

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 21, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board scheduled for April 21, 2020 was cancelled due to government restrictions in connection to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

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Jason Brown, Clerk

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**May 19, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. Supervisor Kulju called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Lori Kulju Clerk: Jason Brown Treasurer: Ann Pietro  
Trustee: Paul Altobello Trustee: Deborah Pellow

**Agenda:**

- Altobello motioned to accept the agenda. Brown seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Minutes:**

- Pietro motioned to accept the minutes of the March regular meeting. Pellow seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- Chris Mills of Scotty's Housewashing was in attendance and stated that he would perform annual house washing to Tilden residents with no increase in cost from 2019. Altobello motioned to accept the offer from Mills. Kulju seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. He was asked by Brown to provide a copy of insurance coverage to the office.

**Bills:**

- Pellow motioned to pay the bills as presented. Altobello seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. General 20596 – 20719 Fire/Garbage 1090 – 1099 Water 5736 – 5786

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer's report was placed on file.

**Communications:**

- None.

**Supervisor's Comments:**

- Kulju stated that she has been in contact with the playground company and that they plan on installing the new swings sometime in the last week of May. They also reviewed pictures sent to them by the Supervisor showing gaps in the design that were felt to be dangerous. Their response was that there were no problems with how the design was set up. A DPW employee will be at the playground when the swings are installed to discuss these gaps.

**Water Business:**

- In the water policy adopted January 15, 2019, effective April 1, 2019, it is stated that a 2.5% increase shall be set by the Township Board on April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Brown motioned to remove the increase for the 2020-2021 year due to how well the water funds have increased. Pellow seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

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- In the analysis performed by the MRWA, it was suggested that the Board create a separate Water Capital Improvement Fund. This fund would grow by \$5,200 per year and would be used for future significant costs to the water system. Brown motioned to start the fund at this time with a \$10,400.00 deposit, covering both the 2019 and 2020 contributions. Pellow seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- The restarting of water late fees and non-payment shut-offs will be placed on the June agenda.
- Water meters currently in use in Tilden are no longer being produced and sold. DPW would like to remove the meters in abandoned residences and have them calibrated for backups, thus extending the time before the Township would need to buy new meters for every residence on the water system. The Township will need the owner's permission to remove the idle meter from their property. DPW was asked to obtain an estimate for new meters for future budget consideration.
- Regulations require that the water tank be inspected every five years. Champion has researched when it was last inspected, which was 2018. All Harris has given him information on who to contact to do the inspection in 2023.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Pellow reported on the single stream recycling and the costs to the Township to start curbside recycling. She presented a quote from Cascade Engineering for 64 gallon containers with an approximate cost of \$50.00 per container with an estimate of 500 containers. Pietro asked if Pellow assumed everybody wants a recycling bin. Pellow feels it should be offered to everyone. It was discussed that participation is voluntary at this time, however, everyone will have a new container. The Charlie Lakes area would be included as they pay a garbage millage as everyone else. The company would require a list of residents including addresses and would deliver the bin to each home. A trailer would still be placed near the National Mine garage for glass. North Country Disposal would charge an additional \$412 per month to pick up the recycling in Tilden. Altobello motioned to purchase the recycling containers for each residence for recycling at an estimated total cost of \$26,400. Kulju seconded. All ayes. Motioned carried.
- Altobello is still negotiating the issue of Ishpeming Township increasing their monthly cost of fire protection to Tilden over the next four years. Lengthy discussion followed on how to proceed. It was decided that Kulju will contact Ishpeming Township's supervisor and ask him to show budget expenses for the last three years with a breakdown of actual costs in the current budget year.

**New Business:**

- Tilden Township has retained the services of O'Dea, Nordeen, Burink and Pickens, P.C. due to the approaching retirement of John Heikkila. Attorneys Jeremy Pickens and Michael Burink were in attendance and introduced themselves. They stated that if the Board has any question, they are always welcome to contact them.

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## New Business, (cont'd.):

- Tony Dupont attended the meeting and has requested water service to his property located at the old National Mine School site. He stated that summer is near and he needs water for his garden. Carl Baldwin of U.P. Engineering was also in attendance. A long discussion ensued concerning the issue of whether or not the school could be hooked up to Tilden's water system. Maps were reviewed from when the new system was installed. The issue of Mr. Dupont's plans for the building and grounds were discussed. It would be a requirement of Tilden Township that Mr. Dupont follow zoning guidelines. Mr. Dupont believes he is exempt from zoning requirements due to his standing in an Ojibway 1807 treaty. Pellow stated that he must start with zoning approval before proceeding with his plans for the school and property. Mr. Pickens explained the zoning laws including conditional and special uses and how the process works, including going before the zoning commission. The building is currently zoned residential R1. The Board would also need assurances such as a documentation from a certified plumber before they will provide water service to the school. It is a health and safety issue and rules are there to protect him too. Mr. Dupont stated that he believed the lawyers were foreign actors and asked them about their credentials. He stated he has been targeted by British intelligence before. Pellow instructed Dupont to start with zoning and the Board will contact a former employee to find out more about the water system lines to the school. She also suggested that he may want to talk to an attorney. The matter was placed on next month's agenda. Dupont felt that was retaliation to withhold water from him. Brown also explained the Board's having opted out by resolution on commercial recreational marijuana facilities in the Township. Discussion was then held on obtaining water for Mr. Dupont's garden. The safety to the water system was discussed along with how the water would be paid for. Mr. Dupont was asked to send documentation on his claim of the land being Ojibway Nation. He will send a copy of the treaty.
- A dumpster has been placed at the Willey/LaMere residence to aid in the cleanup of the property. Mr. Willey has been making progress in his attempt at cleaning up the parcel. Pictures were reviewed of garbage in the yard of David Steele. A miscellaneous debris violation letter will be sent to him. Different properties were discussed. It was decided that Board members take a ride in the Township to document properties in violation. The information, including pictures, will be sent to the office. Letters will be sent. The Deputy will follow up if no progress is made.
- A request for a bus turnaround at the end of County Road PGE has been received from NICE Community Schools Department of Transportation. Kulju will contact Iwaniki at the MCRC if this can be done and the process including any easement issue.
- Pellow motioned to accept the dry hydrant lease with the DNR located at the Schweitzer Creek Flowage boat access site. Pietro seconded. All ayes Motion carried. The lease must be signed before a notary public.
- Brown motioned to approve the budget adjustments as presented to the Board. Pietro seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.



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- Pietro stated that since Pohlman opted to take a furlough, Champion has been doing his job. She feels that he should be paid at the DPW supervisor rate as he is doing that job. She also believes he should be compensated for past weeks since Pohlman's furlough. Pietro motioned to raise Champion's pay rate and issue a check for the back pay. Kulju seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Pohlman hopes to be back to work soon.

Public Comment:

- Deputy Best stated that she has been talking with a DNR officer about holding a West End ORV Education Day utilizing the hall's parking lot. The day could possibly include morning and afternoon sessions reviewing ORV regulations. Trail maps would also be available for handout, with a blown-up map at the site. The Board felt it would be a good idea. Deputy Best will put together a proposal and report back with her progress.
- Pietro stated that she has ordered the new Authorities & Responsibilities of Michigan Townships Handbook for reference.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.



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**TILDEN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING****June 16, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020. Supervisor Kulju called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Lori Kulju Clerk: Jason Brown Treasurer: Ann Pietro  
Trustee: Paul Altobello Trustee: Deborah Pellow

**Agenda:**

- Pietro motioned to accept the agenda. Brown seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Minutes:**

- Pellow motioned to accept the minutes of the May regular meeting. Altobello seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- Tony Belpedio spoke to the Board concerning speeders on County Road PPV – CD (Mail Route Road). He stated that he lives at the bottom of a hill with limited sight and vehicles are “flying” over it, some going as fast as eighty miles per hour per his estimate. There is no speed limit posted so by law the speed limit is fifty-five. He feels that it should be as low as forty, possibly thirty-five. The area has been patrolled. He contacted the MCRC and they said lowering the speed limit starts at the township level. A speed study could be requested by Tilden and conducted by the DOT. A long discussion ensued concerning speed studies and the process to get a speed limit lowered. Belpedio stated that someone has to use some reason in the situation. Kulju will contact the MCRC to request a speed study.
- Carole Watson addressed the Board with her concerns of what her neighborhood has been going through. A recent suspicious fire was started in a house near her and the whole neighborhood was “terrorized”. There was talk of evacuation and she had recently had surgery. A woman had been seen wandering, screaming and yelling in the middle of the night. She stated that the neighborhood is not safe. She wonders if it will all be swept under the rug. Kulju mentioned that a lot of neighborhoods are going through the same thing. Additional police patrols may help. Her neighbor with all the trash in his yard will be receiving a miscellaneous debris violation letter.
- Tony Dupont, who has recently purchased the National Mine School, shared some news about some exciting cool technology that has been suppressed. An energy project is in the works to create and teach everybody to build water motors.

**Bills:**

- Pellow motioned to pay the bills as presented. Altobello seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. General 20720 – 20764 Fire/Garbage 1100 – 1106 Water 5787 – 5802

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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**Communications:**

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Water Business:

- Pietro motioned to restart late fee penalties and shut off notices with the next water billing which will be on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Pellow seconded. Ayes: Pietro, Pellow, Altobello and Kulju. Nay: Brown. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Deputy Best stated that an event will be held at the pavilion located in front of the Township Hall on June 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. The purpose is to spread ORV knowledge and to be safe and have fun. Representatives of the Marquette County Sheriff's Department, the DNR and Special Ops will be there. Everyone is welcome.
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## Public Comment:

- Faye Sangala asked if anyone knew if the rest of County Road 581 would be blacktopped this year. No one had any information on this. The rules for the opening of the Hall were gone over again. She stated that the exercise girls could wear masks. Pietro stated that the Hall would open on July 1<sup>st</sup> and they would be welcome then. She then asked what the big problem was with giving Mr. Dupont water. The Board gave some explanations about the concerns that the building may contain mold and asbestos. The water had been off for so long that steps had to be taken before it could be turned back on. Pietro also noted that the school is now zoned residential. Sangala asked why he doesn't have it changed.
- Jim Manty asked to get something straight. Mr. Dupont wants the Township to provide a service and not pay? As a tax payer, I would object to it.
- Tony Belpedio asked who was chip sealing County Road 476 because he was held up for thirty plus minutes during the process.

## Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

  
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## Agenda:

- Pellow motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of a printer quote under New Business. Brown seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

## Minutes:

- Pietro motioned to accept the June regular meeting minutes. Altobello seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

## Public Comment:

- Tony Belpedio asked if the MCRC had been contacted about speeding he previously reported at last month's meeting on County Road PPV. Kulju stated that she had called and left messages and e-mailed Jamie Coolidge. She will continue to get answers.
- Trecia Nickerson spoke to the Board concerning her receipt of a miscellaneous debris violation letter. She would like the Board to clarify what exactly they would like moved from her yard. She sent pictures of her property to the Township which have been forwarded to each Board member. Pietro stated that her yard looked very nice and neat. She was told to disregard the letter.
- Linda Niemi of 385 County Road PDJ stated that she is "smack dab" in the middle of the old National Mine School and the Billy Willy property. She realizes that there have been complaints and the Township has gone to court on the Willy issue, but she was told five years ago that the property would be cleaned up. It is getting worse. The Township had set up a contractor to clean it up but he backed out. Willy was cleaning it up himself, but is again collecting old car parts. He was not sent a miscellaneous debris violation letter this year as the Township already has the right to clean it up. Altobello stated that he will attempt to find a contractor to clean the property.
- Carole Watson questioned how long a property owner has to clean up after they have been sent a violation letter. If showing an effort, they have 30 days. If not, the Deputy is sent. It is a civil infraction. The Township has received payment in the past for violations. If residents disagree with the letter, they can attend a meeting.
- Jim Manty asked for clarity on what exactly happens after the sheriff is sent. The steps are outlined in the miscellaneous debris ordinance.

## Bills:

- Pellow motioned to pay the bills as presented. Altobello seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. General 20765 – 20824 Fire/Garbage 1107 – 1112 Water 5803 – 5829

## Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report was placed on file.

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## Communications:

- The Township has received a thank you letter and a follow up call from U.P.S.E.T.

## Supervisor's Comments:

- None.

## Water Business:

- The restart of late fees and non-payment shut offs is tabled to the August regular meeting

## Unfinished Business:

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## Public Comment:

- Steven Hill also complained about the Willy/Lamere front yard. He feels it has gotten worse not better in the last five to seven years. Wendy Hill commented about a camper, cars, car parts, glass all over, being there. With the grass so long, it is hard to tell what all is there.
- Boone stated that Deputy Best has been to problem properties and has been trying very hard using several different ways to get them to clean up.
- Pellow has been working with Signs Unlimited on the fire sign replacement. The resident list needs to be updated for the Charlie Lakes area.
- Boone asked if all taxpayers would be receiving a recycling bin. Residents on the garbage route would be.
- VanLuven asked for a copy of the list of residents who received a miscellaneous debris violation letter.
- Trecia Nickerson feels that the Board should be more careful when they send out the violation letters and that pictures should be included. The process made no sense.

## Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.



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**Agenda:**

- Brown motioned to accept the agenda. Altobello seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Minutes:**

- Pietro motioned to accept the July regular meeting minutes. Brown seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- Deputy Best stated that she has noticed that although a parking lot has been constructed for vehicles near the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, people are still parking alongside Stoneville Road. Dawn Hoffman will be contacted concerning this. Signs for trail use parking with arrows were suggested.

**Bills:**

- Pellow motioned to pay the bills as presented. Altobello seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. General 20825 – 20895 : Fire/Garbage 1113 – 1117 : Water 5830 – 5850

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer's report was placed on file.

**Communications:**

- A memo has been received from Ishpeming Township Supervisor Jim Nankervis advising the township that the west end transfer station will not be accepting recycling while the Marquette County Landfill is switching over to single stream recycling.
- A letter from the MCSWMA has been received that outlines the county wide transition to single stream recycling. Single stream will begin on October 1, 2020.
- A resume from Julie Filbrant was distributed to the Board. She requested to be considered for the treasurer's position if it were to become available.

**Supervisor's Comments:**

- Kulju received notice from the MCRC that the Michigan State Police specialist looked into doing a speed study on County Road PPV and felt that the hills and curves on the road should control the speed of drivers; therefore, not eligible for the study.
- Kulju received a letter from the Michigan Department of Treasury that the follow up AMAR review has been completed, the studies are sufficient and no further review is necessary at this time.

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**Water Business:**

- After Board discussion, Altobello motioned to restart the water billing late fees as in the past. Kulju seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Late fees will begin with the September 1, 2020 billing. No shut-off notices will be sent through the December billing due to an extension of the Governor's executive order. Brown noted that if a water customer does not pay their bill, it can be placed as an assessment on their tax bill.

**Unfinished Business:**

- The Board reviewed a handout of what the new recycling bins would look like. Instructions of what may be placed inside the bin will be permanently stamped on the top cover. After an assessment of the resident's list, five hundred bins will be ordered at the cost of \$24,400. The resident's list, a signed quote and credit application will be sent to the company. If some residents feel that the bin is too large and hard to handle, they may call the Township and request a smaller one.
- A sample of a white reflective fire sign was displayed. Pellow motioned to order the white sign with black numbers to replace resident's current orange fire signs which have faded. Pietro seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. The 6"x12" aluminum signs are \$12.00 each.
- Miscellaneous debris violations were discussed. The list has been turned over to Deputy Best and she has been making contact with residents. Altobello has been in contact with contractors to clean up the Willey/LaMere property, but no one is available until next year. Two properties on County Road 476 have also become in violation. VanLuven noted that Ely had progress with a similar situation with a \$100.00, then a \$500.00 ticket being given to a violator. The ordinance must be followed and citations must be written. Jeremy Pickens was questioned as to how far the Township can push the situation. He stated that the resident can be fined every day, end up in court for a show cause hearing, the fines can be assessed to the property and eventually be foreclosed upon if not paid.

**New Business:**

- A fall newsletter will be produced. Some of the items to be highlighted will be single stream recycling, Heritage Trail parking and the new fire signs. Residents will be asked to call the hall if their fire sign post is down or damaged and new posts will be ordered.
- A recent rental of the pavilion for a life celebration was discussed. When Joki arrived to clean for the party to be held the following day, the area had been trashed. Since the park had to be cleaned immediately, Champion assisted her with the chore. Because there is no charge for a funeral/memorial rental there was no deposit to withhold. Discussion was held on whether to obtain a credit card number to have on file to cover costs if this were to happen again in the future. The Board decided that the renter will receive an itemized invoice for the cleaning including wages and benefits. The attorney will review the current rental agreements for both the hall and the pavilion.
- Brown asked if the Board had any questions concerning the distributed June 2020 financial reports. Pellow questioned if the recycling bins and fire signs had been included. Brown motioned to amend the budget to add \$25,000 to the Garbage expense budget. Pellow seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. The cost of the fire signs appears to be within the budgeted Road expenses.

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**August 18, 2020**

Public Comment:

- Altobello asked if Pohlman was aware of the new PFAS testing. Pohlman is aware and looking into it.
- Faye Sangala asked about the size of the recycling bins. If the new bin is too large and bulky for her, the Township will replace it with a smaller one.
- Brown noted that the wage for the position of the fill-in secretary should be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.



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Jason Brown, Clerk

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 15, 2020**

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The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Supervisor Kulju called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Lori Kulju Clerk: Jason Brown Treasurer: Ann Pietro  
Trustee: Paul Altobello Trustee: Deborah Pellow

**Agenda:**

- Brown motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of National Mine School under Unfinished Business. Kulju seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Minutes:**

- Pietro motioned to accept the August regular meeting minutes. Pellow seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- None.

**Bills:**

- Altobello motioned to pay the bills as presented. Pellow seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. General 20896 – 20959 Fire/Garbage 1118 – 1123 Water 5851 – 5870

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer's report was placed on file.

**Communications:**

- The audit report conducted by Anderson, Tackman & Company is complete and copies of the audit have been distributed to the Board.

**Supervisor's Comments:**

- None.

**Water Business:**

- Pohlman suggested the purchase of a water leak detector as he feels the system is losing water due to small leaks in various areas. He had acquired three prices and the Board reviewed and discussed the options. Pohlman had consulted with Harris concerning the purchase and he agreed that it would be a good idea. Pellow motioned for Pohlman to purchase the detector he felt was the best, up to a cost of \$4,000. Brown seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.



# TILDEN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

## September 15, 2020

### Unfinished Business:

- The Board reviewed the miscellaneous debris report submitted by Deputy Best. Tilden Township attorney Jeremy Pickens was directed to send miscellaneous debris ordinance violation letters to William Hager, Timothy Nicholas, David Steele and Lee and Amy LaMere. He was questioned about the Right to Farm Act and how much a resident could accumulate under the act. A long discussion was held. Subjects included the ability of the Township to put a lien on properties, how often the violator can be cited and different ordinances that may be utilized to obtain compliance. A provision needs to be added to the ordinance to be able to place a lien against property. Pickens stated that it is up to the judge to decide the amount of the fine per day (or week).
- The Township has received notice that the recycling carts will be delivered to the Township on October 19<sup>th</sup> and the parking lot will be used as a staging area. Pohlman submitted three quotes for a dump trailer to be used for glass recycling as the trailer the Township owns does not dump. He and Champion will outfit the trailer for recycling. Altobello motioned to purchase a six by twelve-foot trailer from Midway Rental and Sales at a cost of \$6,759. Pellow seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. The recycle 906 website will be mentioned as a reference in the newsletter.
- Jeremy Pickens will reach out to Patrick Jacuzzi of the Marquette County Health Department concerning Tony Dupont's request to drill a well at the National Mine School.

### New Business:

- A letter from P.J. and Jackie O'Brien requesting "No Parking" signs along County Road 476 was discussed. The neighbor across the street has been parking his vehicle on the shoulder of the road in front of their home. That practice, along with the debris in the neighbor's yard, is creating a narrow bottleneck in that area that they feel is very dangerous—especially for children playing in the area. Deputy Best stated that he has moved his vehicle to his own side of the road. The O'Briens contacted the MCRC and were told to contact the Tilden Township Board. Supervisor Kulju will view the section of road following tonight's meeting.
- The MCRC is requesting Tilden's paving, crack sealing and chip sealing and pavement marking needs for 2021 in an effort to get better prices. Item tabled to the October Regular meeting.
- Boone asked for clarification of the consequences of vandalism to Township property. Parents of juveniles will be liable for damages.

### Public Comment:

- Faye Sangala had questions about recycling. Residents will either have to hold onto their recyclables or place them in the regular garbage. There will public notices posted including in the paper, on radio and social media when single stream begins in the Township.
- Pohlman asked whether he should leave the range hood intact or remove it from the kitchen as it was damaged last year due to the buildup of ice. He was instructed to leave it there and repair.

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Public Comment-continued:

- Trecia Nickerson mentioned that she had created a National Mine Community public group on Facebook. She may need approval from the Supervisor before posting Tilden Township items as it could be a liability issue.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.



Jason Brown, Clerk

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 20, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Supervisor Kulju called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Lori Kulju Clerk: Jason Brown Treasurer: Ann Pietro  
Trustee: Paul Altobello Trustee: Deborah Pellow

**Agenda:**

- Kulju motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of health care renewal and PA 152 opt out under New Business. Brown seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Minutes:**

- Pellow motioned to accept the September regular meeting minutes. Pietro seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- Carole Watson thanked the Board for purchasing the recycling bins for residents and for the glass recycling trailer.

**Bills:**

- Altobello motioned to pay the bills as presented. Pellow seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. General 20960 – 21041 Fire/Garbage 1124 – 1130 Water 5871 – 5899

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer's report was placed on file.

**Communications:**

- None.

**Supervisor's Comments:**

- Kulju noted that she had looked over the road situation by P.J. and Jackie O'Brien's residence. The MCRC contacted the State Police to review the situation. The "No Parking This Side of Street" sign request was denied.

**Water Business:**

- Pohlman was absent due to assisting in the delivery of the recycling bins. He had reported to Brown that the new leak detector was working well. A possible leak had been discovered at least one unoccupied residence. The owner was notified and the water was shut off.

**Unfinished Business:**

- The Board reviewed the miscellaneous debris violations. Deputy Best posted notices on the door at two residences. Discussion was held on when the next steps should be started and the attempts some property owners have been taking to comply with the ordinance.



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Unfinished Business, (cont'd.):

- The new recycling bins were being delivered today and the process should be completed tomorrow. The bins have a ten-year warranty. After Board discussion, Pellow motioned that a one-time replacement for a new recycle bin would be provided at the Township expense if damage was unintentional, such as getting hit by County snow plow. However, if the damaged bin was determined to be intentional misuse, the owner would be responsible for the replacement. Pietro seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. A tarp has been purchased for the glass receptacle trailer. Some residents requested a smaller, more manageable bin. Kulju will contact North Country Disposal for a price.
- The Board decided to submit County Roads PAA, PPW and PDJ for estimates to the MCRC for paving in 2021. Pohlman will take a look at roads that need to be chip sealed. County Roads PPI and PPV were discussed. The five-year road plan will need to be re-evaluated. Kulju will call the MCRC tomorrow to discuss County Road PPO which was left half done by the contractor. County Roads PGG and PGE were not paved at all. PPO also has a hazardous area created by a culvert replacement.

New Business:

- Pellow stated that North Country Disposal will have to be contacted concerning the garbage and recycling now being brought directly to the Marquette County Landfill. Tilden Township will continue to pay tipping fees to the West End Landfill. There is a probability that the West End will discontinue the handling of recycling altogether.
- Brown presented, and the Board reviewed all financial statements and budget adjustments through September. There were no questions or concerns. Brown then motioned to adjust the budget as presented. Pietro seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Pellow motioned to approve the Blue Cross health care renewal for employees at a four percent increase and also to opt out of PA152. Altobello seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- None.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.



Jason Brown, Clerk

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 10, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Supervisor Kulju called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Lori Kulju Clerk: Jason Brown Treasurer: Ann Pietro  
Trustee: Paul Altobello Trustee: Deborah Pellow

**Agenda:**

- Pietro motioned to accept the agenda Pellow seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Minutes:**

- Altobello motioned to accept the October regular meeting minutes. Pietro seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- None.

**Bills:**

- Pellow motioned to pay the bills as presented. Altobello seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. General 21042 – 21095 Fire/Garbage 1131 – 1140 Water 5900 – 5914

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer's report was placed on file.

**Communications:**

- None.

**Supervisor's Comments:**

- Kulju commented on her 8 years served at Supervisor and thanked the board.

**Water Business:**

- A new EGLE grant for asset management and other projects was discussed. This led into a detailed discussion of inventorying the homeowners water service line as required by the new regulations following the Flint Lead Crisis.

**Unfinished Business:**

- The Board reviewed the miscellaneous debris violations.

**New Business:**

- An email request from Ely Township was received for the purchase of three new pagers for the First Responders who service Tilden Township. The cost per page is \$367 for a total of \$1,101. A motion by Kulju was made to reimburse Ely Township \$1,101 for three pagers for the First Responders Program, seconded by Pietro, All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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**Public Comment:**

- Ann Pietro commented on her appreciation of the board members who are leaving, Brown, Kulju and Altobello. She welcomed new Trustee James Manty who was in the audience.
- Deb Pellow introduced Jamie Campbell who she asked to serve as Deputy Clerk.
- Jason Brown commented on his 16 years of service and the differences from when he began to now. He thanked the board and wished them well including the new members.
- James Manty questioned the homeowner service line inventory requirement to determine if any could be lead or galvanized (lead) contaminated. Another lengthy discussion ensued and ended as the other new Trustee, Craig Marietti is a water department employee at Ishpeming Township and he will be a great resource to determine these requirements going forward.

**Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

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Deborah Pellow, Clerk

# TILDEN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

## December 22, 2020

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, December 22, 2020. Supervisor Vanluven called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred Vanluven Clerk: Deb Pellow Treasurer: Ann Pietro  
Trustee: James Manty Trustee: Craig Marietti

### Agenda:

- Pietro motioned to accept the agenda Manty seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

### Minutes:

- Pietro motioned to accept the November regular meeting minutes. Marietti seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

### Public Comment:

- None.

### Bills:

- Marietti motioned to pay the bills as presented. Manty seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. General 21096 – 21187 Fire/Garbage 1141 – 1147 Water 5915 – 5944

### Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report was placed on file.

### Communications:

- UPEA - Tilden Township MI Clean Water Act Grant Application. Deadline for grant application for first round funding is January 1, 2021. UPEA proposes to complete the MI Clean Water Act Grant Application at no initial cost to the Township. If the Township receives funding for the MI Clean Water Act, UPEA would then include our funding application costs as a grant reimbursement. If the Township is unsuccessful in the grant application through the MI Clean Water Act Grant Application, then UPEA would not charge the Township for their services. However, if the grant offer is approved and the Township refuses funding, UPEA will charge for the time associated with the application. If the project is to move forward, UPEA will be the Engineer of record throughout the entire project. Pietro motioned Pellow seconded to hire UPEA for the Clean Water Act Grant Application. All Ayes. Motion carried

### Supervisor's Comments:

- Supervisor Vanluven addressed the questioned issue of red dust from the mine. Tilden Township had recently had the homes washed of the red dust. Concluded red dust wasn't a current issue for the Township due to the earlier cleaning.

### Water Business:

- The Board discussed the Water Shut Offs and that they will not occur during this winter due to COVID 19.

### Unfinished Business:



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- The Board reviewed the miscellaneous debris violations. Still multiple properties with miscellaneous debris. Deputy Sheriff has made contact with property owners but little has changed. Deputy Sheriff currently off for Christmas break. The Board discussed citations for the property owners that do not comply on a weekly basis. Supervisor Vanluven will meet with the Township lawyer and Sheriff to discuss further. - Motion made to deliver citation once a week for noncompliance, by Deb Pellow. Supported by Pietro. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vanluven will send thank you letters to the past Board members.

**New Business:**


- Sheriff's Contract Increase - Motioned: Pietro. Supported by: Marietti. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Budget Amendment - Motioned: Pellow. Supported by: Marietti. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Designated Assessor as Jacki - Motioned: Pietro. Supported by: Vanluven. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 2021 Schedule of Township Meetings - March 2021 Meeting changed to March 23, 2021. November 2021 Meeting changed to November 9th, 2021. Motioned: Pietro. Supported by: Vanluven. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Adding a Notary to Township - Discussion of certifying Pam Boone to become a Notary for the Township. Yearly charge to keep Notary. Motioned: Pietro. Supported by: Pellow.
- Certifications for Jeff Pohllman and Matt Champion - Discussion of a pay raise for certifications. Once both Matt and Jeff have completed all of their certifications, they will receive a pay increase. Motioned: Pietro. Supported by: Vanluven: to make their raises retro-active to the date they took the test. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Send Al Harris a Thank You letter - Motioned: Pietro. Supported by: Pellow. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

  
Deborah Pellow, Clerk