

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Saturday, May 7, 2011
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Russell Werley and Judy Romig, Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus, Township Solicitor, Joan London and several citizens. A copy of the roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell Werley, at 8:03 A.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON APRIL 29, 2011 REGARDING PERSONNEL

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Dale Stoudt of 437 Hill Drive stated he called several Representatives regarding HB 1228 of 2011 regarding part-time state police coverage and thought the Board was "jumping the gun" by doing the survey.

Terry Hall of 106 Berne Road Hamburg presented ideas to the Board of Supervisors of various money making projects instead of raising real estate taxes. Solicitor Joan London will research what is allowed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to pay the following bills:

General Fund - Ck# 17151-17195 in the amount of \$57,069.88
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,052.18
Payroll - Ck# 11662-17104 in the amount of \$28,370.52
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$9,430.59
Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - auto deductions in the amount of \$28.60
Sewer Fund - Ck# 2387-2394 in the amount of \$70,309.56
Auto deductions in the amount of \$746.93
TIP Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$77.19
TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$706.89
West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$253.64
Building & Zoning Ck # 129 in the amount of \$30,033.96
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$116.99
Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

DEBT SERVICE

Building - \$888,000.00
Tilden Collection System - \$5,704,000.00
HMA sewer expansion - \$3,001,040.88

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the April 1 and April 2, 2011 Regular meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

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REPORT - POLICE

The report for April, 2011 was given by Gene Schappell. 50 shifts were covered, 393 hours were worked, 1,075 miles were put on vehicles and 124.50 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

Training / classes for officers was tabled.

Russ Werley stated receiving police reports with the packets, before the meeting was very helpful. The Chief should handle getting the police car repaired as this is considered regular maintenance and is included in the police budget.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

Attorney London briefly described the items included in the Ordinance for Rezoning of C-2 to C-3.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize the necessary steps to be taken, forwarding to the Tilden Township and the Berks County Planning Commissions, advertising, posting and setting a public hearing date, (August 6, 2011) for adoption. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

Zoning and UCC reports were received for March and April, 2011.

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The Report for April, 2011 was received.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for April, 2011 was given by Cheryl Haus. 7 hook-ups remain to be connected.

A prior year refund of \$5,644.67 was received from the Workers Compensation Pooled Trust for lack of claims in prior years.

The Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council meeting on April 12 was attended. Future initiatives are electricity, rock salt, bond paper, road signs and certified playground mulch.

The Tilden Township Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. Due to rain it was moved inside. Approximately 65 families attended.

The PSATS conference on April 18, 2011 was attended. Seminars on legislative issues, pension plans and difficult issues were attended.

Results of police survey	If Bill Passes	If bill does not pass
Increase our dept to 24 hrs	71	35
Stay as a part-time dept	31	96
Regionalize	16	8
Go solely with state police	16	21

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Interior sewer inspections being done by Township Road Crew men:
Number of homes connected: 280
Number of inspections completed: 111
2 residents did not allow the men into their homes.
No problems were found thus far.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to appoint Watkins Architect to perform building design for the restroom / concession stand for the Tilden Park. Tasks 3 (\$4,800.00), 4 (\$960.00) and 5 (\$3,200.00 to \$6,400.00) will be performed. Upon roll call, Romig and Schappell voted yes. Russ Werley voted no.

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the Hamburg Jaycees Fireworks display on Saturday, May 28, 2011, contingent to information on the display given to the Hamburg Fire Chief and the Tilden Township police for inspection. A copy of the insurance shall be provided to Tilden Township. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

Gens Schappell spoke of the Tilden Township Earth Day Clean-up on April 23, 2011 and a clean-up on April 30, 2011. 1.16 tons of trash was collected. This was an effort of the Tilden EAC, Blue Mountain Wildlife and Tilden Township residents.
Thank you's go out to Cub Pack 149, Cabela's, Wal Mart, Windsor Press for the donation of bags, Nester's Sanitation for donation of the roll off container, Dutch Maid Bakery for donating donuts and Pat Adams and Judy Romig for donating drinks.
Tilden Township still has a large amount of trash to be picked up.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Red Robin Land Development Improvements Agreement. Upon roll call Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell, to avoid litigation on the number of new trips being generated by Red Robin, the Board accept, in lieu of the Traffic Impact Fee, \$35,000.00 to use on road maintenance and paving for roads in the vicinity of Red Robin, including but not limited to Industrial Drive, Lowland Road, Mountain Road, Pine Road, Laurel Road and Holly Drive. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

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REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the 2011 Blue Mountain Wildlife bike race, contingent upon the receipt of a certificate of insurance, contact with Tilden Township Police and flyers being sent to residents within the area, two weeks prior to the race, including the date and hours which the race will be held, sorry for the inconvenience and asking for their cooperation. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve 2010 LST refunds for Elijah and Russell Roeder. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

Sean Delaney, Counsel for Wal Mart and Rob Jackson of Crisack, Contractor discussed with the Board of Supervisors work to be done at Wal Mart and requesting a waiver of Ordinance 149, 2004 regarding construction activity hours, due to concerns of safety of Wal Mart associates, customers and pedestrians. Resident Kimberlee Oplinger stated she had problems the previous week with paving activity after hours. Ms. Oplinger contacted the Wal Mart manager several times concerning the inability to sleep. Possible citings were discussed. Supervisor Judy Romig said she would not vote to allow night work hours due to concerns of the residents.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to allow the waiver, to do the repairs at Wal Mart, from Sunday, May 15, 2011 until Wednesday, June 15, 2011, subject to there being No demolition after 11:00 p.m., and if any complaints are received from the neighbors, of any noise, the project will be shut down and work from thereon will be during daytime hours. Upon roll call, Werley and Schappell voted yes. Judy Romig voted no.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to allow exemption of quarterly sewer payments for the property of Robert & Dana Hunsicker @ 27 Moonlight Drive, Hamburg, due to being unable to hook-up to the sewer due to contractor error, from the time Tilden Township was aware of the problem until the hook-up can be made. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

Other items of discussion were:

A letter from Mary & Shirley Liber of 308 Yoder Street concerning the restoration of their yard after the sewer project. This will be looked into.

Verbal complaints from Phyllis Piacine and Joel Stewart of Moonlight Drive regarding yard restoration. This will be looked into.

Terry Hall regarding yard signs attached to the utility pole on his property, from residents in the mobile home park. Ms. London will research the temporary sign ordinance.

Comment from resident regarding contacting County Commissioners / PennDOT regarding replacement of the Berne Bridge. The board does not have a problem with this.

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Kimberlee Oplinger stated there is a problem with trucks turning left out of the Wal Mart parking lot, continuing on Lowland Road to the intersection with Mountain Road and getting stuck making a left turn onto Mountain Road. T0 61 signs and No Truck Traffic signs will be researched by the Solicitor.

Ms. Oplinger also stated the Tilden Ridge property outside the fence is not being maintained. The ground is not graded, erosion control is not being maintained and the weeds are not mowed. This will be looked into as per the Property Maintenance Ordinance.

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 Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary