

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Thursday, August 8, 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, Chad Lubas 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.

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD FOR THE VICITMS OF THE MONROE COUNTY SHOOTING**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Fred Herman of 10 Berne Road** noted that maybe the Supervisors wanted to make a correction to an article that was in the Reading Eagle on June 27, 2013, regarding aiding hoarders. The article was incorrect, however, the Board does not wish to address the issue in the Eagle.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

General Fund - Ck# 18198-18218 in the amount of \$14,382.03  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$1,491.81  
Payroll - Ck# 12400-12430 in the amount of \$18,791.84  
ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$7,554.71  
Cabela's Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$49.46  
Ck # 2019 in the amount of \$39.00  
Sewer Fund - Ck# 2610-2616 in the amount of \$58,385.06  
Auto deductions in the amount of \$503.90  
TIP Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$40.21  
TIP Street Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$658.00  
Building & Zoning Ck # 165 in the amount of \$10,914.63  
West Hamburg Street Light - Auto deduction in the amount of \$207.03  
Tilden Ridge Traffic Light - Auto deductions in the amount of \$95.70  
Ck# 105 in the amount of \$123.00

Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

**DEBT SERVICE**

Building - \$753,900.00  
Tilden Collection System - \$4,675,100.00  
HMA sewer expansion - \$4,680,323.96  
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 July 11, 2013 Regular meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

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**REPORT - POLICE**

The report for July, 2013 was given by Chief McEllroy. 100 incidents were handled, 1,610 miles were put on vehicles and 170.5 gallons of fuel were used. The department is waiting for the new vehicle. As soon as it is delivered to Manderbach, it will be taken to Radio Maintenance to have the radios, etc. installed. Decals will be put on and it will be ready to be put in service. Supervisor Schappell asked about robberies and thefts in Tilden. There haven't been any robberies, however, thefts from unlocked vehicles are still being investigated.

**REPORT - SOLICITOR**

A motion was made by Carl Spatz and seconded by Gene Schappell to adopt Ordinance #214, 2013, adopting the 2009 edition of the International property Maintenance Code.

AN ORDINANCE OF TILDEN TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE 2009 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES BY PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; AND THE CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCE AND USE, AND THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH EXISTING STRUCTURES IN TILDEN TOWNSHIP; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 148 OF 2004 OF TILDEN TOWNSHIP AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Upon roll call, Spatz, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

**REPORT - ZONING/SEO**

The Report for July, 2013 was received

**REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER**

The Report for July, 2013 was received.

Mike Quick, Road Master, discussed with the Board the 2013 Road Project and the addition of milling the curve @ Northern Berks Family Medicine, on Industrial Drive. Jesse and Alvin Adam of 4 Industrial Drive were present and discussed an accident involving their truck on the curve.

**REPORT-SECRETARY**

The secretary's report For July, 2013 was given by Cheryl Haus.

Park rentals for 2013, April 15 to October 15, 2013 are: 23 rentals approximate number of people 1,165.

The secretary attended the BCCPC meeting on July 9. Current bidding contracts are rock salt, heating oil, diesel fuel and line striping. Possible new commodities ammunition, medical supplies, audit services

The Supervisors discussed allowing the Hamburg Fire Company to come into Tilden with an instructor to practice elevator rescuing. The secretary will meet them at the township building on August 11.

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**REPORT - PARK & RECREATION**

**A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Carl Spatz to accept the Letter of Resignation from Tom Romig, from the Park & Recreation Board. Upon roll call, Schappell, Spatz and Werley voted yes.**

Due to lack of discussion items, the August 21 Park & Recreation Board meeting will be cancelled.

Hamburg Park donated a manual scoreboard to the Tilden Baseball field.

Construction for dugouts was discussed. Supervisor Werley will donate his time and employees will check with Lowe's, etc. for materials.

**REPORT - OLD BUSINESS**

**REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT - NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the exemption of sewer charges for the irrigation meter moving forward. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.**

The credit for past charges was denied due to Tilden Township advising Christian of Advantage in July, 2011 that a letter needed to be sent to the Supervisors requesting credit for usage paid and requesting a waiver for sewer charges. This was never done.

**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the Alarm System Agreement with Four Star / Security Service Company, for the township garage system, for a 5 year term. Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Spatz voted yes.**

The refund for Cabela's Reassessment for 2011, 2012 and 2013 was tabled.

**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Carl Spatz to move forward with advertising, etc. to hook-up the 13 homes on West State Stgreet, to the West Hamburg Sanitary Sewer System, that were deleted from the installation of the sewer system in 2010. Upon roll call, Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.**

A hearing date was set and will be advertised, etc. for September 12, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m., to review the past performance of the cable operator, Comcast, and to identify the future cable-related community needs of the Township.

**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 Carl Spatz to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 P.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Spatz and Schappell voted yes.**

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus,  
Secretary