

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wednesday, December 13, 2017  
Regular Meeting

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

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

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017 TO DISCUSS TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL**

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017 BEFORE THE WORKSHOP MEETING REGARDING LITIGATION**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -**

Dale Stoudt requested a reduction in the Fire Tax.

Greg Kozlowski inquired about the stop sign/bar to be placed at McDonald's. This was to be handled by the developer, Mark Magrecki. The Township Secretary will contact Mr. Magrecki for follow up. Greg also asked about the professional and engineering fees due by Walnut Acres since the Preliminary Plans were approved. These fees are not required to be paid before Preliminary Plan approval but are required to be paid before the Final Plans can be approved.

Dale Keener inquired of the status of the Traffic Impact Fee. The Supervisors have approved the previous committee to be contacted to conduct a review.

Marcus Ammon stated the Verizon Wireless sign is too bright. This item will be addressed to the Zoning officer.

A resident requested a light to be placed within the Township drive. This matter will be relayed to the Road Master.

A couple resident reported speeding issues on various roads in the township. Chief McEllroy will be looking into conducting speed traps in the area.

Several members of the public were in attendance to express their concerns and participate in the discussion of the Logistics Park Overlay District Ordinance.

The Secretary reported that 343 surveys had been returned; resulting in 314 voted NO; 29 voted yes.

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS -**

A motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Carl Spatz to pay the following bills and accept the debt service: Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

**General Fund** - Ck# 19980-20030 in the amount of \$105,165.29  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,053.50  
**Payroll** - Ck# 13105-13109 and EFT in the amount of \$22,661.53  
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed, State taxes) \$9,205.73  
**Cabela Traffic Light** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$64.99  
**Sewer Fund** - Ck# 2989-2993 in the amount of \$60,308.32  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$501.15  
**TIP Traffic Light** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$49.87  
**TIP Street Light Fund** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$804.18  
**West Hamburg Street Light** - Auto deduction in the amount of \$249.358  
**Building & Zoning** - Ck# 225 in the amount of \$2,819.63  
**Tilden Ridge Traffic Light Fund** - Auto deductions in the amount of \$109.95  
**Park & Recreation** - Ck# 378 in the amount of \$1,780.97

**DEBT SERVICE**

Building - \$524,000.00  
Tilden Collection System - \$ 2,505,100.00  
HMA sewer expansion - \$3,768,353.78

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills prior to closing out the books for 2017. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the November 3, 2017 Workshop Meeting minutes, the November 8, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes with additional comments to indicate the presence of the Developer. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

**REPORT - POLICE**

- A. The report for November 2017 was given by Chief McEllroy.
- B. Chief McEllroy addressed the concern of the bus stop located at Laurel Avenue and Holly Road brought to the board by a resident at the November meeting. All necessary actions were taken to investigate this concern. The resident indicated the situation had been resolved.

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**REPORT - SOLICITOR**

A. Authorizing the Solicitor to finalize and forward the proposed Logistics Park Overlay Ordinance to the Berks County Planning Commission and advertise for the February meeting was tabled.

**REPORT - ZONING/BUILDING**

The Report for November 2017 was received.

**REPORT - ROADMASTER/DRIVEWAY**

The Report for November 2017 was received.

**REPORT-SECRETARY**

The secretary's report for November 2017 was given by Monica Flower.

**REPORT - PARK & RECREATION**

**REPORT - OLD BUSINESS**

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Carl Spatz to adopt Resolutions #13, 2017 the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018. Advertised in the Reading Eagle on October 17, 2017 and posted at the township municipal building on October 17, 2017. Total General Fund 2018 Budget - \$2,154,251.00.

"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED, THAT WE, the Board of Supervisors of Tilden Township, hereby adopt the budget for the year 2018, 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, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

A Motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Resolution #14, 2017 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 1.2 mills on each dollar (same as 2017) 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 2018 for general government, the maintenance of roads, etc." Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

A Motion was made Fred Herman and seconded by Carl Spatz to adopt Resolution #15, 2017 to adopt all other taxes. ½ of 1% Real Estate

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Transfer Tax, Local Services Tax \$52.00 and 5% Amusement taxes (same as 2017). Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #16, 2017 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 2018 (same as 2017)." Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #17, 2017, 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 2017)." Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Carl Spatz to adopt Resolution #18, 2017, 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) (same as 2017)". Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #19, 2017, 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 Spatz voted yes.

A Motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman to adopt Resolution #20, 2017, 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 2018 for Fire Services (same as 2017). Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A. A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve Monica Flower as the Full-time Township Secretary at the rate of \$19.50/hr effective December 13, 2017. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.

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**B. A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Carl Spatz to adopt Resolution #12, 2017 prohibiting Category 4 casinos locating in Tilden Township.**

**C. A Motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman to accept the quote from Buck Transport, Inc. to haul anti-skid as needed at the rate of \$3.40 per ton. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz 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 Carl Spatz and seconded by Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting @ 8:57 P.M. Upon roll call, Schappell, Herman and Spatz voted yes.**

ATTEST:

Monica Flower  
Assistant Secretary