

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Saturday, November 5, 2011
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 8:04 A.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Larry Heckman of 215 Laurel Avenue stated to the Board of Supervisors that the residential properties of he and his neighbors would like to be included in the Commercial District. It was decided that the current revision to the zoning ordinance would go on, with the hearing December 10, 2011 and the Board would discuss the additional properties as soon as possible.

Mark Fritz of 14 Foxwood Drive presented information to the Board of Supervisors on the outdoor wood burner that he has installed on his property in June-July 2011. Mr. Fritz provided the Board with a DVD, information on emissions as well as ordinances and a pamphlet on his wood burner. Items in the draft ordinance that he has a concern about are setbacks, smoke stack height, types of fuels not allowed (coal), May to September non-burning, burning during drought, definition of nuisance.

Shawn Clark of 16 Dale Drive spoke as the neighbor affected by the smoke from Mr. Fritz's wood burner. He presented emission information, pictures, as well as dates when smoke hovered over his property.

Mr. Lillis asked both parties to exchange the information that was given to the Board.

Donna Bausher of 35 Dogwood Road stated she lives right behind Mr. Fritz and does not get the smoke. Ms. Bausher also stated that we live in the country and all neighbors burn.

Mike Hoffmann of 10 Foxwood Drive stated he, as well as Christian Leinbach, would like to be kept informed.

Sue Fritz of 14 Foxwood Drive asked if they should attend the EAC meeting on November 30. She was told the EAC meeting is the regular monthly meeting, not set for wood burners, however, someone may mention it.

Helen Fritz of 17 Foxwood Drive spoke about her son's burner and stated she occasionally smells smoke but it is not abrasive.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

General Fund - Ck# 17409-17454 in the amount of \$508,845.45
Auto deductions in the amount of \$5.00
Payroll - Ck# 11815-11839 in the amount of \$17,493.72
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$6,123.74
Sewer Fund - Ck# 2445-2452 in the amount of \$177,921.58
Auto deductions in the amount of \$106.26
TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$703.76
Building & Zoning Ck # 138 in the amount of \$2,112.00
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$73.66
Highway / State Fund - \$ 398,566.78
Capital Reserve Township Vehicles - \$3,500.00

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

DEBT SERVICE

Building - \$832,000.00
Tilden Collection System - \$4,704,000.00
HMA sewer expansion - \$2,836,858.70

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the October 7 & 8 and Budget meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

The report for October, 2011 was given by Acting Chief McEllroy. 67 shifts were covered, 536 hours were worked, 2,346 miles were put on vehicles and 132.10 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Tilden Township and the Tilden Township Police Department, commencing January 1, 2012, expiring December 31, 2015. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

Joe McAvoy of 406 Elm Avenue asked if the township was considering expanding the police department. Mr. McAvoy was told not at this time.

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REPORT - SOLICITOR

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize Kozloff Stoudt to proceed with the steps to amend the debt ordinance and entering into the agreement with Hamburg Municipal Authority and the Hamburg Borough for the refinancing of the 2006 sewer bonds as proposed by RBC. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to amend the language of the conditional approval letter, October 11, 2011, for Contentment Farms, to allow for the MPC recording language of: "The plan must be recorded within 90 days of Supervisors approval or 90 days after the delivery of an approved plan signed by the governing body, following completion of conditions imposed on such approval, whichever is later." Also amended is the requirement of fees due and owing in the amount \$9,106.00, as of 9-9-2011, for Engineering and Solicitor services to be paid on or before December 5, 2011. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

A motion for Resolution # 14, 2011, was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to approve the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan amendment, for the hook-up of the treatment system of the Pleasant Hills Mobile Home Park, as drafted by Township Engineer, Ron Tirpak, and advertised, receiving no public comment. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the sewer connection agreement with GSP Management / Frank Perano, subject to review by the Township attorneys and engineer. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

The zoning / building code reports for October, 2011 were received. The zoning Officer may purchase a badge "Code Enforcement Officer-Tilden Township-at no cost to the township, due to Tilden Township's name being on it, must be returned to Tilden Township upon completion of the Zoning Officer's duties.

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The Report for October, 2011 was received.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to hire Robert Gelsinger as a part-time, snow removal, CDL driver, on an as needed basis. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

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REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for October, 2011 was given by Cheryl Haus. Berks E. I. T. Bureau financial statement was received. 56 adults and children attended the Township Trick-or-Treat nights. A thank you to Tina Stanton and Sandy Schappell for handling the Thursday night Trick-or-Treaters.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

Work on the concession stand / restrooms was discussed.

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the 2012 Preliminary Budget. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to deny the request for late fee credit of \$62.93 for late charges for Wal-Mart sewer billings. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the request for payment of \$13,531.00 to Purcell Construction for the concession stand / restrooms. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell 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 PERSONNEL. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary