

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Clerk: Deb Pellow, Trustee: Craig Marietti

Board members absent: Treasurer: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Jim Manty

Agenda: Pellow moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda.

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the December 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Pellow moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 21898-22006 Fire/Garbage: 1228-1240 Water: 6220-6245

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven informed the board that he will be in attendance for the next Landfill meeting being held in March, 2022, to stay up to date with any information that may pertain to the township.

Water Business: Waterline Detector Quote - DPW Supervisor Jeff Pohlman presented the board with an informational packet and a quote of \$3,700.00 for the PL-2000 Locator. The cost will also include the training for the DPWs required to operate the locator. Pellow then suggested budgeting \$4,000.00 for the locator and training. Pellow/moved VanLuven/supported; PASSED to accept the purchase of the PL-2000 Locator, budgeted for \$4,000.00.

Unfinished Business: West End First Responders Authority - The board was presented with communication from Ely's lawyer, of some rough figures for the Authority budget and each township's cost responsibility. The hypothetical Authority budget amounts range from \$50,000.00 - \$200,000.00. Supervisor VanLuven stated that he believes that \$50,000.00 seems more appropriate and added that \$200,000.00 seems like a very high cost amount. Pellow then added that \$75,000.00 should be the absolute highest amount. VanLuven will contact the Ely Township Supervisor to discuss and inquire why the amounts are so high. The board will come back to the matter at a later date when more information has been obtained.

Public Nuisance Violation; Steele Outhouse Injunction Update - Due to the current rise in Covid cases, the court date for Mr. Steele was postponed to January 20th, 2022.

Well Usage at the National Mine School - Mr. Dupont sent a letter to the township, in response to the cease and desist order on using the closed well at the old school. The Marquette County Circuit Court Ordered on January 4, 2022, that it "finds DuPont in current violation of Water Service Ordinance for his failure to connect to the municipal system and for his attempts to utilize the old well on the property. The order also preliminarily enjoins any further violations of the Water Service Ordinance, by Dupont, or anyone working in concert with him, pending the outcome of the underlying Complaint. To the extent the Township becomes aware of anyone aiding DuPont in further violations of the Water System Ordinance, the enclosed Orders should be served to them by the County Sheriff". If Mr. DuPont does not adequately amend his pleadings by January 15, 2022, a motion seeking default will be filed and sanctions as to the violations and estoppel from his asserting any claim against Tilden Township.

New Business: Clerk Pellow informed the board of her communications with MTA, about the new approved funding. The communications disclosed where the funding can be used and any rules that must be followed.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Clerk: Deb Pellow, Treasurer: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Pietro moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda.

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the January 18, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Manty moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 21970-22036, Fire/Garbage: 1233-1240, Water: 6254-6266

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: Water Tank Inspection Proposal - The Township received a maintenance proposal or an ROV with float inspection from Dixon for the Tilden 120,000 Gallon Concrete Reservoir on February 3, 2022. The Basis of payment for an ROV inspection is a lump sum of \$4,850.00, which includes travel, inspection and report. Pellow moved/ Pietro supported/ all ayes/ PASSED to accept the proposal for the Water Tank Inspection.

Unfinished Business: West End First Responders Authority Agreement- Ely Township Supervisor, Jeremy Laakso, attending the meeting to speak with the Board about the agreement and to address any concerns that the Board might have for the proposed rough draft budget that was presented at the previous monthly meeting. Jeremy informed the Board that the Authority

will make the final budget and each individual Township will have the option to approve or disapprove the final budget agreement. If any of the Townships say nay, the entire budget will go back to the Authority to be revised. Jeremy stated that \$46,000 is budgeted for the running of responders alone and that Ely is typically \$34,000 per year. Clerk Pellow inquired about the taxable values, as well as the state equalized values, to which Jeremy answered that the state equalized value is typically used for these types of agreements. Clerk Pellow then asked about the millage. Jeremy informed the Board that each individual Township can decide upon the millage for their Township. The rough draft budget would cost Tilden \$17,200 per year. Jeremy then went on to reassure the Board that this is strictly a rough draft and can be changed or altered if need be. Ely Township's lawyer did look over the budget and supplied a revised version. Trustee Manty asked if \$20,000 would be an appropriate amount for medical supplies, as well as about the condition of the two responder vehicles. Jeremy replied that they are not in need of any maintenance and believes that \$20,000 would be sufficient. Pellow motioned/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED upon a roll call vote to accept the West End First Responders Authority Agreement. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent

Tilden Township v David Steele: The Board reviewed the Steele Outhouse Injunction - Communications from the Township Attorney, Jeremy Pickens.

Tilden Township v Lee LaMere, Amy LaMere and William Willey: The Board reviewed the Judgment against the above mentioned defendants from the Township Attorney, Jeremy Pickens.

Tilden Township v tony DuPont: The Board reviewed the update from the Township Attorney, Jeremy Pickens pertaining to Tony DuPont.

New Business: Resolution for Board of Review Date - WHEREAS the General Property Tax Act, Act 206 of 1893 as amended, allows alternative dates for the Board of Review meeting; and WHEREAS the Tilden Township Board of Review wishes to meet on an alternative date in March. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, Tilden Township approves allowing alternative starting dates for commencement of the second meeting of the March Board of Review which can be either the Tuesday or the Wednesday following the second Monday in March. MCL. Pietro moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines & Asset Test Resolution - WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the Supervisor and Board of Review, by the reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under the General Property Tax Act; and WHEREAS, the Township board is required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL 211.7u), to adopt

guidelines for poverty exemptions; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that Tilden Township, Marquette County, adopts the following guidelines for the Supervisor and Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year. To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 5) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of boats or recreational vehicles.
- 6) Meet additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board, including an asset test that limits an applicant's eligible asset to the house and one car (valued at \$15,000.00 or less) and no additional vehicles, real estate, boats or recreational vehicles.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent

Iron Ore Heritage Trail Millage Renewal - The Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority's Board of Directors approved a resolution at their January 19, 2022 Board meeting. The resolution approved ballot language for a renewal of the millage (.1970) to be placed in front of voters in seven member municipalities in August 2022, including Tilden's. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, (Pietro) 0 Absent

League of Women Voters Resolution - RESOLUTION supporting the cause of protecting democracy, promoting policies that protect access to the ballot for voters and building on the progress of the 2020 elections. WHEREAS, access to voting and participating in free, fair and secure elections is fundamental to our system of governance; and WHEREAS, Michigan's election security protocols are among the strongest in the nation. Robust voter-ID laws prevent or interrupt fraudulent attempts to impersonate voters. Multiple security checks bolster our absentee voting process. And gold-standard paper balloting ensures all our election outcomes

can be verified; and WHEREAS, in 2018, Michigan voters overwhelmingly supported attending the constitution to expand voting rights, make it easier to vote, by the following percentages of votes cast on Proposition 3: 58.7% support among Tilden Township voters, 68% in Marquette County, and 67% Statewide; and WHEREAS, restricting voting rights and underlining the fair, nonpartisan administration of elections is harmful to all communities, but disproportionately impacts (already marginalized) voters of color, lower-income communities, the elderly, as well as disabled voters; and WHEREAS, in recent months, state legislatures, including Michigan's, have introduced dozens of bills that essentially restrict access to voting, make election administration and oversight less equitable and efficient, and undermine existing laws that maintain election security and ensure nonpartisan counting and certification of votes; and WHEREAS, elections in Michigan have been conducted safely and securely and without any significant fraud, up to and including the 2020 election, as the Senate Oversight Committee Report concluded; and WHEREAS, in 2021, the Secretary of State unveiled a legislative agenda that would improve access to voting whether early, absentee, or in-person; expedite absentee ballot processing; and make voting more convenient, demanding that every valid vote is counted and accurate election outcomes upheld; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tilden Township Board on this 15th day of February, 2022 strongly supports policies that expand and protect equitable access to voting and that strengthen and sustain a robust election infrastructure, including both material and human resources:

- Make Election Day a state holiday to facilitate voting and make it easier for citizens to serve as election workers;
- Allow overseas service members and spouses to return their ballots electronically;
- Earmark sufficient funding for elections to recruit, train and retain needed election workers, to add sufficient election equipment such as secure drop boxes and tabulators, and to support voters with disabilities;
- Allow the processing of Absentee Ballots and establish Early In-Person voting the weekend prior to Election Day;
- Any rule governing the mailing of absentee ballot applications to registered voters by state or local election administrators should apply equally to all other organizations, including nonpartisan voter engagement groups and political parties;
- Mandate the same training standards for election workers and election challengers.

The Board urges the Michigan House, Senate and Governor Whitmer to take immediate and long-term action to support the goal of preserving democracy, ensuring access to voting, and continuing to promote the integrity, security, and fairness of all elections throughout the State of Michigan; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Tilden Township Board strongly opposes all legislation or other effort that would restrict access to the ballot, undermine the nonpartisan, fair and efficient administration of elections; and restrict voting rights; and be it further RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Secretary of State, the Governor's Offices in Lansing and Northern Michigan, and the members of the Upper Peninsula

delegation to the Michigan State Legislature. Pellow moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (Pietro), 0 Absent

Budget Amendments - Clerk Pellow presented the Board with budget amendments for the General Fund, Water Fund, Road Fund and Fire/Garbage Fund for the remainder of the 2021 FY. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED to accept the budget amendments as presented.

Hall Kitchen Refrigerator - During the re-tiling work in the hall kitchen, the large refrigerator was unplugged to be moved and would not turn back on once it was plugged back in. Treasurer Pietro suggested calling J-Goods to look at it to see if it can be fixed, or if it will need to be replaced all together. A new refrigerator, the same size, will cost between \$1,000 - \$3,000. Trustee Marietti added that it could possibly just need a new compressor.

Pest Treatment for Hall & Playground Areas - Guardian, which is the company the Township currently uses, has an upcoming price increase. The Township was supplied with quotes from Guardian, as well as A+ Pest Management. The Board addressed that A+ Pest Management will cost the Township less, is located locally and would be available to assist with any immediate issues at the Hall as well as the playground areas. Pellow moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to hire A+ Pest Management

Public Comment: John Korpi addressed the Misc. Debris Ordinance by stating that he is very much in favor of the ordinance and believes it should be enforced more and throughout the entire year. He stated that he finds it extremely disgraceful to the Township to have so many properties looking like a mess.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Clerk: Deb Pellow, Treasurer: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Pietro moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda.

Minutes: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the February 15, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Manty moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 22033-22092 Fire/Garbage: 1241-1246 Water: 6269-6285

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Communications: U.P.S.E.T. sent a Thank You letter to Tilden, for the \$5,000.00 contribution from the Township.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven addressed the exhaust fan in the kitchen of the Township hall, and suggested it be removed. Jeff Pohlman stated that when he had spoken with Jilbert, they suggested that the fan stay in place for structural safety. Trustee Manty suggested building a bigger cricket on the roof, estimating the cost to be around \$2k-\$3k. Clerk Pellow stated that it is not used, so there seems like little point in keeping it and that maybe having two smaller kitchen stoves with vents might be more practical. Treasurer Pietro asked for more information, such as costs and insurance. Jeff Pohlman and Matt Champion will temporarily fix the roof and that Pam Boone will to get bids and contact our insurance Par Plan. This will be put on the April agenda. It was the consensus of the Board to keep the stove.

Supervisor VanLuven read the proposed Truth in Taxation Resolution and opened the Public Hearing. AS there was no public comment Supervisor VanLuven closed the Public Hearing.

Truth In Taxation Resolution Adoption: Manty/moved, Marietti/supported /PASSED to approve the Truth in Taxation Resolution as presented, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Millage Rates Resolution Adoption: Pellow/moved, Pietro/supported /PASSED to approve the Millage Rates Resolution as presented, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Supervisor VanLuven opened the Public Hearing on the 2022/2023 Budget. As there was no public comment Supervisor VanLuven closed the Public Hearing.

Budget Resolution: Pietro/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to approve the 2022/2023 Budget Appropriations Resolution with a correction of \$12,600.00 on the general fund both revenue and expenditures, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Township Banking Resolution: Pellow/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to adopt the Banking Resolution for 2022/2023, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Buying & Selling Land Resolution: Marietti/moved, Manty/supported /PASSED to adopt the Buying and Selling Land Resolution for 2022/2023, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Board Salary for Fiscal Year 04/22-03/23 Resolution: Treasurer Pietro stated that it has been 4+ years since the Board has received a raise, including the Trustees. Pietro would like to look into the nearby townships to see what their salaries are currently set at. Resolution will be tabled until the April board meeting.

Wages for Township Office Fill-Ins Resolution: Pietro/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to approve the Office Fill-in Wage Resolution for 2022/2023 as presented, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Wages for Township Employees Resolution: Marietti/moved, Manty/supported /PASSED to approved the 2022/2023 Wage and Benefit Employee Resolution for 2022/2023 which included an increase in life insurance (if applicable) and a \$0.60 per hour wage increase for the Office Manager, DPW Workers, and the Janitor. Deputies, On-call/Seasonal, P&Z, Board of Review, Board of Appeals, Election Inspectors and the Election Chairperson will also receive a &0.60 per hour raise, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: Iron Ore Heritage Trail Board Appointment - Dawn Hoffman's 3 year term is up, and it was requested to reappoint Ms. Hoffman or name a new member by April 27, 2022. After some discussion, the Board agreed that they would like to reappoint Ms. Hoffman. Pellow/moved, Pietro/supported /PASSED to reappoint Dawn Hoffman for the Recreation Authority Board.

First Responder's Resolution & Contract - The Resolution was offered by Supervisor VanLuven; Manty/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to approve the final contract for the West End First Responders Authority, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request. The Contract portion was tabled by the board until the next board meeting.

2022 MCRC Dust Control Agreement - The bid price for dust control brine for the 2022 season is \$0.42/gallon and the agreement includes the same roads as it did for the year prior. It is estimated to cost \$1,885.80 and use 4,490 gallons. 60% of the costs & 8.5% overhead charge, which covers engineering & bids. Pietro/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to accept the Dust Control Agreement for the 2022 season and have Supervisor VanLuven sign.

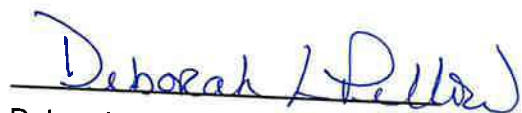
Fire/Garbage Millage Language Resolution - Pietro/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to approve the Fire/Garbage/ Millage Language to be placed on the August 5, 2022 primary election ballot, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Water Increase Rate Proposal - Tilden Township's Water Policy states that the water rate will be increased by 2.5% per each year on April 1st. Clerk Pellow suggested that because of the

current inflation, to hold off on increasing the rates for 6 months. If in 6 months, the water fund is still in good financial shape then no increase will take place this year. Pietro/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to accept holding off 6 months for the water increase.

Public Comment: Trustee Manty inquired about the Misc. debris violators and where the situations currently stand. VanLuven stated that the Township is currently waiting on the courts and communication from them.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Clerk: Deb Pellow, Treasurer: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: VanLuven moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda.

Minutes: Pietro moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the March 15, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: Carole Watson inquired about the Steele property and stated that the garbage is increasing, which is starting to attract animals. She expressed her concern about the property being a health hazard to the neighbors. The Board addressed the concern and confirmed that it is in the legal process again.

Bill Hagar had asked the Board if he could help to update the Veterans plaques that are on displayed at the township hall. Mr. Hagar apologized, stating his poor health prevented him from doing so but since he is feeling well, he will get back to work on updating the plaques.

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 22103-22165 Fire/Garbage: 1247-1249 Water: 6288-6309

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Pietro addressed the ongoing issue that the Township has had with Nicolet Bank and that she will be pulling the funds from Nicolet and placing into one of the other Board approved banks.

Communications: Steven Koski; First Responders - The Township received an email communication from Ely's township lawyer, Steven Koski, with the resolutions for the Articles, submitted by the Townships involved in the Authority.

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: Equipment Rental - DPW Supervisor Jeff Pohlman informed the Board that the EGLE grant requires that (10%) of the service lines be inspected, renting a mini excavator would make the work go a lot quicker and make it possible to get more completed this season. John Deere rents one for \$3,000.00/month. Pellow/moved, Manty/supported /PASSED to rent a mini excavator to assist with the service line inspections.

Mr. Pohlman then added that the generator installation would be Thursday April 27, 2022. The replacement LED lights for the hall are estimated at \$26.00/light. There are 79 lights to be replaced. Manty suggested a budget of \$2,400.00 for the lights. Manty/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to purchase of LED replacement lights for the allTownship buildings.

Unfinished Business: Hall Roof Repair - Stonehouse will be contacting the Township in the next week with a quote and the Township office manager will inquire whether this is being covered under the Township's insurance. The Board tabled the matter until the next monthly meeting.

Misc. Debris; Vehicles - Clerk Pellow spoke with the township lawyer about changing the wording in the ordinance to something similar to, "unless kept out of sight from any county road or out of any neighbors view". Clerk Pellow stated that a fence around 5ft-6ft in height would be accepted to keep any long sitting vehicle out of sight. Any neighbor that expresses concern over neighboring misc. debris will have a follow up with the Township. The Township lawyer will type up the ordinance change for the May Board meeting.

DPW Tour - Supervisor VanLuven volunteered to take over for the DPW in regards to touring the township and record any miscellaneous debris violations. Clerk Pellow suggested taking an additional person with, possibly the sheriff. Supervisor VanLuven stated he would find someone to go along with him. Pellow/moved, Pietro/supported /PASSED Supervisor VanLuven will complete the DPW Misc. Debris Tour.

Board Salaries Resolution - Treasurer Pietro stated she rescinds her request for a salary increase that was tabled at the March 2022 meeting, but that she still supports the Board members of Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer to receive the same salary with no increase of \$952.00/month. \$900.00 from General, \$52.00 from Water. Pietro/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Deputy Wages - Clerk Pellow informed the Board that with the permanent AV Ballot requests that Tilden started in 2020 there has been an increase of 241% in AV Ballots. Pellow added that the Clerk's office workload has increased substantially and therefore believes that the deputies should be utilized more and receive a wage increase of \$17.00/hr. Pellow stated that both Ishpeming and Ely Township use their deputies on a regular basis and they get paid \$17.00 per hour or more. After a very long discussion on several issues both past and present and then statements made by both the current Deputy Clerk, as well as the previous Deputy Clerk, Treasurer Pietro moved to keep the deputy wages at the current amount of \$15.00/hr. Motion died from lack of support. Clerk Pellow then suggested to increase the wages to \$17.00/hr. Manty/moved, Pellow/supported /PASSED to increase the deputy pay wages to \$17.00/hr for all work done by any deputy. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Absent


DPW Wages - Supervisor VanLuven stated that both the DPW Supervisor and DPW are both licensed and believes that because of this, the DPW should receive a closer wage to the of the DPW Supervisor. VanLuven stated he wanted to increase the wage \$1.00/hr, putting the total wage at \$22.72/hr. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to increase the DPW wage to \$22.72/hr.

MCRC 2022 Road Resurfacing: Pietro moved/Marietti supported/PASSED to approve the resurfacing bid from Bacco Construction at \$100,373.10. VanLuven will call MCRC to have curbing added to the bid.

New Business: The Township Spring Newsletter will be typed up and distributed.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:0 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Clerk: Deb Pellow, Treasurer: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Pietro moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with changes.

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the April 19, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: Treasurer Pietro informed the board of a loss of someone in her life, then proceeded to inform the Board that she was bothered by the comments made at the April meeting, involving a township employee. After her statement, Treasurer Pietro then left the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 22172-22228 Fire/Garbage: 1250-1259 Water: 6311-6334

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Communications: MCSWMA Annual Report - placed on file and may be located at the hall.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven spoke with Jason Brown, the previous Clerk for the township. Mr. Brown stated he would be willing to attend a monthly meeting to discuss any previous actions done within his office if needed.

Manty moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED; to purchase dirt for the ballfield. The cost will be approximately \$400.00

Water Business: New Generator Fence - Trustee Manty added that he believes that barbed wire should be added to the top of the fence. Clerk Pellow suggested a budget of \$8,000. Pellow/moved, Manty/supported /PASSED to proceed with the fencing quote from Marquette Fence Co not to exceed \$8,000.00.

Fire Hydrant Adaptors - Trustee Manty stated that he believes that the Township currently has enough adaptors and suggested the fire department tour the township once a year to look over the hydrants to ensure they are all functioning properly. Marietti moved to table this item until the next meeting. VanLuven supported. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business: 2022 MCRC Flex Patch, Chip & Fog Sealing Bid - County roads PB - CR 581 to CR 476, PBG - CR PBH to CR PDK & PG - CR 581 to CR 476. Pellow moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED; to approve the bid from Fahrner Asphalt Services for chip & seal - \$109,662.45 and fog seal - \$20,746.95 and to amend the budget to reflect this expenditure.

New Business: Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance Amendment Public Hearing: The public hearing was opened by Supervisor VanLuven who then read the Amendment to the ordinance. Public question - Are unlicensed or unregistered vehicles or seasonal plows considered misc. debris? The answer is no, because they are considered operable. Supervisor VanLuven closed the Public Hearing. Pellow/moved, Manty/supported /PASSED by roll call vote, to adopt the amendment to the Misc. Debris Ordinance and to publish in the Mining Journal.
Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1

Hall Roof Repair Quote - Quoted at \$3,650 from Stonehouse. Trustee Manty stated that it seems like a good price as long as Stonehouse can guarantee the roof for 10 years. Manty/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to accept the quote and services from Stonehouse for \$3,650.00.

Adopted Budget Amendments 2021-2022 - Final Budget amendments were presented to the Board. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to accept the 2021-2022 Budget Amendments.

Personnel Policy - All deputies shall receive \$17.00/hour no matter what duties they are doing, except if the Deputy Clerk is appointed the Election Chairperson then for election day only, he/she shall receive \$20.60/hour. The Clerk and Treasurer can use their deputies at their

discretion, but no more than 19 hours per week. VanLuven questioned why the policy change to say no more than 19 hours per week. Pellow explained that at 20 hours per week they would be eligible for benefits.

2022 House Washing – Scotty's House Washing requested an increase in the square footage rate to \$0.20/square foot, this is a \$0.04 raise from last year. Eighteen houses are currently on the list to be washed this year. Any monies not used based on the square foot rate will be used on township buildings or additional homes. Manty/moved, Pellow/supported /PASSED to accept the \$0.04 increase for house washing 2022.

Public Comment: Trustee Manty addressed any/all Tilden employees and informed them that they need to record anything and everything that is being done for the township, such as work, hours, mileage, purchases, in order to be compensated properly. It protects the employees in the long run.

Supervisor VanLuven toured the township for miscellaneous debris and took pictures. The letters will be mailed. If there are any disputes or questions from residents regarding any violations, they should contact Supervisor VanLuven only, within 2 weeks of receiving the violation.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Clerk: Deb Pellow, Treasurer: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda as presented.

Minutes: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the May 17, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 22229-22292 Fire/Garbage: 1260-1264 Water: 6335-6354

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Communications: Attorney; Steele Outhouse - Mr. Steele failed to show up to his recent hearing and was unreachable. Pickens will file for default judgement which will include charging all expenses to Mr. Steele's taxes and the removal of the outhouse. Clerk Pellow requested a 12 month - 24 month ruling due to the pattern that Mr. Steele has shown over the years. The attorney then updated the Board on Mr. Dupont and entering a default judgement on his use of the well. Supervisor VanLuven and Clerk Pellow asked that the judgement include the capping of the well that Mr. Dupont has been utilizing against the township ordinance.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven received a request from the Joki's for a street sign on PPV/581. They stated there are multiple children in the area and would like some "Kids at Play" and/or "School Bus Stop" signs. Supervisor VanLuven stated that he would like to have

three signs put up. Two of which will be located on 581 and the third on the hill on PPV. VanLuven will contact the MCRC to have the signs installed.

Water Business: Fire Hydrant Adaptors - Trustee Marietti spoke with DPW Supervisor Pohlman about contacting Eric from Core and Main to speak with him about the threads on the hydrants and the cost, as well as some water meters and the cost. The Board will place this item on the next monthly meeting.

Future Replacement of 4" Main - DPW Supervisor Pohlman informed the Board that Dyno Noble is using four times more water than they were five years prior and they are experiencing low water pressure. The Board suggested that Pohlman do some pressure testing. The Board suggested digging up the pipes by the old school to check if they were 4" or 6". Mr. Pohlman said he had tested the water and the pressure was 65 # but the volume was only 115 gals per minute. The Board asked Pohlman to locate any 4" lines so UPEA can pursue grant assistance.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris Violations - The Board discussed the list of 11 property violations. Supervisor VanLuven went over each name on the list, disclosing who is cleaning, who is putting up fences and/or sheds, the properties that need more work and the ones that he still needs to make contact with. All violations have until July to be in compliance with the ordinance, after which they will receive a citation.

Stonehouse Bid - The Board discussed the Stonehouse's guarantee on the cricket repair. Trustee Manty will be present during the construction of the Cricket. Pellow/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to accept the Stonehouse bid of \$3650.00 for the custom built Cricket.

New Business: MCRC (Bacco) Quote for Curbing Addition to 2022 Paving Project - For the completion of the 2022 Paving Project, in addition with the curbing, the bid is \$27,939.00. Clerk Pellow added that the capital budget will need to be increased to cover the additional cost. Pellow/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to accept the MCRC bid of \$27,939.00 for the 2022 Paving Project and adjust the budget.

ARPA Funds - Clerk Pellow informed the Board of the four areas that the grant money can be spent in. Trustee Marietti asked if the money could be used for the new water meters that are needed. Pellow answered yes, but not all residents use the water system. Supervisor VanLuven suggested using it for the development of walking trails within the township. Treasurer Pietro

suggested compensation for employees who had worked throughout covid. The Board will continue discussion on the ARPA spending at the next meeting.

Job Descriptions - The Board addressed that there needs to be clarification between the DPW and the DPW Supervisor. In addition, the Office Manager job description needs to be updated as well. Supervisor VanLuven and Clerk Pellow will meet to go over and update all job descriptions.

Public Comment: Bruce Coron asked about the difference in the DPW and DPW Supervisors job tasks and their rate of pay.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at the Township Hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Clerk: Deb Pellow, Treasurer: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Pietro moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda as presented.

Minutes: Pietro moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the June 21, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 22297-22381 Fire/Garbage: N/A Water: 6355-6382

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: Fire Hydrant Adaptors - DPW Pohlman informed the Board that he is still trying to make contact with Eric from Cole and Main. This item will be placed on the agenda for August.

Tear Down of Abandoned Pumphouse - The Board received a bid of \$1,850.00 from Moyle's for the demolition of the pumphouse at the bottom of PD/PBG. The DPW will complete the clean up afterwards. Pellow/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to accept the Moyle bid of \$1,850.00 for the demolition of the abandoned pumphouse.

The Board discussed with Pohlman the other pumphouse at the City of Ishpeming boundary and what is still in the building. Pohlman said the meter is gone but is unsure if the pipe is still connected. Supervisor VanLuven would like DPW to check out what's left in the building that needs to be removed and call UPPCO to ensure the electric is disconnected. Once this is all checked out the Board agreed that a quote should be obtained to demo this building.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris Violations - The Board discussed the list of 11 property violations. Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that Tim Nichols has 30 days from today (July 19, 2022), or he will be fined in the amount of \$100.00. The Board agreed to send a violation letter to Jason Aho. Supervisor VanLuven then stated that all other violators have either cleaned or put up a fence. The communications from the township attorney gave updates on Mr. Steele's and Mr. Dupont's hearing dates. Clerk Pellow asked if a request could be made to the Judge to allow the Township to cap the well at the old National Mine School. DPW Pohlman then informed the Board that there is a new tunneled hole by the hydrant near there that he could be trying to use as another water source. DPW Pohlman will take Supervisor VanLuven over to take a look.

ARPA - Treasurer Pietro informed the Board that ARPA money could be used to pay the staff who had worked during the Covid shutdown. The guidelines for the ARPA include payment to employees who worked during the COVID up to an additional \$13.00 per hour. Clerk Pellow stated she would check the minutes for the dates of which the Township was closed. As well as check with surrounding Townships that have used the ARPA money for their employees, to compare the average amount per hour. Pellow added the City of Ishpeming and the City of Negaunee only gave their police and firemen between \$1,000 - \$1,500 per person. Pellow asked Marietti if Ishpeming Township had given their employees any extra money. Marietti state no. This item will be placed on the August agenda.

Worker's Job Descriptions - Clerk Pellow informed the Board that she had called local surrounding Townships to see what their descriptions said; most needed updating as well and some are in the process of updating. Clerk Pellow will call CUPPAD. Supervisor VanLuven and Clerk Pellow will meet to go over and update all job descriptions.

New Business: Letter of Support for Highline's Grant Application - Highline's fast, reliable gigabit fiber internet plus Wi-Fi. (The letter can be found at the township hall.) Trustee Manty asked if there was a timeline on when the township would see the start of the process. Supervisor VanLuven stated it seems to be a few months. Pietro/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to send a letter of support for the Highline's Grant Application.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Clerk: Deb Pellow, Treasurer: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Pellow moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda.

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the July 19, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: Trecia Nickerson asked the Board where County Road 476 begins, near A&L. She informed the Board that many residents have been concerned with the condition of the road. Residents are requesting the road be fixed. Supervisor VanLuven informed Mrs. Nickerson that this particular section is within Ishpeming City property, so residents would have to call the Ishpeming City Hall and ask for Craig Cugini, the City Manager. Contacting Mr. Cugini could help start the process of fixing the road.

Bills: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 22382-22452 Fire/Garbage: 1272-1277 Water: 6383-6407

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Communications: Letter of Communication from Township Attorney - For both Mr. Steele and Mr. DuPont, the Court agreed to enter Judgements against the Defendants. In regards to Mr. Steele's use of an outhouse on the property, the Judgement precludes any utilization of the outhouse for any reason. In addition, Mr. Steele was ordered to pay nominal fines and costs associated with the citation. Supervisor VanLuven added that not only will the outhouse be taken out, but the property will be cleaned up again. In regards to Mr. DuPont, the Court found that he is indeed in violation of the Water Service Ordinance related to the well and failure to connect into the Municipal Water System. Mr. Dupont was fined a nominal fee for the citations and the injunction will prevent him from utilizing the well for any reason in the future. Supervisor VanLuven then informed the Board that Mr. DuPont is involved in legal issues with the landlords of the National Mine School, due to back rent owed. Mr. DuPont has an allotted number of days to pay the back rent to the landlords in full, or he will be evicted.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven presented the Board with an anonymous letter concerning dogs in the neighborhood. Though the letter does not state who it is from, nor which neighborhood dogs are in question, Supervisor VanLuven believes the letter is concerning Jason Aho and their dogs. VanLuven stated that he knows that the barking has improved and that one dog even has a bark collar now. Jamie Campbell and Trecia Nickerson spoke to the board and advocated that the dogs are always rotated in a kennel, have food and water and have already been checked on by the authorities.

CCI - Received communications that CCI is expecting to be running for at least another 20+ years. CCI intends to extend the rock pile out further over the next 2 years, which will inevitably take over the Ski Trails.

Deputy Sheriff - Complaints on the speed of the mine traffic have been received. The Deputy pulled over and stopped half a dozen drivers the previous week, letting them all off with a warning but the Deputy will continue to patrol the area for any speed violations.

Water Business: Fire Hydrant Adaptors - Trustee Marietti stated he has not heard back yet, but will reach out himself again tomorrow. Tabled until the September meeting.

Tear Down of Abandoned Pumphouse - Moyle has not called back with a start date yet, nor have they informed the township yet if the lines are still connected or not. Pam will call Moyle tomorrow to get an update.

Dyno Nobel Loss of Water - Dyno claims there are still water pressure issues. DPW Matt Champion informed the Board that they could not find any issues in the water lines. Supervisor VanLuven stated that he believes it's an issue within the plant. Trustee Manty suggested a meter on the property, near the swamp. Clerk Pellow asked if there was a way to monitor the water within the plant, to which she was answered with a "No.". Trustee Manty stated that their pipes could possibly be plugged. Supervisor VanLuven instructed DPW Matt Champion to put a meter by the hydrant near the road and continue monitoring the water pressure/system. If it is found that it is not a problem within the main water system, but a problem within the water lines on their property, Dyno will be responsible for any repairs or maintenance needed for the water lines.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris Violations - Tim Nichols will be receiving a ticket for failure to clean up his property. Mr. Nichols purchased dump tickets from the hall, but nothing seems to have moved. Jason Aho received his letter as of today, 8/16/22, and will have 30 days from this date to clean up the debris on his property.

ARPA Funds – Discussion was held on giving extra pay for essential workers, that worked during the COVID shut down between March 26, 2020 – July 1, 2020z. This would include employees Champion, Boone, Pohlman and Joki. Pietro suggested amounts of \$1000, \$800 and \$250. Marietti suggested amounts of \$800, \$500 and \$250. Pellow moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; by a roll call vote of 3 AYES, 2 NAYS 0 ABS, for the amounts of \$500 – Champion, \$450 – Boone and \$250 – Pohlman/Joki. The Board also discussed where to spend the rest of the ARPA money. It was the consensus of the Board to look at installing ski trails on the Township Hall property. Supervisor VanLuven will contact an engineering firm to put together a proposal.

Worker's Job Descriptions - Clerk Pellow informed the Board that she is still waiting for CUPPAD to contact her back. Tabled until the September meeting.

- DPW Matt Champion Pay Discussion; Matt will receive the pay of DPW Supervisor while filling in, starting Monday, August 15, 2022, until a new DPW is hired. After a secondary DPW is hired, the Board will need to vote on the promotion of Matt to DPW Supervisor. Clerk Pellow stated that she would like the new job descriptions to be completed before voting on the DPW Supervisor promotion for Mr. Champion.

New Business: The Board discussed the hiring of a new DPW. The job ad will run in the paper until September 9, 2022. Supervisor VanLuven and Trustee Marietti will conduct the interviews and pick two or three individuals to present to the Board at the September 20, 2022 monthly meeting for approval and hiring.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.

Deborah L. Pellow

Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Special Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2022

The special meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 11:03 A.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Clerk: Deb Pellow, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty (Arrived at 11:05 A.M.)

Board members absent: Treasurer: Ann Pietro

Agenda: Manty moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda.

Public Comment: Sheena Wynder asked the Board what the location was for the drainage improvements. When the Board informed her of the location, she disclosed that she lives on County Road 581 and is new to the area. Ms. Wynder shared that the end of her driveway near the road keeps washing out and was told that the township did not complete the ditch at the end. Supervisor VanLuven explained that the County worked on the project and would need to fix that issue and informed her that the township office manager would provide the contact information to her at the end of the meeting.

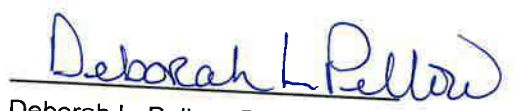
New Business: Drainage Improvements (Southwood Drive) - The Board received an estimate from Marquette CRC for the replacement of three driveway culverts and about 300 feet of ditching on the south side of County Road GK (Southwood Drive). The total cost of the project is \$30,000.00, with a proposed 60/40 cost split, leaving Tilden Township responsible for \$18,000.00 of the cost. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the payment of \$18,000.00 to repair the drainage on Southwood Drive.

Culvert on Ishpeming Township side of Southwood Drive - Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that the water running down Southwood is running down from this culvert and would like to fix this one as well to prevent any further issues. The culvert is located on Ishpeming Township's side of the road but Supervisor VanLuven believes it would take roughly \$5,000 to fix and would like it completed. Clerk Pellow addressed the budget will need to be amended for this. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the payment of \$5,000.00 to fix the culvert on the Ishpeming Township side of Southwood Drive with an amended budget.

West End First Responders Tilden Appointment - Clerk Pellow recommended Joanne Manty to represent Tilden Township for West End First Responders meetings. The Board then discussed payment of \$50.00 per meeting. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept Joanne Manty as the West End First Responders Tilden Township representative, receiving payment of \$50.00/meeting. Trustee Manty abstained.

Public Comment: Clerk Pellow shared an email response from our attorneys in regards to Mr. DuPont. With the recent upgrades that Mr. DuPont is planning for the old National Mine school, it was advised to the Board that the Township file a Motion for Show Cause against Mr. DuPont for lack of contacting the Township to be hooked up to municipal water service, as well as the suggestion of use of the well according to Mr. Du Pont's engineering upgrades. The attorneys will proceed with the filing of a Motion in that regard, unless instructed otherwise.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 A.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.


Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2022

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Clerk: Deb Pellow, Treasurer: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Manty moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda.

Minutes: Manty moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the August 16, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the August 30, 2022 special meeting minutes as presented. Pietro moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the September 7, 2022 open session special meeting minutes as presented.

Some Board members expressed an issue with some of the wording in the September 7, 2022 closed session special meeting minutes. Due to this, the Board is required to enter into another closed session to discuss and if decided upon, resolve the issue. Pietro moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 1 Nays (Pellow), 0 Absent; to enter into a closed session. Pellow moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to allow Deputy Clerk Jamie Campbell to remain in the closed session to record the minutes. Once the vote for the closed session was made by the Board, the hall was cleared of all public attendees and the closed session began. The Board enters into closed session at 7:05 P.M. The Board ends the closed session at 7:17 P.M.

Public Comment: Carole Watson addressed the ski trails. In past meetings, it was brought to the attention of the township that due to mine expansion, the ski trails that are currently in place will be gone. Supervisor VanLuven has stated that he would like to take some of the ARPA grant money to develop new walking trails near the hall. Carole stated that since she lives so close, she is able to monitor the current use of the trails and that she believes only half a dozen people use them on a regular basis. She is concerned that the funds would be wasted on a project that very few people would use. Supervisor VanLuven suggested that having the trails in a new location could possibly draw in new or more people. Clerk Pellow reminded the public that there are a limited number of things that the ARPA grant can be used for and the Board is trying to find the best possible use of these monies that would benefit everyone in the township. DPW Champion commented on how there are frequent walkers on County RD PG and a trail would help make it safer for them. Resident Bruce Coron added that he believes many people will not walk in the woods, his wife being one, and asked why not have a bike path/walk lane installed on the roads. The Board informed Bruce that there are not enough funds for a project of that size.

Bonnie Vial asked to speak under item: "Water Rate Increase" on the agenda

Bills: Manty moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 22454-22539 Fire/Garbage: 1278-1282 Water: 6408-6429

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Communications: Update on West End First Responders - Joanne Manty had a meeting with the Authority in August 2022 and presented the notes from that meeting to the Board. Mrs. Manty stated that all positions for Board members were filled. Dawn with Ely Township will be the Treasurer but a CPA will need to be hired and a bank account set up. Equipment replacement was discussed, such as new batteries for radios and AEDs. Ely and Champion Townships have some gear on hand already. Republic and Champion Townships both have an ambulance but both need updates. A Coordinator was also chosen, with a pay rate of \$400.00/month, with an assistant with a pay rate of \$200.00/month, both of which will have the rate of pay re-evaluated after one year. Ely Township has requested that any responders applying be from the townships involved in the WEFr, but due to a shortage of responders, they would be willing to make exceptions. Policies for the authority are in the process of being written. For now, the WEFr Authority will meet monthly (2nd Tuesday of each month). Clerk Pellow asked if Mrs/ Manty could ask for a budget idea at the next meeting and stated that she would like it known that Tilden believes it should be \$100,000.00 or less. The Board then thanked Mrs. Manty for volunteering to be the township representative.

Ishpeming Fire Department Request - The Ishpeming Fire Department is seeking funds from the surrounding communities to educate students on fire prevention. The Board discussed that in the past, they have given \$300.00-\$500.00 towards this project. Manty moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to give the Ishpeming Township Fire Department \$500.00 for materials to educate students of fire prevention.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven gave a quick update to the Board about the culvert replacements. He then brought it to the Board's attention that Bill Hagar now has his horses and cows in the front of the property when they are supposed to be in the back corner. He stated that they would need to look into the Right To Farm Act because he doesn't believe that Mr. Hagar is permitted to have cows.

Water Business: Fire Hydrant Adaptors - One adaptor is on order and on its way.

Tear Down of Abandoned Pumphouse - Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that Moyle is waiting to bid the large pumphouse, then will complete both demolitions at once.

Dyno Nobel Loss of Water - DPW Champion informed the Board that he already spoke with the plant and after much discussion and searching, it was found that the issue is within the plant itself and the old pipes within the building.

Water Rate increase – Per the water ordinance the Water rates should increase 2.5% annually. In 2020 the increase was waived by the Board. In 2021 a 2.5% increase was applied. In April of this year the Board opted to wait 6 months to see if the increase was necessary. If applied the base rate would increase to \$24.85 and the usage rate would increase to \$6.15 per gallon. Bonnie Vial addressed the Board and asked why her water bill was \$94.00 which is \$25.00 higher than previous months and stated that she only used the hose a little to water the yard. She stated that she believes that the water bills need to be more reasonable. Supervisor VanLuven asked her how many gallons of water she is using. When she stated that she didn't know, VanLuven directed DPW Champion to check after the meeting. He let her know that any time she had questions or concerns on her water bill, he would gladly walk her through it. Treasurer Pietro added that the costs to the water system continue to rise which makes it necessary to increase the rates. Pietro moved/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to increase the water rate 2.5% in 2022, \$24.85 base and \$6.15 usage.

Backwash Trigger Quote - The Board received a quote from Jeff Talsma to change the backwash trigger from an hourly schedule to a per gallon schedule at a cost of \$1200.00. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay \$1200.00 to Jeff Talsma to change the backwash trigger.

Update on National Mine School Well - The Board received communication from the attorney that Mr. DuPont was served with a Notice of Hearing for September 15, 2022, but that hearing date has now been moved to October 19, 2022 at 2:30 P.M.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris Violations - Tim Nichols and Jason Aho will be receiving a ticket for failure to clean up their properties. The Board has received complaints of Mr. Wallace's property as well. DPW Champion stated there was no way to get a picture of all the vehicles with all the trees in the way. Champion will return in the spring to take pictures. Steele paid his water bill so the water was turned back on.

ARPA Funds; Ski/Hiking Trail Update - Supervisor VanLuven met with Ryan Kujio to look over maps and discuss trail options, such as gravel covered. VanLuven stated if the project is going to be completed, that letters should be sent out to the families in the area to give them a heads up on the project.

Worker's Descriptions - Clerk Pellow presented the Board with descriptions for the DPW Foreman and for the Office Manager. Pellow asked the Board, DPW Champion and Office Manager Boone to look over the descriptions to see if anything was missing or needed to be removed and then return them to her afterwards with any notes.

New Business: DPW/Water Position - Supervisor VanLuven and Trustee Marietti conducted interviews and narrowed it down to four candidates. Steve Dodge, Jan Rosewell, Jacob Anderson and Stefan Butler. They are making a recommendation to the Board to hire Stefan Butler. Clerk Pellow brought up that the

hiring policy states that the committee is to bring 2 or 3 applicants to the Board to interview. If the Board does not like the current procedure then the Board needs to change the policy. At any rate the Board should have the opportunity to meet the new hire. Pellow moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to suspend the hiring policy and hire Mr. Butler upon passing a drug test, physical and background check. A letter will be sent to the remaining applicants.

MCRC Paving, Crack, Chip & Fog Sealing & Pavement Markings 2023 - MCRC is requesting that all Township make a request for any pavement markings needed. Supervisor VanLuven stated that the fog lines on County RD PG need to be done and he will drive around and make a list for MCRC before October 1, 2022 for up to \$50,000.00.

Olmstead Lane Quote - Olmstead Lane is currently a private road, but upon completion of paving, would be turned over to MCRC. It is approximately ¼ mile long and will cost \$85,000.00 for blacktop and the ditch. Fred will check with the Richards for easement approval.

Budget Amendments - Clerk Pellow presented the amended budgets through July 2022 for Board approval. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the budget amendments as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.

Deborah L. Pellow

Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Clerk: Deb Pellow, Deputy Treasurer Roger Pietro, Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: Treasurer Ann Pietro

Agenda: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with the addition of Closed Session Minutes of September 7, 2022.

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the September 20, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Marietti moved/Manty supported/PASSED to approve the closed session meeting minutes of September 7, 2022 as presented.

Public Comment: Bruce Coron commented on the paving of Olmsted Lane, the cost and liability by taking this private road into the county road system. It was explained to him that the residents on this road have paid road millage for as long as Tilden has been collecting road taxes. Furthermore, the Marquette County Road Commission has all the liability on the county roads not Tilden township. Mr. Coron stated that he is against taking this road into the county road system.

Bills: Manty moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 22540-22614 Fire/Garbage: 1283-1292 Water: 6430-6449

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Communications: Anderson Tackman Audit: Pellow stated that the Township got the highest rating possible on the audit. Manty questioned the two significant deficiencies noted in the audit: The first deficiency on segregation of duties is due to the size of the office personnel. The second deficiency pertains to using two different accounting programs, BS&A and Quickbooks. Manty stated that using two programs is duplication of work and asked if and

when we would move to one accounting system. Fred stated that the Treasurer likes Quickbooks and hopefully in the future we can utilize one accounting system.

Ishpeming City Master Plan: VanLuven informed the Board that he had reviewed the Ishpeming City Master Plan and was in the office for the Board to review. Pellow asked if the plan should include the monitoring well at A&L Metal and testing on an annual basis. Marietti questioned if EGLE was aware of the monitoring well. Matt Champion will contact EGLE. The Board discussed who should be responsible for the testing.

Supervisor's Comments: A reporter had contacted the office on the Empire Mine situation to ask if any Board member would like to comment. The Board decided to have any questions directed to the attorney handling this issue.

Water Business:

Fire Hydrant Adaptors: Marietti informed the Board that the adaptor has not come yet.

Pumphouse Demo: Waiting on Moyle.

National Mine School Well: A motion to Show Cause has been filed and the hearing is set for October 31, 2022. The motion includes relief in the form of capping the well.

Unfinished Business:

MCRC Paving, Crack, Chip & Fog Sealing & Pavement Markings: Pellow moved/VanLuven supported/Passed: to approved the paving of County Roads PBO, PPM, PPX, PBN and Olmsted Lane for 2023. Olmsted Lane will only get paved if Richards turns the road over to the County Road Commission.

Integrated Design Quote: The Board reviewed the quote from Integrated on designing the Ski/hiking trails on the township hall property. Pellow moved/Manty supported/Passed: to approved the quote from Integrated to design the ski/hiking trail at a cost of \$4,060.00. This will be an ARPA expenditure.

Misc Debris Violations: VanLuven updated the Board on the progress on the violations and court filing on Nicolas. The Board would also like our attorney review the Right to Farm act as it pertains to Hagger's property.

Worker Descriptions: Pellow gave the Board the two remaining job descriptions and asked for the Board members to review and contact her with any changes.

New Business:

Landbank Blight Eliminations Suggestions: At this time Tilden Township has none to suggest to the Landbank.

Iron Ore Heritage Trail Parking Lot Expansion: Pellow moved/Manty supported/Passed; to approve the parking lot expansion. Manty requested a site plan.

Personnel Policy Update: Pellow presented the Board with the updated personnel policy for their approval. Manty moved/Marietti supported/Passed: to approve the updated personnel policy as presented.

Health Insurance 2023: The Board reviewed the 2023 health insurance renewal. The 2023 plan will change to HMO Gold, \$3,000/0%. This plan will increase the deductible to \$3,000.00 so the Board's contribution to the employee's HSA will increase to \$3,000.00. Marietti moved/VanLuven supported/Passed: to opt-out of PA 152 , by roll call vote: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0 and Absent: 1.

2023 Marquette County Sheriff's Department Contract: The Board reviewed the 2023 contract. The 2023 hourly rate will be set at \$52.15 per hour. Pellow moved/Marietti supported/Passed; to approve the 2023 Sheriff's Contract as presented. VanLuven will contact the Sheriff about keeping the same Deputy.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Clerk: Deb Pellow, Treasurer: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Pellow moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda.

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the October 18, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 22621-22670 Fire/Garbage: 1293-1300 Water: 6451-6467

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: Ishpeming Twp Fire Department; December Visit - Supervisor VanLuven stated that he would like Santa and the Ishpeming Twp Fire Department to stop in the hall after their Santa drive thru on Saturday, December 10th, 2022 at 2:00P.M., for Fire Safety & Education with Santa. VanLuven would like to budget \$2,000.00 for apples, oranges and treat bags for the kids. An ad will be placed in the local paper to inform residents.

ATC National Substation Project - The Board discussed The Greenwood Substation Project communications from Kevin Lynch. Supervisor VanLuven will have the attorney send over the Township Ordinance regarding the required site plans, zoning information and provide an appropriate application from the Township. ATC will start the site construction June 2023 and plan the completion of the project to be July 2024.

Water Business: Fire Hydrant Adaptors - The new adaptors do not fit the fire truck hoses. A 5" adapter was purchased and 4.5" is required. Matt Champion will send the adaptor back and order the correct one.

Tear Down of Abandoned Pumphouse - The Board discussed the bid from Moyle of \$14,850.00. Supervisor VanLuven asked Matt Champion to check into if a demolition permit will be required. Matt said he believes it would be completed before winter. Pietro moved/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to accept the Moyle bid for the abandoned pumphouse for \$14,850.00. This will be a capital layout expenditure.

Update on National Mine Well - Mr. DuPont was not in court for his court date, but was on the property refusing to go in. The Court ultimately found Mr. DuPont in contempt of the Court's prior Judgment.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris Violations - Two tickets were issued to Mr. Nicolas, one was waved due to the debris being moved off of the right of way. Supervisor VanLuven advised that he would be closely monitored once spring time comes around and the snow clears. Jason Aho was issued a ticket, will be checked again in the spring.

Stonehouse Project - Communication from Stonehouse stated that they would call the Hall on November 28 to give a time of completion for the cricket. Stonehouse requested that the Township clear the snow from the roof prior to their arrival, but Supervisor VanLuven does not want to risk the safety of the guys on the roof.

New Business: DPW Position - The Board discussed making Matt Champion the DPW Foreman. Pellow moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to promote Matt Champion to DPW Foreman.

OPG Copier Quote - Clerk Pellow went over the cost difference between renting a copier and purchasing a new one, as well as the maintenance and ink supply. Pietro moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to rent the Image Runner DX C386i copier.

West End First Responders Minutes (WEFR)- The WEFR is in need of a treasurer. Clerk Pellow suggested that they hire someone because rotating treasurers within the townships would be too complicated. It was also suggested that Quickbooks would be a good investment for the WEFR, which can be installed for \$3,000-\$5,000 by Anderson and Tackman. All comments or suggestions from the Board will be sent with Joann Manty for the next WEFR Authority meeting.

Public Comment: It was stated by a resident that he believes all employees of the Township should have the first day of deer season off, with pay and benefits. Also, that the Township's monthly meeting should not be held on the first day of deer season.

It was asked about reinstating the backhoe to the public. Supervisor VanLuven informed the public that it was taken away because it was being abused by one individual and was also a liability. Clerk Pellow stated it could be looked into with the insurance company and liability. If the backhoe was available to the public again, a list of rules would be set by the Board.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Special Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2022

The special meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Treasurer: Ann Pietro

Board members absent: Clerk: Deb Pellow, Trustee: Jim Manty

Agenda: Pietro moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda.

Public Comment: N/A

New Business: Closed Session (Empire Mine Litigation & Settlement Strategy). Pietro moved/Marietti supported /PASSED to enter into closed session, upon a roll call vote; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

The Board entered into closed session at 11:02 A.M.

The Board ended the closed session at 11:05 A.M.

Pietro/moved; Marietti/supported /PASSED to accept and sign the updated resolution pertaining to the Empire Mine as recommended by our attorneys, upon a roll call vote, 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 absent.

Supervisor VanLuven will sign and return the resolution.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: Supervisor VanLuven made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. VanLuven/moved, Pietro/supported /PASSED; to adjourn the special meeting of November 30, 2022 at 11:06 A.M.

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Board members absent: Clerk: Deb Pellow, Trustee: Jim Manty

Agenda: Pietro moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda.

Public Comment: N/A

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Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2022

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Treasurer: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: Clerk: Deb Pellow

Agenda: Marietti moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda.

Minutes:

- Pietro moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the November 15, 2022 Regular meeting minutes as presented.
- Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the November 30, 2022 Special meeting minutes as presented.
- No motion was made for the November 30, 2022 Closed session meeting minutes, therefore the approval of the closed session meeting minutes will need to be presented again at the January 2023 meeting.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 22683-22747 Fire/Garbage: 1301-1306 Water: 6474-6498

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Communications: WETESA - Joann Manty presented and reviewed the WETESA meeting minutes with the Board. A copy of the WETESA meeting minutes are located at the hall for review. Supervisor VanLuven stated that he would be looking into a possible grant from the Community Foundation, for financial assistance in upgrading and purchasing equipment.

MCSWMA; Town Hall Meetings - The MCSWMA will be holding two question and answer meetings regarding the funding of the EGLE-required PFAS processor at the landfill. The first meeting will be held on January 30, 2023 at 5:30PM at the Marquette Township Hall with another following on February 1, 2023 at 5:30PM at the Negaunee Township Hall. One representative is expected from each municipality.

Iron Ore Heritage Trail; Annual Report - The Board didn't see a need to have Carol from Iron Ore Heritage Trail attend our meeting.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven commended Pam and Jodi for a wonderful job well done of setting up and putting on the Christmas Educational Program with Santa and the fire department.

Water Business: Fire Hydrant Adaptors - Matt Champion informed the Board that he is still waiting on the new adaptors to come in.

Tear Down Abandoned Pumphouse - Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that it was confirmed that the prices, or quotes, will be good through the completion of the job.

Update on National Mine School Well - Mr. DuPont's court hearing needed to be rescheduled from January 9, 2023, to January 25, 2023.


Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: 2023 Regular Meeting Dates - The Board presented the draft of the meeting dates for 2023. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the 2023 Regular Meeting Dates. Each meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 PM at the Tilden Township Hall.

Election Computer Grant - With the approval from the Board, on the purchase of a new Election Computer, Deputy Clerk Jamie Campbell, will take the payment to 906 Technologies and email application and supporting documentation. Manty moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to approve the purchase of the election computer for \$1,712.62 and apply for the Election Grant of \$1,500.00.

Public Comment: Trustee Craig Marietti informed the Board that garbage rates will be increasing as of January 1, 2023.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.


Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk