sewer expansion - \$3,316,519.33**

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

Gene Schappell asked about 10 Moonlight Drive regarding the lateral being too low. The contractor was back and fixed the lateral and the homeowner is now hooked up.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the December 7, 2009 meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

The report for December, 2009 was given by Chief Schwoyer. 36 shifts were covered, 293.5 hours were worked, 1,000 miles were put on vehicles and 94.3 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

Letters were handed out this a.m. to parents of children getting on the bus @ West State Street. There will no longer be a crossing guard there. An officer will be there all week in the a.m. and the p.m. to hand out letters so no one is missed.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

A motion for Resolution # 7, 2010 was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to appoint Reinsel Kuntz Leshner, LLP as CPA firm to audit the financial records of Tilden Township and the Tilden Township tax collector for 2009. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Schappell voted yes.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

Russ Werley gave the Report for December, 2009. There were no driveway permits issued. A lot of plowing, cindering and salting has been done the last few weeks.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for December, 2009 was given by Cheryl Haus. The Berks E.I. T Bureau payment for 9-1-09 to 11-30-09 was received, in the amount of \$87,573.71.

28 children attended the Tilden Township visit with Santa on a most horrible, rainy and icy Sunday.

Michael Oppenheimer of Reinsel Kuntz Leshner was in the office, Friday, December 18, 2009, to do the preliminary work to start the 2009 audit. The application for the ARRA Justice Practitioner Job Creation & Retention Grant were prepared and filed. March 9 is the date grants will be announced.

Reports for end of quarter, end of year, etc. were worked on in the office.

The CD that matured in December was taken from a CD (.75 %) and put into a money market account @ (1.95%) until rates get better.

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REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the request from Tilden Ridge to decrease the amount of the bond security in the amount of \$422,625.14, leaving a balance of \$853,564.86, as per the letter of Carbon Engineering dated December 23, 2009. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to approve the release of escrow funds for GCM (McDonald's access change), subject to a confirming letter from Carbon Engineering. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Schappell voted yes.

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to adopt Resolution # 8, 2010, to adopt the Tilden Township Emergency Operations Plan. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell authorizing Berks County to print / bill Tilden Township for 2010 real estate tax bills. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell 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 9:30 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary