

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Friday, July 1, 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 8:07 A.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for Kyle Pagerly, Deputy Sheriff who was killed in the line of duty.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

General Fund - Ck# 17222-17260 in the amount of \$26,911.67

Auto deductions in the amount of \$334.53

Payroll - Ck# 11715-11737 in the amount of \$15,911.73

ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$5,166.22

Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - auto deductions in the amount of \$72.39

Sewer Fund - Ck# 2407-2411 in the amount of \$12,358.17

Auto deductions in the amount of \$272.13

Building & Zoning Ck # 133 in the amount of \$12,607.29

Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$57.29

Ck# 1003 in the amount of \$313.00

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 - \$2,956,414.36

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the June 3 and June 4, 2011 meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - POLICE

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to rescind the motion of June 28, 2011 to terminate Dennis Schwoyer and also to rescind the motion to give the pension annuity to Dennis Schwoyer. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

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The report for June, 2011 was given by Acting Chief McEllroy. 46 shifts were covered, 367 hours were worked, 1,558 miles were put on vehicles and 177.50 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

Vehicle mileage is still being reviewed.

The Enradd system is still out of service for repairs.

Kernsville Dam issues are ongoing and enforcement is being researched.

Township Police have not investigated an accident at the guiderail / fence at the entrance to the Dam.

The robbery in the police report, property was returned, no charges were filed. The General Public is not at risk.

REPORT - SOLICITOR

REPORT - ZONING/SEO

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the St. Mary's Church fireworks display, at the new location, provided the Acting Chief and Fire Chief approve, and a Certificate of insurance is received. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

Trash cans, tables and signage for Rhoads Memorial Park were discussed.

The denial, by the Zoning Hearing Board, of an application by Blue Mountain Academy, for an auto body shop, was discussed.

REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER

The Report for June, 2011 was received.

Roadmaster, Mike Quick, discussed the following: Night paving on Industrial Drive.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to waive the construction activity ordinance to allow Pennsy Supply, Inc., to pave Industrial Drive during night time hours, due to traffic. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

Mike will let the police know the dates the road will be closed.

Mike is coordinating the work on Industrial Drive with Pennsy Supply, Reading & Northern Railroad, Wexcon, and township employees / equipment.

The office will check into trench repairs on Pine Road where UGI installed a gas line

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to purchase a utility trailer, in the amount of \$1,365.00, to haul the lawn mower to various township locations. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

Sewer pump station emergency numbers were revised. An appointment will be set up for service and calibrations.

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The backhoe will be checked and serviced.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to award an increase of \$1,500.00, effective immediately, to Mike Quick, upon his promotion to Roadmaster on June 28, 2011. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to hire Leroy Strunk, Jr., as a road crew member, at a starting rate of \$16.00 per hour, along with health insurance benefits, effective immediately. Probation, vacation, etc. will be as per the Tilden Township handbook. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

As a resident and taxpayer, Dale Stoudt objected to the health insurance benefits effective immediately.

REPORT-SECRETARY

The secretary's report for June, 2011 was given by Cheryl Haus.

The sewer hook-up @ 214 Yoder Street was discussed, after months of discussions / easement amendments, the township was told by the adjacent property owner that he is not interested in signing any easement. The only alternative is installing a pump.

REPORT - PARK & RECREATION

A thank you will be sent to Denise Shomo for donating the box hockey game to the Park & Recreation area.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to move forward with bidding, etc., with Watkins Architect, for the concession stand / bathrooms. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

A letter will be sent to Hamburg Municipal Authority advising them that at this time Tilden Township will not be paying off the debt service with them.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to transfer \$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars) from the sewer checking account to the VIST note/loan for the sewer project. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT

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A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to reapprove the Focus Development Land Development Plan. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Preliminary Contentment Farms Subdivision Plan, contingent upon the comments of Carbon Engineering, Inc. of June 7, 2011, and the conveyance of land, 300 x 200, to the township for recreation, shown as Lot 21 on the plan. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

REPORT - NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to appoint Anna Shollenberger as Township Planning Commission Secretary at a rate of \$185.00 per month. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

The Memo of Understanding with the Berks County Conservation District was tabled due to lack of definiteness.

Estimates will be obtained for repairs to the township garage

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to reduce the financial security by \$86,886.00 on the Red Robin development as per Carbon Engineering, Inc. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Schappell voted yes.

DEP visited Tilden Township on Thursday and informed the office that if Tilden Township does not abide by Act 140 the 904 grant in the amount of approximately \$9,000.00 annually will not be given.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Russ Werley to forego the grant. Upon roll call, Romig, Werley and Schappell 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 Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus
Secretary