

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Thursday, March 14, 2013
Regular Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell Werley, at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The **Tilden Township Historical Society President Debra Billman** presented pictures, etc. of the 125th Anniversary to be hung in the meeting room. They will also frame the 3 page journal made by Anna Shollenberger to be hung in the meeting room also.

Ms. Billman also asked about the plaque and rock at the Berne Bridge. These are historic items. The secretary will contact the County Commissioners.

Craig Kleinsmith of 11 Sholly Drive asked for time to speak to the Board regarding a 2nd Amendment Preservation Resolution.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the 2nd Amendment Resolution # 9, 2013. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.

2nd AMENDMENT PRESERVATION

A resolution of Tilden Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, which shall be known as "The 2nd Amendment Preservation Resolution" WHEREAS, Amendment II of The Constitution of the United States reads as follows: "*A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.*"

"WHEREAS, Article I, Section 21, Right to bear arms, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows: "*The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.*" WHEREAS, to prevent federal, state, or local government infringement of the right to keep and bear firearms, firearms' accessories, and ammunition. THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ON

BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF TILDEN TOWNSHIP, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Board of Supervisors of Tilden Township reaffirms its full support of the constitutionally protected individual right to keep and bear arms, including but not limited to the right to own and acquire ammunition and firearm accessories;
2. That the Board of Supervisors of Tilden Township opposes efforts by the federal, state or other local governments to restrict or infringe upon the right to keep and bear arms by enacting laws, orders, rules, or regulations regarding firearms, firearms accessories or ammunition as violations of the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution, and Article 1, Section 21 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz to send a copy of the Resolution to the appropriate Senators and Legislators. Upon roll call, Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes

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Dale Stoudt of 457 Hill Drive asked if the guiderails on Hill Drive are going to be put back after construction is completed. He asked if they are, can they be moved back so people can walk.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to pay the following bills:

General Fund - Ck# 18023-18057 in the amount of \$35,815.62
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$2,049.09
Payroll - Ck# 12261-12293 in the amount of \$19,743.81
 ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$7,754.28
Cabela's Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$44.40
Sewer Fund - Ck# 2569-2575 in the amount of \$131,947.56
 Auto deductions in the amount of \$188.58
TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$63.01
TIP Street Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$686.85
 Ck # 2023 in the amount of \$142.86
Building & Zoning - Ck # 160 in the amount of \$5,757.75
Stormwater - Ck # 105-106 in the amount of \$10,590.40
West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$256.84
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$56.04
Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

DEBT SERVICE

Building - \$786,000.00
Tilden Collection System - \$4,676,100.00
HMA sewer expansion - \$4,736,107.11
Park & Recreation owes Sovereign Grant \$42,637.49

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the February 14, 2013 Regular meeting minutes and the February 8, 2013 workshop minutes. Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

The report for February, 2013 was given by Chief McEllroy. 106 incidents were handled, 1,494 miles were put on vehicles and 141.20 gallons of fuel were used. Chief McEllroy discussed the county's shutting down the connection to records management in 2014.

Supervisor Gene Schappell asked the Chief what the status is on the new county radio system. Chief McEllroy responded that the new system is supposed to be on-line between June 2013 and January 2014. There are still problems with the cell towers needed.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

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A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to advertise and consider the adoption of an Ordinance to adopt the Accessibility Standard Requirements of the Uniform Construction Code, 2012 Edition of the International Building Code. Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

The Report for February, 2013 was received

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The Report for February, 2013 was received.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for February, 2013 was given by Cheryl Haus.

A thank you was received from Borough of Hamburg for our check in the amount of \$7,725.64 to help offset worker's compensation costs for the fire company and ambulance service.

Met with Phil Harmon of R.J. Hall to discuss Non-uniformed and Uniformed pension plan investments. Our investments are doing well.

The Uniformed Act 600 pension plan funds are invested in 30% bonds and 70% stocks, being a bit more aggressive as no one in the police department will be retiring for approximately 20 years.

The Non-uniformed pension plan is doing better since additional funds were added. When state aid is received, Mr. Harmon would like to see some of the new money purchase international funds and/or real estate funds

Tilden Ridge was billed for the landlord meter which was only supposed to be the total of all the stores, however, is showing additional usage from that meter. We received an e-mail from Myra Goldman that she is checking into it. This also has brought to light the water meter hook-ups of the two new stores in the strip mall.

Talked to Hamburg Boro and Windsor Township regarding the request from Hamburg Fire Company to pass an ordinance to obtain reimbursement for costs of materials expended and services rendered in fighting fires. Their Attorneys are also reviewing the request and so far agree with our Attorney that no documentation has been found that authorizes the township to pass this ordinance.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

There will be a work detail at the Tilden Park on Saturday, March 30, 2013 @ 8:00 a.m.

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

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A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the application of Jeffrey Kramer as a part-time, as needed, road crew member @ \$12.60 per hour. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve Payment # 2 of the Pleasant Hills Mobile Home Park sewer connection on Hill Drive, to Barrasso Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$ 83,089.88. Upon roll call, Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz to approve the temporary closing of roads for the Blue Mountain Wildlife "U Can DU IT" Duathlon races on Sunday, September 29, 2013 and the "Dutch Country" bicycle races on Sunday July 28, 2013. Upon roll call, Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

The Board discussed a letter from the Township Engineer regarding additional tapping fees and sewer charges for Tilden Elementary Center. Discussion was tabled until April.

Robert Shollenberger of 2004 Mountain Road asked about the amount of trash in Tilden Township. The Earth Day clean-ups were discussed and how the number of volunteers has severely declined. Mr. Shollenberger suggested contacting the stores in the industrial park for payment and hiring someone to clean the area.

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 Gene Schappell and seconded by Russ Werley to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 P.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary