

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 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: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda.

Minutes: December 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; Manty moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to accept the December 20, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented.

November 30, 2022 Closed Session Meeting Minutes; Pietro moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept and sign the November 30, 2022 closed session meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 22750-22838 Fire/Garbage: 1307-1312 Water: 6499-6521

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

Communications: MCSWMA; Tipping Fee Increase – Starting January 1, 2023, the solid waste tipping fees will increase its price per ton by \$4.50, increasing from \$63.50/ton FY 2022-2023 to \$68.00/ton for the FY of 2023-2024. Supervisor VanLuven also addressed The Board about the upcoming meetings concerning PFAS and that he plans to attend the one on January 30, 2023.

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: Tear Down of Abandoned Pumphouse – Moyle is currently working on another project, once completed, they plan to get to the pumphouse teardown.

Update on National Mine School Well – No update at this time.

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: Review of West End Township Emergency Services Authority – Joann Manty presented and reviewed the WETESA meeting minutes, in addition to an Inventory & Values list. Both the WETESA meeting minutes and the Inventory & Values list are located at the Township Hall for review.

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
February 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 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 with one addition , Safety Conference Bay College.

Minutes: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the January 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 22844-22909, Fire/Garbage: 1313-1321, Water: 6522 – 6571

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

Communications: Ely Township Updating Master Plan - The Board reviewed and discussed the email from Ely Township Planning Commission in regards to their update Master Plan. Ely has offered a copy in digital form. The Board agreed on requesting a copy of a digital form of the Master Plan.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven reviewed his notes from The Landfill Meeting to The Board. All fees will be increasing, including tipping fees, which are to increase to \$81. The Landfill will be installing a carbon filter into their system to help with the filtration of PFAS. The carbon filter is estimated to cost \$883,000 / year to operate.

Water Business: Tear Down Abandoned Pumphouse - Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that the Township is still waiting for Moyle to schedule a date of completion.

Update on National Mine School Well - Mr. DuPont has been evicted from the property. Clerk Pellow addressed the Township attorney, asking if The Board will be able to proceed with capping the well on the property to prevent this issue from arising in the future. The Attorney informed The Board that it would be moot at this point to proceed since Mr. DuPont is no longer purchasing the property. There should be a discussion with the property owner, Art Nordeen, in the future about the Township covering the costs to cap the well.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris - Supervisor VanLuven informed The Board that the Spring clean up will start soon and that the issue with Potila was addressed and taken care of.

New Business: Review of WETESA Drug Testing, Harassment & Smoking Policies - Joanne Manty reviewed the draft policies with The Board for discussion and any notes or concerns. The WETESA plans to have the policies completed by the end of the month and will send copies to each Township for review once completed for approval.

Resolution Authorizing 2023 WETESA Expenditures - The Board discussed the Resolution, Pellow moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to adopt the Resolution Authorizing 2023 WETESA Expenditures upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

2023 Poverty Tax Exemption - Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to adopt the 2023 Poverty Tax Exemption upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Proposal for New Well at Hall - Supervisor VanLuven informed The Board that they are still waiting to hear back from Kleiman. There was discussion on the well location and if it needs to be moved.


U.P.S.E.T. Agreement - Treasurer Pietro recommended a donation of \$5,000 for 2022/2023 fiscal year and \$6,000.00 for 2023/2024 fiscal year. Pietro moved/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to make a donation to U.P.S.E.T. of \$5,000.00 / \$6,000.00 for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Budget Amendments - Clerk Pellow presented the budget amendments to the Board. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the budget amendments as presented.

Safety Conference at Bay College April 28, 2023 - Trustee Manty informed the Board that he believes it would benefit DPW Champion to attend the conference since a lot of what is being discussed applies to the work the DPWs do. The cost of attendance is \$70.00 for the day and includes lunch. DPW Champion agreed to attend the conference. The Board agreed that this would be a good conference for both DPW employees to attend.

Public Comment: Trustee Craig Marietti informed the Board that the adaptors that will fit have been ordered and the one that doesn't work will be returned for credit.

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


Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 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/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda one addition: kitchen stove hood venting.

Minutes: Pietro moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the February 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 22910-22976 Fire/Garbage: 1322-1327 Water: 6548-6571

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

Truth In Taxation Resolution Proposed, Public Hearing, Hearing & Resolution Adoption:

VanLuven opened the public hearing on the proposed Truth in Taxation resolution. As there was no comment, VanLuven closed the public hearing. Marietti/moved, Manty/supported /PASSED to approve the Truth in Taxation Resolution, 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, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to approve the Millage Rate Resolution, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Budget Public Hearing & Adoption: VanLuven opened the public hearing on the 2023-2024 budget. Clerk Pellow discussed the Budget for the 2023-2024 FY. Pietro noted she approved of all excluding the Deputy Wages. VanLuven closed the public hearing.

General Appropriation Act Adoption: Pellow/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to approve the 2023-2024 FY budget, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Township Banking Resolution: Pietro/moved, Manty/supported /PASSED to approve the Banking Resolution, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Board Salary (Supervisor, Clerk & Treasurer) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Resolution: Peitro/moved, Pellow/supported /PASSED to approve the Board Salary Resolution, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Board Salary (Trustee) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Resolution: Pellow/moved, Pietro/supported /PASSED to approve the Trustee Salary Resolution, 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: Tilden Township employees shall receive a 4% increase in wages, which amounts to an average of \$0.83 per hour increase. Pietro/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to approve the Employee Wage Resolution, upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

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

Wages for Township Deputy Resolution: Pellow/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED to approve the Deputy Wage Resolution, upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 1 Nays (Pietro), 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Communications: U.P.S.E.T. - The Board received a "Thank you for your contribution" letter from U.P.S.E.T.

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: Water Rate Increase Proposal - As of April 1, 2023, water rates will increase by 2.5%. Water Service Base Rate increases from \$24.85 in 2022, to \$25.47 in 2023. Commercial Water Service Base Rate less than 80,000 gallons usage is \$424.52, 80,001 gallons of usage and over is \$495.29. Water Service Usage Rate increases from \$6.15 in 2022, to \$6.30 in 2023. The Residential Bond Rate remains consistent at \$20.00 per month. The Commercial Bond Base Rate is \$350.00. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the water rate increase for the FY 2023-2024.

New Well Estimate - The Board discussed the estimate from Kleiman with DPW Matthew Champion, costing an estimated amount of \$32,220.00. Clerk Pellow will adjust the budget to reflect \$34,000.00. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to sign the contract with Kleiman at the estimated cost of \$32,220.00 to complete the new well at the hall.

Unfinished Business: N/A

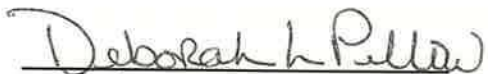
New Business: Review of WETESA Minutes - JoAnn Manty reviewed the WETESA meeting minutes with The Board and opened the floor for any questions Clerk Pellow asked if WETESA is officially up and running at this point and if not, would there be TV coverage of the launch? Mrs. Manty explained that WETESA was aiming for First Responders Week for the launch and will try to get TV coverage depending on the actual launch date. The Board then asked if any responder from a different township can go to any of the others, to which Mrs. Manty answered yes. The responders can work within all townships that are members of the Authority.

Kitchen Vent - Jim Manty and J-Goods looked at the kitchen stove venting and it was decided that it would be better to keep the stove the township currently has, but possibly move the stove over and force the vent out and back. If completed in this manner, the setup should last for many years. Trustee Manty suggested keeping the stove and hire an engineer to fix the venting system properly this time around. Trustee Craig Marietti will contact Jim Nankervis for an estimate. Manty moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to keep the kitchen stove and hire an engineer to complete the new venting system.

Ski Trails: Supervisor VanLuven reviewed that new Ski Trail blueprint. VanLuven explained that the blueprint was very simplistic and that they would be adding in a few more sections to the trail. The new blueprint will be presented to The Board at the April meeting.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 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/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with the following additions: Zoning Permits and Stonehouse refund.

Minutes: Manty moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the March 21, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: Bruce Coron - Animal control for cats. Bruce suggested a township ordinance on cats and possibly a leash law for cats. Bruce explained that each year he has many rabbits on his property and the cats have been coming onto his property and killing the rabbits.

Adrienne Baer - Mrs. Baer addressed the flooding on her property that has been an ongoing issue over the years. Calls have been made to the Township as well as MCRC, with no solution. Ishpeming Township and Tilden Township will meet with Alex from MCRC to determine who is responsible for the repair. Clerk Pellow stated that she believes it should fall back onto MCRC for failing to have property owners install culverts on their driveways, which is causing most of the flooding. Supervisor VanLuven will look into this matter more and be in touch with Mrs. Baer.

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 22977-23043. Fire/Garbage: 1328-1334. Water: 6574-6594

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

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven informed the board that a letter was submitted to the City of Ishpeming in regard to the condition of Washington Street/476 just before entering National Mine. A meeting between Supervisor VanLuven and Ishpeming City Manager Craig Cugini will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

Water Business: Negaunee/Ishpeming Water Authority Request - NIWA is requesting \$1,000.00 from each township to help cover costs associated with updating the Wellhead Protection Plan (WHPP). Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay \$1,000.00 to NIWA for the updated WHPP.

Tear Down of Abandoned Pumphouse - Moyle is in the process of trying to remove the 20,000-gallon tank so the building can be torn down.

Water Business Continued: Update on National Mine School Well - Bill Nordeen has communicated with the Board that The Township will need permission to cap the well from Art Nordeen the owner. Supervisor VanLuven will try contacting Art to pursue further.

Unfinished Business: Miscellaneous Debris - The Board discussed the upcoming spring cleanup. Supervisor VanLuven stated that there are many repeat offenders, 20 or so, as well as a few new. A list, including pictures, will be completed and presented at the May Board meeting.

New Business: Senior Services - Ashley Roberts presented the Board with a list of all of the services and assistance available through the senior services. Senior millage in addition to federal funding, provides services to help keep seniors living independently. Donations are collected for homebound seniors. Senior Services also work with local agencies for assistance in transportation, financial aid and utility shut off assistance. On Thursdays there is a senior meal provided to the seniors. The Center is working on adding bingo once their gambling license is obtained. Mrs. Roberts then explained that the Senior Services provide a Homemaking Program, partnering with the local townships. If any seniors within Tilden Township would like assistance, they can contact the Senior Center. Clerk Pellow suggested putting the information in the township newsletter. Supervisor VanLuven added that he would need to look into if the Township is able to contribute any money to help provide services for Tilden seniors. Trustee Manty then applauded Mrs. Roberts and the services that her team has been providing for the senior community.

Ski/Walking Trails - Brian Kudej, from Integrated Designs INC., presented the Board with the new layout for the trails on the hall property. Mr. Kudej explained that the trails will be 12ft-15ft wide and 2.2km or 1.3 miles in length. The lower areas were avoided due to wet areas. The plan will include signage. One resident may be able to see the trails from their home. One abandoned vehicle was found on the property and will need to be removed. The Township is already in possession of the trail maintenance equipment. Mr. Kudej will provide cost estimates for both chip and aggregate trails. Bruce Coron suggested asking about wood chips being donated from a logger. Clerk Pellow suggested wood chips for the top lay and possibly adding lighting to the trail. Trustee Manty asked if there would be any resting spots on the trail, for example benches or picnic tables? The Board agreed that resting points could be added in at a later time. Clerk Pellow asked roughly how long it would be for the finished blueprint and cost estimate, to which Mr. Kudej answered roughly 3 weeks. This will be on the May agenda.

House washing Contract - Knight Rider Company, Michael Knight, presented the Board with a contract bid of \$0.16 per sq. ft. up to \$25,000.00 for house washing. Knight Rider is a new business with a two-man crew. They can start whenever the township has the list ready. The Board agreed that June/July would work best and will put the house washing sign up reminder in the May Newsletter. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to contract Knight Rider for house washing of 2023-2024 at \$0.16 per sq. ft.

New Business Continued: MCRC 2023 HMA Paving Bids - The Board reviewed the bids from both Bacco Construction and Payne & Dolan, INC. Supervisor VanLuven stated that he did not see the curbing on the list and would like it added. VanLuven will call MCRC. After some discussion on the cost comparisons, Bacco - \$307,077.85 or Payne & Dolan - \$347,162.75, the Board decided on Bacco Construction (with curbing added) and will adjust the budget to pay out of capital outlay. Pellow moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to contract with Bacco Construction for MCRC 2023 HMA Paving, in the amount of \$307,077.85.

Hall Refrigerator Replacement vs. New Condenser - Treasurer Pietro presented the Board with the costs of repairing the condenser on the current refrigerator, as well as quotes on a new unit. Mrs. Pietro stated that it would cost around \$2,000.00 to fix the condenser and the average cost of the new refrigerators is around \$5,000.00. Pietro stated that it seems more cost effective to purchase a new one with warranties on parts and compressors. After comparing some of the new refrigerators costs and warranties, Pietro stated she believes the Kelvinator model, with 3 years parts and 5-year compressor warranty, at the cost of \$4,297.00 would be the best. Trustee Manty requested looking into getting an extended warranty as well. The service contract will add to the cost. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to purchase the Kelvinator model refrigerator for \$4,297.00 out of capital improvement.


Acoustic Panels - The Board discussed the replacement of the acoustic panels in the hall. Service specialist Luke Noordyk will be in on Thursday April 20, 2023 to assess what kind of panels could be installed. If the Board is pleased with the selections of panels available, they will move onto the next phase of replacing them. Pellow moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to transfer \$10,000.00 out of the capital fund to move this project forward.

Zoning Permits - Trustee Manty questioned why it took so long for Faith Lutheran Church to get a public hearing on their request. They applied for the permit in November 2022. Mr. Manty stated that he believes it should not take so long to complete this process.

Stonehouse Refund - Trustee Manty and the Board discussed the failure of the cricket on the Hall that Stonehouse was contracted to fix. The bid from Stonehouse was done in May 2022 and the project was not completed until November of 2022. Manty stated that since it failed and the contract gave the township an 18-month warranty, a refund should be requested. Clerk Pellow added that she agrees with trying to get a refund. The Board suggested that VanLuven have the attorney send a letter to Stonehouse. Pietro moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; have the attorney request a refund from Stonehouse.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.


Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2023

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 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 with the addition of new water meters.

Minutes: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the April 18, 2023 meeting minutes.

Public Comment: Rosemary Larson - Mrs. Larson addressed her concerns with the road conditions of both North & South Shore roads, near Charlie Lakes. There are 29 residents living around the lake and with the road conditions deteriorating, there is concern for emergency vehicles being able to travel on them. Mrs. Larson questioned who is responsible for fixing the road. Supervisor VanLuven informed Mrs. Larson that it is a private road and the responsibility for fixing the road is the residents. Supervisor VanLuven stated he would contact MCRC and see if anything can be done.

Bruce Coron - Treasurer Pietro addressed Mr. Coron's concern from the previous month about cats wandering the neighborhood. Pietro informed him that there is no leash law for cats in the State of Michigan, so the Township would be unable to put something into place.

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 23048-23112 Fire/Garbage: 1335-1340 Water: 6596-6612

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

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven stated that a letter was never submitted to Stonehouse for the refund on the cricket. After some discussion with the Board, it was decided to have the Township Attorney submit the letter.

Water Business: The Township is in need of new water meters and adaptors. Treasurer Pietro suggested that we begin the process of looking at new meters and software for the water system. Matt Champion, DPW Foreman will start looking. Pietro moved/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to start looking at new meters and software for the water system.

Unfinished Business: Zoning Issues (Aho) – The Board discussed the Planning and Zoning Ordinance #10 violations on Aho's property because of the number of dogs and the addition of two goats. The goats are in violation of the ordinance and the number of dogs would require a kennel license per the ordinance. Mr. Aho also is in violation of the Miscellaneous Debris ordinance.

(Hager) - Mr. Hager has two cows and his horses being kept in an unauthorized part of his property per the Dept of Agriculture guidelines for the Right to Farm Act. Mr. Hager is also in violation of the Miscellaneous Debris ordinance.

The Township will send letters to both Mr. Aho and Mr. Hager on their violations of the miscellaneous debris and the Attorney, Pickens will send them letters on the Zoning violations.

Senior Services; Lawful Expenditures – It was questioned at the last meeting if the Township could donate money to the Senior Center for services for Tilden Township residents. Pietro called the MTA and the Township is able to provide money to Senior Center.

New Refrigerator Door – One door on the new refrigerator came damaged. Office manager Pam spoke with Mark from DuQuaine, they will replace the door. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to get the damaged door to the new refrigerator replaced.

New Business: WETESA Update - Mrs. Manty reviewed the WETESA meeting minutes. Updating the Board that WETESA now has a bank account and a federal number. WETESA is currently working on getting insurance, as well as finalizing their policies & procedures. WETESA's Board will be looking into Grants to help with replacing equipment and other things needed within the Authority.

Letter of Support Landfill Recycling & PFAS - Clerk Pellow stated she believes the Board should write a letter of support, supporting the recycling and repurposing efforts. Pellow will write the letter. Pellow moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to write a letter of support to the Marquette County Solid Waste Management.

Natural Gas System Support - Act 188 Amendment; Republic Township sent a letter asking for support for an amendment to Act 188. After some discussion, Pellow moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to have Supervisor VanLuven sign the letter of support to amend Act 188 Amendment.

906 Quote for Firewall - The current firewall in place at the hall will no longer work and needs to be updated. 906 Technologies quoted a new firewall install at \$1,271.17. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to hire 906 Technologies to install a new firewall software \$1,271.17.

Ski/Walking Trails - The Board was presented with different bids based on different options. After some discussion, the Board decided to go with the base bid of \$75,648.00, plus the addition of crushed rock for \$8,540.00 for the trails. VanLuven moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to approve the design of the ski/walking trails with an estimated cost of \$84,188.00.

New Business Continued: Rita Edwards Letter - Rita's letter addressing the dangers of speeding cars on the curvy road, County Road PPH. She has requested some "15 MPH" signs on the curves due to the high volume of walking traffic. Bruce Coron added that people walking the road tend to be walking down the middle of the road, which causes everyone issues.

Treasurer Pietro suggested "Watch for Pedestrians" signs, to which Supervisor VanLuven agreed, suggesting one at each end of the road. Office Manager Pam will call MCRC about installing the signs.

Budget Amendments - Clerk Pellow presented the 2022/2023 final budget amendments to the Board. Manty moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to approve the budget amendments as presented.

Misc. Debris - Supervisor VanLuven presented the photos taken of violations to the Board. The Board then discussed and reviewed the Miscellaneous Debris letters and the policy procedures. Clerk Pellow made changes to the procedures to coincide with the ordinance. The Miscellaneous Debris Violation letters will be sent out with a copy of the miscellaneous debris ordinance and a photo of the violation. Supervisor VanLuven will take pictures again before the June meeting to make sure that the violations have been taken care of. If these properties are still in violation, the properties shall receive a civil infraction citation of \$100.00 and a second citation 7 days later of \$200.00. Should these violations not be taken care of after the second citation, the Township shall proceed to get relief in the Marquette County District Court.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 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 (7:04 PM Arrival)

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the May 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Public Comment: Bruce Coron - Requested that the MCRC change the speed limit signs, in addition to watch for children signs on County Road 581 near his son's home. Mr. Coron stated he believes it would help if the 55 MPH speed limit sign there was moved north, so that people might maintain the 45 MPH speed longer. Supervisor VanLuven will contact MCRC about the request.

Bills: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 23118-23197 Fire/Garbage: 1341-1347 Water: 6616-6638

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was placed on file. Pietro informed the Board that she had moved some monies to Flagstar for better interest.

Communications: Rita Edwards Letter - Rita sent a thank you letter to The Board for honoring her request for "Watch for Pedestrians" signs on County Roads PPG.

Stonehouse & Hager Letters - Stonehouse; The Board reviewed the letter sent to Stonehouse by the Township Attorney.

Hager; The Board had some discussion over the contents of the "Right to Farm ACT" and that Mr. Hager was never permitted to have cows on the property, which puts him in violation of the ordinance.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven shared a few quick updates. Pickleball lines have been added to the tennis courts. Knight's House Washing services will wash both playgrounds when they are finished with house washing. VanLuven also stated that with the large wedding coming up at the hall, some extra porta johns will need to be ordered to accommodate the number of guests (4 or 5 should do).

Water Business: DPW Supervisor Matt Champion reported that they are currently fixing a leak, with no other water business to report at this time.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris - The Board reviewed who had or had not cleaned up from the list of violations. Anyone not in compliance still, will be fined.

Unfinished Business Continued: Zoning Issues (Aho / Hager) - The Township Attorney sent individual letters of the zoning violations to both Mr. Aho & Mr. Hager as of today, June 20, 2023.

Senior Services; Lawful Expenditures - Treasurer Pietro informed the Board it is lawful to provide money to the Senior Center for services for Tilden Township Seniors. The Senior Center will look into how many Tilden residents use their services. They will contact the Township with that information.

New Business: WETESA Update - Mrs. Manty reviewed the WETESA meeting minutes. WETESA will need an Amendment from each Township for the Articles/Resolutions.

Water Survey - Rural Development will do a water median household income survey on the water system residents and all the Township has to pay for is the postage. Completing the Water Survey could lead to more grant money for the meters and possibly the main replacement to Dyno. Pietro moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to participate in the Water Survey.

Boundary Survey - UPEA will do a boundary survey this summer at a cost of \$2,000.00 - \$5,000.00. This should be done before the trail system is started. Trustee Jim Manty will get another price form Larry Bussone. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to participate in the Boundary Survey, without exceeding \$5,000.00. This will be an ARPA expenditure.

Approval for Spark Grant - The Board approved to apply for the MI Spark Grant to do the lighting on the walking trails and possibly the ski trails. The Township would need to commit \$25,000.00. IDI will make the application at a cost of \$1,000.00. Manty moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to apply for the MI Spark Grant.

Defibrillator (AED) for Township Hall - The Board discussed looking into not only getting a defibrillator for the Hall, but also CPR & basic first aid classes for workers. Trustee Manty suggested getting some sharps containers for the men's and women's restrooms as well. Manty moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to obtain a defibrillator, sign up workers for CPR & basic first aid, and obtain sharps containers for the restrooms.

Jet Black Application - The Board discussed having the Hall & tennis courts completed. Pricing to come at a later time. The basketball courts are to be replaced next year.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Pay - The Board agreed to increase the pay for the Administrator to \$300/month including Regular Meetings and \$25.00/hour for any training. Manty moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to increase P&Z admin pay to \$300/month including Regular Meetings and \$25.00/hour for any training. Amendment - Clerk Pellow to adjust budget as needed.

Public Comment: Trustee Craig Marietti informed The Board that he will be absent for the July, 2023 meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.


Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 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: Jim Manty

Board members absent: Trustee: Craig Marietti

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

Minutes: Manty moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to accept the June 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 23198-23288 Fire/Garbage: 1348-1353 Water: 6639-

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

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven informed The Board that County Road 476 had flooded due to the beaver dam by A&L. A backhoe was used to clear the dam.

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris - The Board stated that property 320 County Road PAE will be sent a letter to clean up their property and Eric Helsten will be given a citation.

Zoning Issues - The Township Attorney shared communications from Hager's lawyer, stating that Mr. Hager will have the property cleaned by July 31st, 2023. The horses and cows are a separate issue, to which a separate letter was sent to Mr. Hager. Mr. Aho was sent a Zoning violation letter in regard to his goats. The Board decided to send another violation letter to Mr. Aho and if he still doesn't remove the goats the Township will proceed with filing a complaint in court.

Revised Noordyk Bid - The Board reviewed the proposal from Noordyk of \$17,702.17 to do acoustic panels in the hall. Pietro moved/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to accept Noordyk's bid of \$17,702.17, to be paid out of capital outlay.

Ski/Walking Trail Bids - The Board reviewed the bids submitted and after some discussion, decided to reject both bids. The Board will re-bid the project. The Township will put another ad in the newspaper accepting bids noon on August 14, 2023, then bids will be opened at 1:00 pm. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to reject the current bids for the ski/walking trails and re-bid the project.

Road; Ishpeming/City Streets Cugini - Supervisor VanLuven spoke with Ishpeming's City Manager about the City's portion of 476 coming into National Mine. VanLuven stated that the City Manager would like CCI to pay for it due to the mine traffic. At this time the city does not have the monies to resurface 476.

New Business: WETESA Update - Mrs. Manty reviewed the WETESA meeting minutes and informed the Board that resolutions will be available by the August 2023 meeting. WETESA is also expecting to receive their license from the state very soon.

MCRC Chip Sealing 2024 – MCRC has purchased chip sealing equipment and would like a list of township roads needing done in 2024 by September 1, 2023.

MCRC 2023 Paving Bid – The Board discussed the Bacco bid proposal for roads adding curbing which increased the total costs to \$380,611.58. Pellow informed the Board that \$250,000.00 was budgeted for 2023 road improvements so the budget would have to be increased. Pellow moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to proceed with the Bacco Construction Co.'s bid of \$380,611.58 and to pay the increase out of capital outlay.


Final Budget Amendments; March 2023 - Clerk Pellow presented the Board with 2022/2023 final budget amendments. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to approve the budget amendments as presented. Pellow also added that the Auditor will be in on August 28, 2023.

Closed Session Permissible to discuss the purchase of real estate. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/PASSED; to enter into closed session with Deputy Clerk Campbell present to take minutes at 7:35 pm.

Pellow moved/Pietro supported/PASSED; to return to open session at 7:47 pm. Upon a roll call vote Pellow moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to purchase the National Mine School for \$107,000.00 contingent upon securing a grant for demolition through the Marquette County Landbank Authority. 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

Public Comment: Pam Boone informed the Board that the defibrillator and the sharps containers came in.

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


Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 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: Jim Manty, Trustee: Craig Marietti & Deputy Treasurer: Roger Pietro

Board members absent: Treasurer: Ann Pietro

Agenda: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with additions.

Minutes: Pellow moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the July 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Public Comment: Joanne Manty asked about the time frame completion of the pickleball courts. Supervisor VanLuven stated that the painting of the court lines will be completed soon. Joanne informed The Board that The Senior Center is very excited to be able to come and utilize the courts.

Bills: Pellow moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 23293-23380 Fire/Garbage: 1354-1358 Water: 6668-6688

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

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven informed The Board that he and Manty had met with Bill Hill from Stonehouse and they had agreed to refund half of the costs from the job done on the hall roof.

Water Business: Supervisor VanLuven informed The Board that the new pump for the hall will be started in a week or two and that there will be a new pump purchased for well #2. The wells will be checked year for routine maintenance.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris - The Board reviewed the remaining misc. debris violations; Wagner receive a letter and Aho will receive another ticket. Helsten never received a letter, he will be sent a letter stating they have 10 days to clean the misc. Debris. If the misc debris is not cleaned within the allotted 10 days, a ticket will be issued, to which will then be a civil court matter.

Zoning Issues - Mr. Aho will receive another ticket on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 for the violation of having goats on his property.

Unfinished Business Continued: Ski/Walking Trail Bids - The Board reviewed new bids from A. Lindberg & Sons, Inc. & Smith Construction, Inc. After some comparing and discussion over the bids, The Board favored Smith Construction, Inc.'s bid for \$118,000.00. Clerk Pellow stated that if The Spark Grant is unavailable to The Township for lighting on the trails, there are Recreation Grants that can be applied for as well. Manty moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept Smith Construction, Inc.'s bid of \$118,000.00 - with \$23,000.00 budgeted out of Capital Fund the rest will be ARPA money


New Business: WETESA Update - Mrs. Manty reviewed the WETESA meeting minutes and presented The Board with a Resolution; Republic Ambulance. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED by a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abs.; to adopt the WETESA Resolution; Republic Ambulance.

Southwood Flooding Issue - Supervisor VanLuven informed The Board that The County will not take responsibility for the flooding issue. VanLuven stated he believed if there was ditching on both sides of the road, it should help eliminate some of the flooding until a permanent solution can be put into place. The Board discussed the possibility of ditching ourselves or hiring someone. Residents affected by the flooding asked if it was possible to put culverts from a swap directed to the river; Supervisor VanLuven explained that would be a very costly project. Clerk Pellow mentioned the possibility of getting our attorney involved.

MCRC Chip Sealing 2024 - Supervisor VanLuven reviewed the list for MCRC Chip Sealing for 2024 and added that he would like lines added to 476 and County Road PB, in addition to chip sealing the roads that were paved a few years ago.

Public Comment: Clerk Pellow informed The Board that The Landbank approved The Grant for the demolition of The Old National Mine School; with a signed contingency document. Pellow stated that she would be working on getting a water customer survey to see if there would be any additional grants available.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.


Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 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: Jim Manty, Trustee: Craig Marietti

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the August 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Special Meeting Minutes: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the August 15, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

Closed Session Minutes: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the Closed Session Minutes of September 2, 2023 as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 23387-23453 Fire/Garbage: 1359-1363 Water: 6691-6715

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

Communications: Ishpeming Senior Center Support Letter - The Board reviewed the letter written to Ms. Corbin in regards to The Senior Center. A Copy of the letter may be found at The Township Hall upon request for review.

Edwards Thank You Letter - Mrs. Rita Edwards wrote a thank you letter to The Board for the new ski/walking trails going in behind the township hall.

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: Quotes for Water Meters - DPW Supervisor Matthew Champion informed the Board that he was having a hard time contacting anyone to get information on the new water meters.

Unfinished Business: Noise Ordinance; Generators - The Board discussed Mr. Steele's use of a generator running 24/7 due to not having any electricity in his home. The Board reviewed the current noise ordinance and decided to look into changing the time allotted for the usage of a generator in residential areas. Mr. Steele was already sent a letter on using the generator after 10:00 pm. The Board will speak with the neighboring homes to see if Mr. Steele is still violating the ordinance.

Misc. Debris - Jason Aho & Isis Delarye have both been issued two tickets for violating the misc. debris ordinance and there is no change in their properties. The next step will be court proceedings. The Board decided to submit one more letter to each Aho & Delarye informing them that they have five days to clean up their properties, from the date the letter was written or the matter will be submitted to the court. Manty moved/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to submit a final notice letter with a five day deadline to clean up before taking the matter to court.

Amendment - Trustee Jim Manty suggested adding the zoning violations included in Jason Aho's letter. Manty moved/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to submit a final notice letter with a five day deadline to clean up and remove the goats from his property, before taking the matter to court.

Hall Cricket Project, Stonehouse Issue: Trustee Jim Manty reviewed the new blueprints from Jim Nankervis with the Board. Mr. Manty stated that he believed that J-Goods could complete the job as well and would contact John Gooding to check.

Stonehouse - The check that was written to Tilden Township for the agreed upon reimbursement was canceled. It was a handshake agreement that Stonehouse seemingly backed out of. The Board discussed getting the Township Attorney involved and that it could potentially be costly to pursue the reimbursement, but it is the principle. The Attorney will be contacted to have him file a claim against Stonehouse for the full amount of the project and court costs if possible. Pellow moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to pursue legal action and reimbursement from Stonehouse.

Southwood flooding Issue - The Board addressed the ongoing flooding issue on Southwood Drive. MCRC is not willing to take any responsibility for this problem. MCRC costs to replace the culvert and divert the water properly will be approximately \$250,000.00 to be paid by the Township. Clerk Pellow has applied for a FEMA Grant to do this project. Clerk Pellow thanked Mrs. Baer for submitting pictures from past years of flooding. Trustee Manty asked about a timeframe for the determination of the FEMA Grant Application. Clerk Pellow will check into a timeframe and follow up with The Board at the next monthly meeting.

New Business: WETESA Update - Joanne Manty had previously submitted WETESA Minutes for The Township Board to review. WETESA Minutes may be located at The Hall for review.

New Business Continued: Resolution to Amend the WETESA Articles of Incorporation - The Board made an amendment to the WETESA Articles of incorporation resolution. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abs; to Amend the WETESA Articles of incorporation resolution. A Copy of The Resolution may be located at The Township Hall.

MCRC Request for 2024 - Supervisor VanLuven and The Board discussed the MCRC Paving, crack & sealing for 2024. Supervisor VanLuven stated he believed the list was the same as the 2023 list and would double check, if the 2023 list is not completed this year (from 2023 list), the 2023 list will transition into the 2024 list for completion.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 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: Jim Manty, Trustee: Craig Marietti

Board members absent: Treasurer: Ann Pietro

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

Minutes: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the September 19, 2023 Meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 23454-23514 Fire/Garbage: 1364-1371 Water: 6716-6732

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

Communications: Spark Grant Denial - Clerk Pellow informed the Board that the Spark Grant that she had applied for was denied. There are a few more grants that will be coming up in April 2024 and Clerk Pellow stated that she will apply for it again when it becomes available.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven asked the Board to approve a letter of support for the demolition of the old National Mine School to be included in our grant application. Manty moved/ VanLuven/supported/ PASSED; to send a letter of support to Anne Giroux.

Water Business: Quotes for Water Meters - After reviewing the quotes, The Board decided on Core & Main's quote of \$56,000.00 for 150 new meters. The new meters would not be put in until 2024. Clerk Pellow mentioned that there is \$50,000.00 in Capital Outlay available in the water fund for the meters. Pellow moved/ VanLuven/supported/ PASSED; to purchase the new water meters from Core & Main for the quoted \$56,000.00.

Unfinished Business: Iron Ore Heritage Trail; Bob Hendrickson - Mr. Hendrickson introduced himself and updated the Board on the current I.O.H.T. projects which include preventative maintenance along the trails. Republic Township is no longer in the I.O.H.T. but will place the millage on the ballot for 2024. Clerk Pellow pointed out that Dawn Hoffman doesn't get paid to attend the I.O.H.T. meetings and believes she should since Joann does for WETESA. The Board discussed a pay rate of \$50/meeting. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/PASSED; to pay Dawn Hoffman \$50/meeting for the Iron Ore Heritage Trail meetings,

Unfinished Business Continued: WETESA Update - Joann Manty reviewed the WETESA meeting minutes with the Board. Joann informed the Board that Tilden Township appointed someone for WETESA for one year and that year is now up. Clerk Pellow nominated Joann

Manty for a 3-year term, to which Joann accepted. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to appoint Joann Manty as Tilden Township's WETESA representative.

Hall Furnace Replacement - The Board reviewed quotes for a new furnace and after some discussion, decided to go with Cold Snap Heating & Cooling for \$4,986.00. Manty moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to purchase the new furnace for the hall from Cold Snap Heating & Cooling at the cost of \$4,986.00. Pellow asked for a friendly amendment to the motion to include that the payment will be a Capital Outlay expense, both Manty and VanLuven accepted the friendly amendment.

MCRC Request for 2024; County Road PPR & Kari Lane - Tilden Board requested that chip & crack sealing be applied to County Roads PB, PG, PI, PPL, PBG and from PB to PDJ, in addition to fog and centerlines on County Road PB and PG. Craig moved/Manty supported/PASSED; to approved the 2024 road repairs and maintenance list.

Noise Ordinance; Generators - The Board addressed the use of generators in non-emergency situations. After some discussion, it was decided to have Pellow check with the MTA on how generators can be regulated.

Misc. Debris Update - Mr. Aho has cleaned up a lot of the misc. debris in his yard. The Board decided that with the progress, they will no longer proceed with the court action. The Township will send a letter of encouragement to Mr. Aho to remind him to continue the progress. The Delarye property has not been cleared of the misc. debris so the Board will have the attorney proceed with court action. It was also brought to the attention of the Board that Mr. Hagar has his trailers too close to the side of County Road 476 again and should be sent another letter asking him to move them off the road right-of-way.

Zoning Issue Update - Mr. Aho's goats were removed from the property and the fence was taken down.

Hall Cricket Project; Attorney Filing Claim/ Stonehouse Issue; Jim Update on Cricket Replacement - The Attorney is filing a claim with Stonehouse to receive the refunded money agreed upon. Trustee Manty updated the Board on possible repairs and permanent fixes to the cricket issue. Manty will contact John from J-Goods to meet with him and get ideas on the best solution.

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New Business: Solar & Wind Resolution - Resolution on solar/wind/large scale battery storage facility development; Opposing any legislation preempting local control for siting and permitting of utility-scale renewable facilities including solar, wind and large-scale battery storage facilities. Pellow/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

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Employee Insurance Quote - The Board discussed the employee healthcare insurance renewal for 2024. The new plan will have an increase of the deductible so the Board will have to increase the employee's HSA payment. The increase will put the 2024 healthcare amount at 18,306.96, which includes the premium and HSA payment. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to renew the employee's health and life insurance for Jan 2024.

Resolution Establishing Early Voting Location - Clerk Pellow reviewed the early voting resolution with the Board. Pellow/moved, Manty/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; to adopt the Early Voting Location Resolution as presented. The resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.


PA152 Opt-Out - After a brief discussion, The Board decided to opt-out. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to opt of PA152 for 2024

Public Comment: Deputy Clerk Jamie Campbell informed The Board of a MCA Conference meeting on Tuesday, November 28th, 2023, being held in Mount Pleasant, Michigan that was covering information on Proposal 22.2. There is a registration fee of \$75.00 and a possible need for a hotel room for the night. Ms. Campbell requested The Board's approval to attend. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to register Deputy Clerk Campbell for the MCA conference meeting on November 28th, 2023 which will include registration, mileage, per diem and lodging.

Trustee Manty suggested that some railing should be added to the new panels that go to the floor to protect them. Manty will look at options.

Clerk Pellow suggested that the Board look at updating the veterans' plaques displayed in the Hall. Pam and Pellow will look into types of cases and pricing.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.


Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 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: Jim Manty, Trustee: Craig Marietti

Board members absent: Clerk: Deb Pellow,

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

Minutes: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the October 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 23519-23599 Fire/Garbage: 1372-1378 Water: 6737-6760

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

Communications: Forsyth Township Master Plan - Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that Forsyth was working on completing their Master Plan.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven addressed the previous delinquent personal property taxes, stating that the township will receive \$41,000.00.

Water Business: DPW Supervisor Matthew Champion stated that the new meters have been ordered and they are waiting to receive them.

Unfinished Business: J-Goods Quote for Kitchen Exhaust - John Gooding presented the Board with a quote for the make-up air and exhaust system with a detailed explanation of everything that would need to be done and completed for the project. The project is quoted at \$68,759.00, which does not include the electrical installation costs or the cricket. After some discussion between the Board and John Gooding, the Board decided to table this project until the next meeting.

WETESA update - The Board reviewed the WETESA update provided by Joann Manty.

Stonehouse Issue; Attorney Filing Claim - Supervisor VanLuven addressed his displeasure with our attorney and his handling of this claim. The Board would like this matter done in a more timely manner. A letter expressing this issue will be written from the Township and submitted to the attorney.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris Update - Isis Delayre is still in violation of the Misc. Debris ordinance with multiple bags of trash and multiple vehicles on the property. DPW Supervisor Matthew Champion requested "No Dumping" signs be posted at the old pumphouse. Residents have been dumping garbage there and he believes with signs posted and possibly some boulders put in place, it will deter the dumping.

Zoning Issues Update - The Board addressed Bill Hagar's trailers and farm equipment that is once again on the edge on the main road. The County went to Mr. Hagar's property to enforce the moving of the vehicles, but upon the County's arrival, the vehicles were moved away from the road. According to some Board members, the vehicles are now back near the road.

Hoffman Back Pay - The Board discussed the back pay for Dawn Hoffman's last 6 months of being a representative for Tilden Township to the Iron Ore Heritage Trail Authority. Pietro moved/ Van Luven supported/ PASSED; to pay Dawn Hoffman for 6 months of attending meetings at \$50.00 per meeting and to pay \$50.00 per meeting moving forward.

Release of Election Retainage to Electrical Contractor; \$5,450.00 - The electrical contractor working for Smith Construction submitted an email requesting that asking for their 10% retention in the amount of \$5,450.00 be paid for the work down on the new ski/walking trails. After some discussion, the Board decided that the payment would be sent to Jesse Wright and not Smith Construction. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to release \$5,450.00 to Electrical Contractor Jesse Wright.

New Business: Ishpeming Township Fire Department/ December visit - The Board discussed how much they would send the Ishpeming Township fire department this year for the children's fire education program. Manty moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to send \$500.00 to the Ishpeming Township Fire Department.


MCTA Christmas Potluck - The MCTA Christmas Potluck will take place December 6, 2023 @ 5:30 PM. It is requested that each township bring a dish to pass and a gift. The Board agreed to purchase a gift in the amount of \$20.00. Treasurer Pietro may attend.

Approval of Hall Rental Agreement- The Board reviewed the revised Hall Rental Agreement. Manty moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to approve the revised Hall Rental Agreement.

Budget Updates - Tabled until the December 2023 meeting.

Public Comment: Trustee Jim Manty addressed the insulation in the attic, asking if it was still working effectively, or if possibly adding some more insulation could help with any drafting issues.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.


Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 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: Jim Manty, Trustee: Craig Marietti

Board members absent: Treasurer: Ann Pietro

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

Minutes: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the November 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Public Comment: Aaron Peterson thanked the Board and Township for the new ski and walking trails.

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 23631-23661 Fire/Garbage: 1379-1385 Water: 6761-6786

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

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that 50 new water meters have arrived. The remaining new meters should arrive soon. DPW Supervisor Matthew Champion and DPW Stefan Butler were at CPR training and could not attend the meeting.

Unfinished Business: WETESA update - The Board reviewed the WETESA update provided by Joann Manty.

Stonehouse Issue - Stonehouse was served with a court filing pertaining to the roof cricket, they have until January 2, 2024 to respond.

Misc. Debris Update - Isis Delarye was served another letter and has until December 18, 2023 to clean up the property.

Kitchen oven/ J-Goods - The Board moved to table until the January 2024 meeting.

New Business: Marq. Co. Sheriff's Department 2024 Contract - Captain Larson with the Sheriff's Department addressed the changes in the new 2024 contract. Tilden will now have 2 Sheriffs present within the township for 80 hours per month. They will work on rotating shifts of a day and a night shift. After some discussion Pellow moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to approve the Marq. Co Sheriff's Department 2024 Contract.

New Business Continued: Budget Updates - Clerk Pellow reviewed the budget amendments with the Board. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the budget amendments as presented.

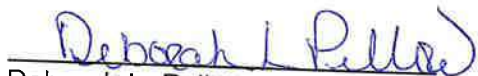
New Legal Fees Breakdown/Cleveland Cliffs Tax Litigation- The split for legal fees has increased from 10% to 12% for Tilden's share. The addendum needs to be signed to continue. There is a meeting scheduled for December 20, 2023 at 3PM to discuss a settlement offer. Supervisor VanLuven and Clerk Pellow plan to attend the meeting and will update the Board. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED upon a roll call vote; to approve the addendum to the contract for shared legal fees on the Cleveland Cliffs Tax Litigation. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Board of Review Appointment - Supervisor VanLuven announced Bruce Coron is willing to serve on the Board of Review. Pellow moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to appoint Bruce Coron on The Board of Review.

Public Comment: Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board the FEMA money that the County Road Commission had applied for to help the Stoneville flooding issues, was denied. Pellow is still waiting on the Michigan State of Emergency Funding Grant that was also applied for.

Trustee Manty asked if there was a timeframe for the demolition grant for the old National Mine School. Pellow stated that the grant award will take place sometime in early February 2024.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.


Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk