

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Thursday, December 11, 2014
 Regular Meeting
 End-of-Year meeting
 Budget Adoption

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Fred Herman and Carl Spatz, Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus, Township Solicitor, James Lillis, Police Chief William McEllroy, and several residents. A copy of the roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Schappell, at 7:05 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

An Executive Session was held before the meeting to discuss Personnel.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dale Stoudt of 437 Hill Drive asked about the budget increase of \$300,000.00. The secretary stated that the increase was not any one item, but increases across the board. The budget actually decreased from \$ 1,688,362.00 in 2014 to \$ 1,578,933.00 in 2015. A decrease of \$109,429.00

Mr. Stoudt asked how the Code Red sign-ups were going. We do not have a number at this time, however, the sign-ups are for the General Announcements. Everyone will receive the emergency announcements.

Mr. Stoudt asked about the GIS project done by Derek Fair. The project was not completed. Mr. Fair refunded the money he was paid to do the project.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman to pay the following bills.

General Fund - Ck# 18746-18773 in the amount of \$61,524.72
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$47,226.61
 Payroll - Ck# 12759-12762 and EFT in the amount of \$19,749.73
 ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes & Aflac)
 \$7,056.19
 Sewer Fund - Ck# 2731-2734 in the amount of \$11,530.94
 TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$618.93
 Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund - Auto deductions in the amount of \$89.28
 Building & Zoning - Ck# 186-187 in the amount of \$3,183.76
 Cabela's Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$ 58.63

Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Herman voted yes.

DEBT SERVICE

Building - \$679,100.00
 Tilden Collection System - \$ 3,409,700.00
 HMA sewer expansion - \$4,290,659.11
 Park & Recreation owes Sovereign Grant \$32,637.49

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to pay all bills prior to closing the books for 2014. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the workshop minutes of November 7, 2014 and the Regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2014. Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Herman voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

The report for November, 2014 was received. 63 incidents were handled, 682 miles were put on vehicles and 52.34 gallons of fuel were used.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

A motion for Ordinance # 219, 2014 was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman authorizing the participation of Tilden Township in the Pennsylvania Township's health insurance Cooperative Trust pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law. Upon roll call, Spatz, Herman and Schappell voted yes.

A motion for Ordinance # 220, 2014 was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize participation of Tilden Township in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors unemployment compensation group trust pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law. Upon roll call, Herman, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the Tax Collector appointment of Christine Burke as Deputy Tax Collector and authorize the Chairman to sign the Deputy Tax Collector Acknowledgement Form. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

The report for November, 2014 was received

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The Report for November, 2014 was received.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report For November, 2014 was given by Cheryl Haus.

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman to approve Senator Argall's shredding and identity theft presentation for Earth Day, on Monday, April 27, 2015. Upon roll call, Spatz, Herman and Schappell voted yes.

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REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

The Park & Recreation Board will meet the last Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 p.m. from February through October.

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution # 19, 2014, the final budget for fiscal year 2015, as advertised in the Reading Eagle-Times on November 19, 2014 and posted at the township municipal building on November 19, 2014.

Total General Fund 2015 Budget - \$1,576,933.00

"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED, THAT WE, the Board of Supervisors of Tilden Township, hereby adopt the budget for the year 2015, setting forth the estimated expenditures which are hereby appropriated from the revenues available for the current year for the specific purposes set forth, which amounts are more fully itemized in the budget form which is on file with the township secretary." Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

A motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution # 20, 2014, to levy real estate taxes, "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tilden, that a real estate tax of 1.2 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of \$.12 on each \$100 dollars of assessed valuation is hereby levied on all property within the municipality and subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2015 for general government, the maintenance of roads, etc." Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Herman voted yes.

A motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution # 21, 2014, to adopt all other taxes. ½ of 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax, Local Services Tax \$52.00 and 5% Amusement taxes. Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Herman voted yes.

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution # 22, 2014, to adopt the West Hamburg Street Light Tax. "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Tilden Township to levy a street light tax at \$.45 per front foot for street lights in West Hamburg for the fiscal year 2015." Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

A motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution # 23, 2014, to adopt Street Light Taxes in the Tilden Industrial Park. "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tilden to levy a street light tax in the Tilden Industrial Park at .00068 (\$.68 per \$1,000) based upon the assessed valuation." Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

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A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution # 24, 2014, to adopt sewer rates in the Tilden Industrial Park. "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the sewer rates in the Tilden Industrial Park remain at \$180.00 per quarter (minimum 0-16,000 gallons and \$19.00 per 1,000 gallons above 16,000 gallons)". Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

A motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution # 25, 2014, to adopt sewer rates in West Hamburg and the Pleasant Hills Mobile Home Park. "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the sewer rates in West Hamburg and the Pleasant Hills Mobile Home Park remain at \$180.00 per quarter. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution # 26, 2014, to adopt a fire tax, "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tilden, that a fire tax of .25 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of \$.025 on each \$100 dollars of assessed valuation is hereby levied on all property within the municipality and subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2015 for Fire Services. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to grant waivers for the following, as requested by Blue Mountain Academy Water Treatment Building Land Development Plan and recommended by the Tilden Township Planning Commission

1. Waiver for Chapter 25 - Item # 1, Waiver from planting requirements on existing watercourses
2. Waiver for Chapter 25 - Item # 3, Waiver for detailed soils evaluation
3. Waiver for Chapter 25 - Item # 4, Waiver for calculations which show filtration basin can detain the post-development 2-year peak discharge
4. Waiver for Chapter 27 - Item # 2, Waiver to allow submission of Preliminary-Final Plan.

Upon roll call, Herman, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.

A motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Carl Spatz to give conditional approval of the Blue Mountain Academy - Water Treatment Building Land Development Plan, subject to the Carbon Engineering, Inc. letter of November 17, 2014. Upon roll call, Herman, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the request for release of \$29,831.75 in financial security for Advance Auto Parts, upon receipt of \$3,408.15 for engineering / attorney fees, as per Carbon Engineering letter of November 18, 2014. Upon roll call, Spatz, Herman and Schappell voted yes.

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A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the request for a 30 day time extension for the Cabela's subdivision Plan until January 20, 2015. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to set the time for the Re-Organization meeting and regular meeting for Tilden Township for Monday, January 5, 2015 @ 8:00 a.m. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

A motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to set the time for the Auditor's Re-Organization meeting for Tuesday, January 6, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call, Herman, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Carl Spatz to set the meeting dates for 2015. (see attached) Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Herman voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to repay \$5,477.00, (\$2,000.00 from the Park & Recreation checking account, \$1,000.00 from the Recreation Escrow account, \$1,000.00 from the Park & Recreation Capital Reserve account and \$1,477.00.00 from the Tilden Township General Fund # 451.300), to the Sovereign Grant Fund. Upon roll call, Herman, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman to approve Resolution # 27, 2014, to accept the merger of the Berks County Tax Collection Committee and the Berks County Earned Income Tax Collection Bureau. Upon roll call, Spatz, Herman and Schappell voted yes.

Supervisor Gene Schappell spoke on behalf of the Supervisors and staff and thanked Solicitor Jim Lillis for his dedication of 31 years of service to Tilden Township.

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 Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 P.M. Upon roll call, Herman, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus,
Secretary