

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Friday, December 7, 2018
Workshop

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Fred Herman and Richard DeLong, Road Master Mike Quick, Police Chief William McEllroy, Township Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower, Assistant Secretary Lorraine Ramirez and local residents. The attendance roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Schappell at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Items discussed were:

Police: Chief McEllroy

-On October 31st, Chief was notified by Manderbach Ford that Ford Motor Co. had taken 20,000 orders too many and we would not be getting the new vehicle ordered in September. The new equipment for the new vehicle has already been ordered. After much searching and communicating with dealerships, a 2019 vehicle has been found at another Ford Dealership, Koch 33. The details were discussed. It was noted the total cost will be \$907.46 less than the previously approved vehicle from Manderbach Ford. It was noted the vote would normally take place at the Regular meeting, however, since there is a full board the vote

would be done today.

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to approve the purchase of the new vehicle in the amount of \$31,268.00 and the installation of the equipment in the amount of \$4,335.00. Upon roll call Schappell, Herman and DeLong voted yes.

-Letters have been sent to all churches in the Township regarding safety plans information with the State Police.

-A discussion was held regarding the proposed contract with ARL for 2019 and the alternative options available.

Road Master: Michael Quick

-A discussion was held on the format of Roadmaster's Report which is very antiquated. A brief discussion was held and determined the report only needs to contain incidents and the details involved with each incident. There is no need to include routine tasks.

-A follow up discussion was held regarding the stress cracks at the end of Susie Bigelow's driveway. It was looked at and found it is not excessive and it's nothing out of the ordinary.

-It was noted that there will be a swap in services with Hamburg. The Borough of Hamburg asked for assistance hanging Christmas lights with the bucket truck and they would help us with street sweeping in the spring.

-A broom/sweeper attachment is need for the new tractor to continue and improve road sweeping efforts. An estimated cost is \$6,000. A discussion was held.

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- The water flowing across Mountain Road near the Lowland Road area has been investigated and determined that it is in fact a spring and not sewage. The road is currently dry as there has been no rain in 8 days. No further action is needed at this time.
- The water issues on Berne Road near Bachmoll Road was discussed. A solution has not been determined. The Township Engineer will be consulted.
- The hours spent snowplowing was discussed. The concern being excessive comp time being accumulated. The details of the work hours were explained and it was determined the snowplowing crew is being handled satisfactorily and they do an excellent job.
- The Roadmaster will be meeting with FEMA on December 13th regarding damages incurred in the August storm.

General Items:

- Interviews for Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board open positions will be done on December 17th and/or 19th.
- Thank you to Himmelberger's for donating the Christmas tree to the Township and those that decorated it - Lorraine and Monica's children.
- It was suggested to check into investing funds in CDs. A brief discussion was held. The Secretary or Assistant Secretary will check a few financial institutions for more information.

Public Participation:

- Susie Bigelow inquired if it was possible for residents to make donations to the Township to help cover legal fees. This is a question for the Solicitor at the Regular Meeting.
- A discussion was held regarding the budget and the proposed increase in taxes.
- A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Richard DeLong to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Upon roll call, Schappell and Herman voted yes.**

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Monica A. Flower
Secretary