

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Saturday, July 10, 2010  
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Russ Werley, Judy Romig and Gene Schappell, Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus, Police Chief Dennis Schwoyer and Solicitor James Lillis. 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.

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2010 TO INTERVIEW AND DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2010 BEFORE THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2010 BEFORE THE REGULAR MEETING TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -**

**JoAnn Rahauser of 334 West State Street** asked about speeding on West State Street and police presence there. Chief Schwoyer stated manpower is the issue. JoAnn also asked about the PennDOT manhole order and water for the mobile home park. Solicitor Lillis responded that an Agreement has been reached between PennDOT and Tilden Township. The Township will not need to replace the manholes unless a problem develops and PennDOT requests an inspection. Township officials are meeting with Hamburg Municipal Authority to discuss the extension of water to the township and the mobile home park.

**Dale Stoudt of 437 Hill Drive** asked if the article in the Saturday paper regarding DEP and catch basins had anything to do with the Township. At this time, Township officials do not have any knowledge of this. The amount of fire tax generated was \$86,701.00. When the TIF payment is made and we know if we need to pay the TIF percent on the fire tax, the Board may adjust the fire tax for 2011. Change of the July meeting date was discussed.

**Anna Shollenberger of 772 Hex Highway** asked about the April workshop, VIST and the Pension plan. Township officials are still gathering information from Pension Plan providers.

**Richard Delong of 2 Delong Road** asked about the amount of the donation to the Hamburg Ambulance from the Fire Tax. The amount will be \$500.00 as it has been for many years.

**Eric Schrack of 353 West State Street** asked about the fire tax and if there will be an increase in Fire Company donations. The donations will be the same as last year. Mr. Schrack also asked about repairs to his property as a result of the West Hamburg Sewer Project.

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A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize Supervisor Russ Werley to meet with the Roadmaster and direct the Roadmaster as to the repairs. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to modify the June 10, 2010 letter eliminating Condition D. PennDOT approval of intersection improvements pursuant to the HOP, including, but not limited to traffic signals, signage and lane markings. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

Mr. Fogel and Mr. Lillis will coordinate the financial security.

Chief Schwoyer discussed with Mr. Fogel about security on the site and with the secretary about the closing of Lowland Road.

Richard DeLong asked about fixing Possum Road. Possum Road is on the list of roads to repair in Tilden Township.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to authorize the secretary to give a letter to Representative Seip regarding the PennDOT inspections. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

General Fund - Ck# 16731-16774 in the amount of \$47,875.64  
    Auto deductions in the amount of \$576.97  
Payroll - Ck# 11427-11433 in the amount of \$12,745.50  
    ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$5,030.20  
Cabela's Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$65.99  
Sewer Fund - Ck# 2299-2312 in the amount of \$665,895.10  
    Auto deductions in the amount of \$128.58  
Sovereign Grant Fund - Fund transfer in the amount of \$20,184.18  
TIF Traffic Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$42.79  
    Ck # 2019 in the amount of \$ 166.00  
TIP Street Light Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$630.18  
West Hamburg Street Lt Fund - Auto deduction in the amount of \$201.51  
Building & Zoning Ck # 115 in the amount of \$36,429.92

Upon roll call Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

**TOWNSHIP DEBT**

Building - \$944,000.00  
Tilden Collection System - \$5,704,000.00  
HMA sewer expansion - \$3,207,401.31

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the June 4, 2010 workshop minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.**

**REPORT - POLICE**

The report for June, 2010 was given by Chief Schwoyer. 39 shifts were covered, 316 hours were worked, 1,365 miles were put on vehicles and 134.6 gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report.

Chief Schwoyer did a special detail on June 6 for Blue Mountain Wildlife.

Both officers have qualified for firearms.

The COPS grant was updated and reapplied for.

Officer McEllroy participated in two special details with county detectives.

The D.A.'s office stated the impounded truck in the Township fenced area is still needed as evidence.

Chief Schwoyer stated he wants to start contract negotiations and asked for an Executive Session to get clarification on contract negotiations.

Chief Schwoyer and Attorney Lillis left the meeting and spoke regarding the Chief's contract.

**REPORT - SOLICITOR**

A decision on participation in Municibid was tabled until the Solicitor receives more information.

A decision on the Resolution recommended by PSATS in opposition to forced mergers was tabled until the Solicitor receives more information.

**REPORT - ZONING/SEO**

Zoning and building reports were received for May and June, 2010

**REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER**

The Roadmaster Report for June, 2010 was received.

**REPORT-SECRETARY**

The Secretary's report for June, 2010 was given.

An update on the sewer hook-ups was given. There are still 6 Tapping fees unpaid, 51 connections still need to be made, 28 first quarter bills are unpaid and there are 17 past due Tapping Fee Agreements.

\$92,183.08 was received from Berks E. I. T. Bureau for the period of March 1 thru May 31, 2010

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Joe Scalia of the Auditor General's office completed the Liquid Fuels Audit--no findings were reported. A report will be received once completed.

**REPORT - PARK & RECREATION**

Minutes were received from the June 16, 2010 meeting.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to award the quote for the backstop and protective screens to Amity Fence, in the amount of \$7,585.00. Upon roll call, Schappell, Werley and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to table the recommendation by the Park & Recreation Board to hire Watkins Architect to design a concession stand and restroom as per the quote of \$4,800.00. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

**REPORT - OLD BUSINESS**

**REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT**

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to re-approve the Freedom Hyundai land development plan due to the 90 day expiration for recording. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

Pat Dolan and Eric Savage of Freedom Hyundai will discuss with Township Engineer, Ron Tirpak, the cost of the Traffic Impact Fee.

**REPORT - NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to hire Holley McEllroy as webmaster to enter the information and complete the Tilden Township website @ \$30.00 per hour. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to accept the letters from PennDOT to install and maintain Clearance signs for bridges crossing Academy Road and Pine Road. The secretary will check with PennDOT about a sign for Tilden Road. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to appoint Gene Schappell or Judy Romig as Representatives and Cheryl Haus as alternate Representative for the Northern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan review. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Manfred Stetzer application into the Ag Security Area.

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The emergency generator has been installed and is awaiting final electrical hook-up.

Three invoices from Larry Miller for sewer work have been sent to Joao and Bradley.

There are two properties that cannot be hooked up to the sewer as the main line stands now. 214 Yoder Street and 23 Rainbow Drive.

Supervisor Romig stated she received calls regarding property maintenance / trash for homes in the Yoder Heights area. The Zoning officer will be told to check into it.

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE** is 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 9:58 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.**

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus  
Secretary