

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, December 12, 2018
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Fred Herman and Richard DeLong, Police Chief William McEllroy, Township Solicitor, Joan London, Roadmaster Michael Quick, and Township Secretary/Treasurer, Monica Flower. A copy of the roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Schappell, at 7:01 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

- Susie Bigelow inquired if members of the community were able to make donations to the township to help cover legal expenses. The Solicitor stated she would need to research it.
- Greg Kozlowski raised questions regarding income and expenses in the 2019 budget. It was explained that the township has not increased taxes since 2012 and has incurred unforeseen increase in expenses in the last couple years, such as MS4, legal services, etc. A brief discussion and explanation was offered regarding the tax increase and health benefits.
- Comments were made at the Workshop meeting alluding that Perry and Bethel Townships are increasing taxes for 2019 because of warehouses. Those townships have been contacted for verification of facts. Perry's taxes are not changing and Bethel is enacting a Local Service Tax for 2019 (refer to article printed in the Reading Eagle, June 2018).

PAYMENT OF BILLS -

General Fund - Ck# 3336 - 3366 in the amount of \$27,049.02
Auto deductions & online payments in the amount of \$2,430.19

Payroll - Ck# 13236 -13242 and EFT in the amount of \$25,513.40
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) \$9,313.33

Cabela's Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$62.42

Sewer Fund - Ck# 3056 -3059 in the amount of \$12,796.63
Auto deductions & online payments in the amount of \$541.40

Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Ck# 121 in the amount of \$340.55
Auto Deductions in the amount of \$90.64

TIP Traffic Light Fund - Ck# 2038 in the amount of \$2,502.90
Auto Deductions in the amount of \$61.71

TIP Street Light Fund - Auto Deductions in the amount of \$739.35

West Hamburg Street Light - Auto Deductions in the amount of \$230.34

Zoning & Building - Ck# 243 in the amount of \$1,038.25

Highway/State Fund - Ck# 113 in the amount of \$3,743.70

DEBT SERVICE

Building - \$401,300.00
Tilden Collection System - \$ 2,283,260.00
HMA sewer expansion - \$3,257,865.85

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A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills prior to closing out the books for 2018. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the November 9, 2018 Workshop Meeting minutes, the November 14, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes with additional comments to indicate the presence of the Developer. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

A. The report for November 2018 was given by Chief McEllroy.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

- A. The argument for Land Use Appeal filed by Century Development will be heard on December 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 4b in the Berks County Services Center, Reading, PA 19601. This is a public hearing however there is no testimony or further input to be heard.
- B. A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Ordinance# 233-2018 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Upper Tulpehocken Township to allow sharing of equipment and personnel for road construction and repair work. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.
- C. A Motion was made by Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell adopting Ordinance# 234-2018 establishing a stop intersection at the intersection of Mountain and Pine Roads in the Township, authorizing Tilden Township to place a stop sign at the Eastern approach along Mountain Road at the intersection of Mountain and Pine Roads, providing penalties for violation and providing for severability and repeal of inconsistent ordinances and resolution or parts thereof.
- D. Status of invoice from Thomas Committa was tabled for the next meeting.

REPORT - ZONING/BUILDING

The Report for November 2018 was received.

REPORT - ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY

The Report for November 2018 was received.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for November 2018 was given by Monica Flower.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

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REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolutions #16, 2018 the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2019. Advertised in the Reading Eagle on October 18, 2018 and posted at the township municipal building on October 18, 2018.

Total General Fund 2018 Budget - \$2,104,885.09.

"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED, THAT WE, the Board of Supervisors of Tilden Township, hereby adopt the budget for the year 2019, 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 and Herman voted yes. DeLong voted no.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #17, 2018 to levy Real Estate Tax. 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 1.95 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of \$.195 on each \$100 dollars of assessed valuation is hereby levied on all property within the municipality and subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2018 for general government, the maintenance of roads, etc." Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.
(NOTE: increase of .75 mills)

A Motion was made Richard DeLong and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution #18, 2018 to adopt all other taxes. ½ of 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax, Local Services Tax \$52.00 and 5% Amusement taxes (same as 2018). Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #19, 2018 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 \$1.00 per front foot for street lights in West Hamburg for the fiscal year 2019 (same as 2018)." Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Richard Herman and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #20, 2018, 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 (same as 2018)." Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

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A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adopt Resolution #21, 2018, 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 or portion there of above 16,000 gallons) (same as 2018)". Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #22, 2018, 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, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Richard Herman to adopt Resolution #23, 2018, 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 2019 for Fire Services (same as 2018). Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A. ALDI is projected to open in the beginning of January

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A. A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to approve the request of time extension to January 31, 2019, for Blue Mountain Academy Hangar Land Development Project. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

B. A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the updated Schedule of Meetings for 2019. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes. DeLong voted no.

C. The next meeting to discuss ARL will be held on January 8, 2019.

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 Richard DeLong and seconded by Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting @ 8:20 P.M. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

ATTEST:

Monica Flower
Secretary