

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 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, Treasurer: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti

**Board members absent:** N/A

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

**Minutes:** Manty moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the December 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Bills:** Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 23670-23744; Fire/Garbage: 1386-1390; Water: 6787-6820; Road: 8-12

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

**Communications:** The Board discussed the CUPPAD - Dickinson County Master Plan.

**Supervisor's Comments:** Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that there was an action filed against Isis Delarye due to misc. debris violations, to which Mrs. Delarye did not respond. The Township Attorney will file a notice seeking judgment to allow clean-up of the property and add any expenses accumulated to be added to Mrs. Delarye's tax bill.

**Water Business:** Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that the rest of the new water meters have arrived. Clerk Pellow asked about the ordering of the new laptop for the DPW. Matt Champion explained he would be getting a tablet instead of a laptop and will be ordering it soon. Clerk Pellow added that the budget includes the purchase of two laptops, one for the DPW and one for the clerk's office. The new tablet will be in addition to the laptops and is needed for the new meters.

**Unfinished Business:** Public Notice; Expansion of Iron Ore Pit at Tilden Mine - Jay Parent along with Hunter King reviewed the expansion of the iron ore pit and water quality with the Board. The Board as well as some township residents asked about the possibility of water contamination and who would be liable to replace any wells that were affected. Mr. Parent and Mr. King will look into this issue.

WETESA update - Joann Manty reviewed the WETESA meeting minutes and all updates with the Board. The WETESA meeting minutes can be found at the Tilden Hall.

**Unfinished Business Continued:** Kitchen Range Issue - Trustee Manty presented the Board with different options and some pricing for the kitchen remodel. The Board discussed removing the large stove, replacing it with two standard stoves with hood vents, removing the single sink, moving the large refrigerator adding a prep table and fixing the roof. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to move forward with the kitchen remodel at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00 from capital improvement. The large Imperial stove will be sold on bids.

Tilden Twp vs. Stonehouse & Cleveland Cliffs Tax Litigation (Closed Sessions); Pellow moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to enter Closed Session with Deputy Clerk Campbell to record the minutes at 7:29 PM. Pellow moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to end the Closed Session and re-enter into Open Session at 7:42 PM.


**New Business:** Review of MCRC Proposal - The Board discussed the new proposal from MCRC, pertaining to the curve on PPR. MCRC advised that there would be too much curve in the road if it was moved. MCRC has decided that moving some land and dirt back would be a better solution and provide more visibility for drivers as well.

Approval of Tilden Township's Recreation Plan - Clerk Pellow reviewed the steps that will need to be taken to update the Township's Recreation Plan. Starting with getting a survey done, possibly by CUPPAD with an estimated cost of \$3,000 - \$6,000. Pellow moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to hire CUPPAD to update the 5 year Tilden Township Recreation Plan.

2024 Meeting Dates - The Board reviewed the meeting dates set for 2024. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the 2024 Tilden Township Meeting Dates.

**Public Comment:** DPW Supervisor Matt Champion informed the Board that there is a gentleman on County Road 581 that has goats on his property. Jason Aho requested a letter be sent to this individual, since he had received one for the same issue. Clerk Pellow agreed that Mr. Aho had every right to be upset and that the matter would be addressed. Pellow then stated that the zoning ordinance should be reviewed and amended to allow chickens in residential areas or comply with the current language that does not allow chickens in residential areas.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.

  
Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

**Tilden Township Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 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: Trustee: Jim Manty

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

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the January 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

Public Comment: Clerk Pellow asked that the meeting take a moment of silence for the loss and memory of Treasurer, Ann Pietro. A moment of silence was held.

Bills: Marietti moved/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,  
General: 23293-23825 Fire/Garbage: 1388-1397 Water: 6801-6828 Road: 5008-5012

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

Communications: U.P.S.E.T. - The Board reviewed the Thank You letter received from The U.P.S.E.T. team, regarding Tilden Township's contribution of \$5,000.00.

MCTA Meeting – There will be an MCTA meeting held on February 28, 2024, at the Negaunee Township Hall. Trustee Craig Marietti will attend.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that there was a default entered on January 16, 2024 on Isis Delarye for violation of the misc. debris ordinance. The default judgement is scheduled for May 22, 2024 which will the Township to enter the property, clean it up and assess the costs as a lien on the property.

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: WETESA update – The Board discussed that a Budget for WETESA for 2024 needs to be approved with a resolution. Tilden has an invoice and a check ready for WETESA but has not currently received a budget or resolution.

Kitchen Remodel – Trustee Jim Manty and Clerk Deb Pellow shared the cost list of itemized items for the kitchen remodel. Clancy Electric has an estimated budget of \$1200.00. J-Goods should not exceed \$4000.00. Jilbert items will cost \$6200.00 and Household items will cost \$2649.94. The Township also expects a sale on the current stove/oven of around \$3,000.00. Bringing the total costs to \$11,049.94. Deb Pellow motioned to increase the budget from \$11,000.00 for the kitchen remodel, to \$13,000.00. Pellow moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to increase the kitchen remodel budget to \$13,000.00.

Unfinished Business Continued: Tilden Mine Extension – The Board discussed the upcoming meeting that will take place February 28, 2024 @ 6:00PM via ZOOM. The meeting will be open to the public.

New Business: Highline Fiber Optic Permit – The Board reviewed the Right-Of-Way Telecommunications Permit. Clerk Pellow noted that she would like the wording in section 3.3 to be adjusted if possible and had also asked if a request for the copies of the “as built” plans can be submitted for the Township’s records. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the Right-Of-Way Telecommunications Permit with the changes to sections 3.3 & copies of “as built”.

Personnel Policy Update – The Board reviewed the changes in the personnel policy. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the changes to the personnel policy.

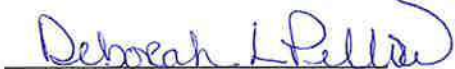
Poverty Exemption Guidelines & Asset Test Resolution – After some review and discussion, the Board moved to accept the resolution. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED upon a rollcall vote; to accept the Poverty Exemption Guidelines & Asset Test Resolution. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 Absent

Public Comment: Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that the Recreation Plan will not be completed until the summer of 2024, due to CUPPAD’s work load.

Clerk Pellow stated that the Planning Commission has one position available and would like to double check if Pat Kroon is still on the Board of Review.

Clerk Pellow then addressed the topic of the adjusting the ordinance in regards to chickens within Tilden Township’s residential area.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

**Tilden Township Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 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:** N/A

**Agenda:** Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with one addition; approval of the February 26, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.

**Minutes:** Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the February 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

**Special Meeting Minutes:** Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the February 26, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Bills:** Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 23827-23925 Fire/Garbage: 1399-1403 Water: 6829-6855 Road: 5013-50

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

**Truth In Taxation Resolution Proposed, Public Hearing, Hearing & Resolution Adoption:** The Board discussed the Resolution. There was no public comment. Pellow/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote to approve the Truth-n- Taxation Resolution; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Millage Rates Resolution Adoption:** Marietti/moved, Pellow/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote to approve the Millage Rates Resolution; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Budget Public Hearing & Adoption:** Clerk Pellow discussed the Budget for the 2024-2025 FY. There was no public comment. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote to approve the Budget Resolution; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**General Appropriation Act Adoption:** The Board discussed the Appropriation Act. There was no public comment. Pellow/moved, Marietti/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote to approve the General

Appropriation Resolution; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Appropriation Act may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Township Banking 04/23-03/24 FY Resolution:** The Board discussed the Resolution. Pellow/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote to approve the Banking Resolution; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Buying and Selling Land 04/24-03/25 FY Resolution:** The Board discussed the Resolution. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote to approve the buying and Selling Land Resolution; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Board Salary (Supervisor, Clerk & Treasurer) 04/24-03/25 FY Resolution:** The Board discussed the Resolution. Pellow/moved, Marietti/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote to approve the Board Salary Resolution; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Board Salary (Trustee) 04/23-03/24 FY Resolution:** The Board discussed the Resolution. Pellow/moved, Marietti/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote to approve the Trustee Resolution; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Wages per Meeting and Monthly Salaries 04/23-03/24 FY Resolution:** The Board discussed the Resolution. Marietti/moved, Pellow/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote to approve the Board and Commission Resolution; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Wages for Township Employees 04/23-03/24 FY Resolution:** Tilden Township employees shall receive a 3.2% increase in wages, which amounts to an average of \$0.70 increase. Pellow/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote to approve the Employee Wage Resolution; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Wages for Township Office Fill-Ins 04/23-03/24 FY Resolution:** Pellow/moved, Marietti/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote to approve the Office Fill-in Resolution; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Wages for Township Deputy Resolution:** Tilden Township Deputies shall receive a \$0.50/hour raise, \$500.00 increase annually. Pellow/moved, Marietti/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote to approve

the Deputy Wage Resolution; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Communications:** MCRC Annual Financial Report – Placed on file and may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

North Country & Fire Department Contracts – The Board discussed the contracts for both North Country garbage rates as well as the contract with the Ishpeming Fire Department. North Country's rates are currently at \$4,008.05/month, with the contract expiring March 2025. Trustee Marietti commented that he expects the rates to increase significantly for garbage. The Ishpeming Fire Department will be increasing their contract rates by 5%. Supervisor VanLuven will check to see if that is a yearly increase or not.

**Supervisor's Comments:** \*Moment of Silence for former Trustee, Jim Manty. \*

Tilden Mine Expansion - Supervisor VanLuven addressed the public concern for the wildlife that will be affected due to the expansion of the mine. Tilden Township's concern is with the wellhead protection. All concerns were addressed with the mine at a previous public meeting. Supervisor VanLuven stated that Township was reassured that the wellheads would not be affected, and stated that Tilden Township supports the mine.

**Water Business:** Water Rate Increase Proposal – As of April 1, 2024, water rates will increase by 2.5%. Water Service Base Rate increases from \$25.47 in 2023, to \$26.11 in 2024. Commercial Water Service Base Rate less than 80,000 gallons usage is \$435.14; 80,001 gallons of usage and over is \$520.05. Water Service Usage Rate increases from \$6.30 in 2023, to \$6.46 in 2024. The Residential Bond Rate remains consistent at \$20.00 per month. The Commercial Bond Base Rate is \$350.00. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the water rate increase for the FY 2024-2025.

Water Bond Discussion – The Board discussed the options for a resident that had recently purchased land within Tilden. This land is on the water system but there is not enough land for this resident to be able to build. The resident is being charged the Residential Bond Rate of \$20.00 each month and is disputing the charge due to lack of a substantial amount of land to build upon. Supervisor VanLuven discussed unhooking the water system at the main to his property and the costs to do so. Wages, benefits and equipment usage will all be charged to the resident to completely remove this parcel from the water system. These costs will be charged to the resident and once that is done the resident will no longer be charged the Bond fee. Pellow is to write up a rates worksheet for the project.

**Unfinished Business:** WETESA Update/ WETESA Expenditure Resolution – Pellow/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

Kitchen Remodel – Jack Tonge will remove the hood from the kitchen and unhooked the electrical to the hood. J-Goods was contacted about removing the vent, as well as patching the roof. Hiawatha and Jilberts have not called back in regards to purchasing the old stove from The Hall Kitchen. J-Goods stated that they would take and list the stove for Tilden Township or possibly work out a deal to purchase themselves. The refrigerator door replacement arrived and was installed.

**New Business:** Treasurer Appointment – The Board discussed the applicants. Clerk Pellow stated that she believed Shelby Kellan should be the new Treasurer due to her college degree. Marietti then nominated Julie Filbrant. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote;  
2 Ayes, 1 Nays, 0 Absent; Clerk Pellow Nay – No college degree.

MCRC; Dust Control – The Board reviewed the 2024 MCRC Dust Control Agreement. Pellow/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED; to approve the dust control agreement.

County Road PPR Project – Supervisor VanLuven updated the Board about the proposed movement plans for County Road PPR. It seems the most cost efficient to move the bank on the curve back further. VanLuven state that he would like to discuss buying that small piece of property from the current property owners. The Foster’s also requested an easement to their back property through this parcel.

Housewashing 2024 – The Board reviewed the bid from Knight Rider Housewashing for 2024, totaling \$25,000.00. Pellow/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED; to contract with Knight Rider Housewashing for the 2024 season.

**Budget Updates; 2024-2025 Budget:** Clerk Pellow reviewed the adjustments for the 2023-2024 budget, as well as discussing the new budget set for 2024-2025. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED; to accept the budget amendments to the 2023-2024 budget and accept the new budget for 2024-2025.

**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 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 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: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Craig Marietti

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the March 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes as presented.

Special Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the March 29, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

Public Comment: Joann Manty asked about a timeframe for the completion of the pickleball court lines. DPW Supervisor Matthew Champion stated the courts were to be resealed and after that the lines for the pickleball court will be done. Champion will bring a quote back to the Board.

Bills: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,  
General: 23926-24008 Fire/Garbage: 1404-1408 Water: 6858-6884 Road: 5014

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

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven touched base on the junk tire collection coming up on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the West End Transfer Station. Residents can bring up to ten tires to dispose of.

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: WETESA update – JoAnn Manty reviewed the WETESA meeting minutes and informed the Board that WETESA received a \$10K grant for 4 AEDs from the West End Health Foundation. WETESA will hold their meetings every other month now. Clerk Pellow commended JoAnn on her representation of Tilden Township, as well as the Authority.

Misc. Debris Update – Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that Isis Delayre has a hearing date set for May 22, 2024.

Southwood Drive Flooding Issue – The Board stated that the Marquette County Road Commission will not help or take responsibility in this issue. Tilden Township has set aside \$100K to fix this issue. Pellow will contact the Marquette County Drain Commissioner Altobello for assistance.

New Business: MCTA Spring Banquet: The Banquet will be held on May 10, 2024 with a cost of \$25 per person. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to approve the cost of a Board member, plus spouse, attending the MCTA Spring Banquet for 2024.

MCSWMA Tipping Fee Comparison: The Board discussed the recycling plan that has been in effect over the last few years, and believes that an independent study should be done to see how the program is going financially. Trustee Marietti will take this request to the MCTA. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to request an independent study of the recycling program at the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority.

UPSET Agreement: The Board agreed, then signed, to distribute \$5K to UPSET for the year of 2024. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to send \$5K to UPSET.

2024 Marquette County ORV Ordinance Amendment: The Board reviewed the Amendment, which can be located at the Township Hall. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the Marquette County ORV Ordinance Amendment.

2024-2025 Final Budget: Clerk Pellow reviewed the 2024-2025 Final Budget with The Board.

MCRC Approval of County Road PPR Project Bid: The Board reviewed and discussed the bid. Kari Lane will not be completed this year due to time restraints; it will be on the list for 2025 for completion. Curbing will be added onto County Road PD to prevent any more washouts. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the bid from Bacco at \$75,167.30 for the work on PPR. Fred will check with them to see if they can do the curb on PD.


Trustee Appointment: Clerk Pellow nominated Gary Thibeault for the Trustee position. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to appoint Gary Thibeault as Trustee for Tilden Township.

Planning & Zoning Appointment: The Board reviewed the current applications and decided to run another add in the newspaper advertising the position. There are two positions that need to be filled. Tabled until the next meeting.

Public Comment: DPW Supervisor Matthew Champion stated that the goats on County Road 581, seemed to be removed, but now they have a pig on the property. Planning & Zoning Administrator Jeremy Joki will submit another letter to them in regard to the ordinance violation.

Public Comment: Jerry Arseneau asked the Board for a "Dead End" sign on County Road PI. Fred will contact the Road Commission.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.

  
Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

**Tilden Township Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 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: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Gary Thibeault

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the April 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes as presented.

Special Minutes: Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the May 6, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

Closed Session Minutes: Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the May 6, 2024, Closed Session Meeting Minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 24013-24070 Fire/Garbage: 1409-1412 Water: 6887-6910 Road: 5015

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

Communications: Marquette County is in the process of updating the County Recreation Plan. The survey will close out June 30, 2024.

Marq. Co. Residential Home Repair Program – Marquette County recently received a grant for \$500,000.00 through the MSHDA CHILL program, of which \$410,000.00 will go directly to home repairs costs. This program is targeted to assist clients who are at or below 80% of the Median Income. A public notice will be published in The Minning Journal April 25, 2024.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that while Isis Delayre removed some debris we will still proceed with the court hearing as it is not completed.

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris 2024 List; Sheriff's Department – The Board discussed the upcoming misc. debris list. Pellow stated that she believes that the Sheriff was hired through the township for things such as enforcing dog ordinances and misc. debris ordinances, therefore she believes that the sheriff should be the one making the list and taking pictures of violations. Supervisor VanLuven will contact the sheriff to discuss our needs.

Southwood Drive Flooding Issue – Pellow discussed with the Drain Commissioner and our Marquette County Commissioner the issue on Southwood Drive. It was suggested that the township file for a driveway permit through the Road Commission and proceed with hiring a construction company to do the work. Thibeault moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED; to file for the permit. Pellow moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED; to send a letter to the Road Commission to clean the catch basin on the corner of Southwood Dr.

Tipping Fee Increase – The new tipping fee scale will be on May 15, 2024, Board agenda for approval. If approved by The Board, it will be in effect July 1, 2024.

Planning & Zoning Board Appointments – Luke Joki and Jason Marietti applied for the Planning and Zoning Board positions. Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to appoint Luke Joki as a Planning & Zoning Board member. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to appoint Jason Marietti as a Planning & Zoning Board member, Marietti abstained.

New Business: Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension – Clerk Pellow discussed the possibility of getting a landline for The Township Hall before signing the agreement. The service in the area is very poor and a landline should be in place in case of an emergency. VanLuven will contact them to discuss the landline. Tabled until the June meeting.

Marquette Fence Quote – The Board reviewed the two separate quotes for fencing for the ballfield. After some discussion, The Board chose option 1, costing \$3,369.00 out of Capital Outlay. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to purchase the option 1 fencing for \$3,369.00.

MCRC Chip Sealing Quote – The Township was sent a list of the roads that did not get completed last year. Any costs will come out of Capital Outlay. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the Chip Sealing Contract, with costs coming from Capital Outlay.

Holiday Hall Closings – The Board reviewed the list of current Holiday closings. The day after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July will now be optional to take off with pay, for only the year of 2024. Filbrandt moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the day after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as optional holiday, with pay for employees for 2024 only.

Hall Outside – The garbage shed next to the Hall needs to be replaced. The Board will put an ad in the paper looking for a contractor to build a new shed with a concrete floor. The siding on the Hall has also started rusting and the Board would like the siding replaced. The Board will place ad in the paper for new siding and insulation. The Office Manager will be contacting North Country Disposal to ask them to please stop leaving glass and garbage around the shed when they come to do trash pickup.

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  
June 18, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 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: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Gary Thibeault

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the May 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Pellow requested that ck# 24179 be pulled so she could abstain on voting on this check. Marietti moved/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills minus ck# 24179 as presented. Marietti moved/VanLuven supported/Pellow abstained to pay ck# 24179.

General: 24071-24151 Fire/Garbage: 1413-1417 Water: 6911-6936 Road: 5016-5017

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

Communications: Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging – GICA is looking for a \$1,000 donation. The township attorney informed the Board that they would have to hold a specific program for the Tilden seniors before donating.

MCRC Annual Financial Report – Placed on file.

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: WETESA Update – Joann Manty reviewed the WETESA minutes and informed the Board of the latest information.

Misc Debris 2024 List; Sheriff's Department – Supervisor VanLuven stated that the Sheriff's Department claimed they did not want to make the Misc. Debris list. Clerk Pellow reminded the Board about the original purpose for hiring the Sheriff and the amount of money we pay annually. Pellow also suggested that if the Sheriff is not going to help with Township ordinance enforcement, we should look at another options. Deputy Aboussleman was present and after some discussion told the Board that he would talk to his Sargent.

Metro Act; AT&T – Clerk Pellow suggested a letter be written requesting the land line phone concern be addressed before the Township addresses the Metro Act.

Southwood Drive Flooding Issue – After meeting with the County Drain Commissioner and speaking with Tilden township's County Commissioner it was suggested to pursuing repairing this drainage issue yourselves.

Projected Tipping Fee Increase – The Board discussed the \$71.00/ton increase on July 1, 2024 and the January 1, 2025 reevaluation due to bonding. Clerk Pellow requested a letter be sent requesting that the increase of

the 7 year bond payoff and the 20 year bond payoff be reduced once the bonds are retired. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to submit a letter to Marquette County Landfill.

New Business: Quote for 265 Olmsted Lane – Ruth Hytinen is requesting that the Township fix her driveway. After some Board discussion, it was determined that there was nothing wrong with the functionality of the driveway, but more of a personal preference issue, therefore the Township will not be paying to fix her driveway. VanLuven to call the County Road Commissioner to relay the decision.

National Mine School Update – The Land Bank will be looking at bids July 9, 2024. Clerk Pellow also stated that she would like to put “No Trespassing, Trespassers Will be Prosecuted” signs up at the old school. The school garage still needs to be gone through,

Garbage Shed Bids - \$14,540.00 out of Capital Outlay. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to Except the bid of \$14,540.00 out of Capital Outlay.

Fencing – The Board revisited the fencing options and decided to go with option 2 for \$4,268.00. It will still be another 6-8 weeks until completion, so Supervisor VanLuven is having them put up a temporary netting. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to purchase the option 2 fencing for \$4,268.00 out of Capital Outlay.

MTA Online Learning Opportunities -There are Webinar packages available. The Plus Package includes 38 webinars, costing \$1,000 annually. Pellow moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to purchase the MTA Plus Package for webinars.

Michigan Class Approval – Treasurer Filbrandt would like to move around some investments to make them more secure. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to allow for the moving around of investments.


Updated Banking Resolution – Treasurer Filbrandt reviewed and added MI Class to the resolution. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

906 Laptop Quote for Treasurer - Treasurer Filbrandt is requesting a laptop for herself and her future Deputy. Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to purchase a laptop for the Treasurer.

Website Proposal - Treasurer Filbrandt presented the Board with a few options for a Township website build. There are a few options. Filbrandt stated that she would get more proposals and the Board can revisit later. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pursue more proposals for a Township website with a budget not to exceed \$5,000.00 at this time.

Public Comment: Supervisor VanLuven stated that he was not happy with the athletic director and Westwood fast pitch, for the amount of garbage that is being left behind after their games.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.

  
Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

**Tilden Township Meeting Minutes  
July 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 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: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Gary Thibeault

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the June 18, 2024 meeting minutes as presented .

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,  
General: 24152-24221 Fire/Garbage: 1418-1423 Water: 6937-6955 Road: 5018

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

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: The Board discussed the miscellaneous debris ordinance and the process for clean-up. Pellow will contact the attorney to see if we can increase the fees. VanLuven will look at the pictures and come back to the Board with recommendations on violators.

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business:

Misc. Debris List 2024: Discussed under Supervisor's comments

Metro Act: AT&T: No response to the letter Fred sent on June 24, 2024 yet.

Southwood Drive Flooding Issue: The Board received an email from MCRC stating that the basin has been cleaned.

National Mine School Update: Pellow updated the Board on the National School bids and additional costs. Giroux is asking the State Landbank for additional funds. Pellow discussed with the Board the possibility of the Township adding additional funds to get this project done. The additional funding is due to asbestos being found in the roofing materials. Upon a roll call vote, Pellow moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED to provide an additional \$100,000.00 if necessary for this project. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Ski Trail Lighting: Pellow contacted IDI to get a price on updating the Ski/Walking Trails lighting system. Pellow received an email stating it would cost \$600.00 to rework the drawings and specifications and rebid. Marietti moved/Thibeault supported/PASSED; to have IDI rework the drawings and specifications but not rebid at this time.

Township Truck: Pellow asked about the new truck. Champion (DPW foreman) stated it will be in soon.

New Business: MCRC Request; Annual HMA Paving, Chip Sealing, Markings – The Board reviewed the letter from MCRC about the 2025 HMA paving, preventative maintenance, and pavement marking programs. MCRC requests that The Township submit their letter before August 10, 2024.

Speeding Issue on County Road 476: Pellow received a call from a resident on 476 about the speed limit. The Board discussed the possibility of a speed study. The Board was concerned that a new study would increase the speed so they will ask our Sheriff to patrol 476 more often.

MCSWMA Board Chair Discussion: The Board discussed the position on the Chair and agreed that the Chair should be voted in at the annual meeting, but the term should be for two years.

MCSWMA Bond Issue: The Solid Waste Authority has still not addressed the Boards concerns pertaining to the increase in fees based on the two bonding issues. The Board submitted a letter to MCSWMA stating their concerns with the rapidly rising tipping fees. The Township requested assurance that the seven-year bond, and consequently the seven-year bond and then the twenty-year bond separately.

Par Plan Suggestions: Pellow presented the Board with the Par Plan Insurance risk management suggestions for updating our rental agreement and the township policy manual. Pellow will work on them.

Website/Logo Proposal: Treasurer Filbrandt updated the Board on the Website. The provider LaDolce at a cost of \$4,311.00. The Board already approved up to \$5,000.00. Filbrandt also requested old photos of people and the area.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk



**Tilden Township Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 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: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Gary Thibeault

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to accept the July 16, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,  
• **General:** 24222-24311 • **Fire/Garbage:** 1424-1428 • **Water:** 6956-6975 • **Road:** 5019 • **Tax:** 3000-3004

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

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven addressed Jack Tonge's driveway damage due to water run-off on the shoulder of the County Road PD. Bacco gave an estimate of \$74,802.00 to install a curb along the road to stop the water from running into Tonge's driveway. Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to hire Bacco to repair Jack Tonge's driveway in the amount of \$74,802.00. Pellow abstained.

Supervisor VanLuven stated that Bobby Joe would be needed (another 3 weeks) as a temporary hire, to assist the DPW with work.

Water Business: DPW Supervisor Matthew Champion stated that he was continuing to work on water meter installations and the DSMI grant with six remaining to be completed.

Unfinished Business: WETESA Update – Joann Manty presented the Board with the WETESA meeting minutes and reviewed them.

Misc. Debris 2024 List – The Board reviewed the pictures and list of violations. Letters will be sent out to violating properties accordingly.

Misc. Debris Procedure Resolution – The Board discussed the revised Misc. Debris Procedure Resolution. Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED upon a rollcall vote; to adopt the Misc. Debris Procedure. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Metro Act: AT&T – Supervisor VanLuven informed The Board that AT&T would be accommodating the township's request for an emergency landline phone service at the township hall, therefore, Fred will sign the Metro Act agreement.

Unfinished Business Continued: Southwood Drive Flooding Issue / Bid Opening – Clerk Pellow informed the Board that they had received a grant in the amount of \$121,265.00 to assist with the costs of the correction of the flooding on Southwood Drive. Pellow explained that this is a reimbursement grant, so the money will need to be spent first. The grant is good for at least the 2025 construction season. Pellow suggested that we ask the Marquette County Drain Commissioner to assist getting this project underway. The Board agreed, Pellow will contact the Commissioner, Paul Altobello.

Hall Siding / Bid Opening – The Board three bids: The Window Store: \$75,678.00, no front and \$102,000.00 with the front. Seelen: \$29,630.00 no front or electrical. M+D General Contractor: 82,630.00 no front. After some discussion, the Board decided to investigate pricing further and table the matter until the next meeting. Clerk Pellow offered to have Jack Tonge look over the various bids to give his input/feedback, the board agreed.

National Mine School Trimedia Phase 1: During the Phase 1 assessment Trimedia found information that indicated that there is an old fuel oil tank at the old National Mine School. They will need to drill to locate the tank. The cost to do the extra work including the removal of the tank is estimated at \$35,100.00. The cost could be less if there is no fuel in the tank. Filbrandt moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED upon a rollcall vote; to hire Trimedia to locate and dispose of the fuel oil tank in the old National Mine School. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Basketball & Tennis Courts Resurfacing – DPW Supervisor Matthew Champion and the Board discussed who to hire to resurface the basketball and tennis courts. Champion will contact Ishpeming Township to inquire who did their courts and get a proposal for Tilden's courts.

New Business: MCRC Request; Annual HMA Paving, Chip Sealing & Marking – Supervisor VanLuven instructed the office manager to call MCRC and inquire if the chip & seal jobs for this year are considered completed. VanLuven will submit the list of roads for improvement for 2025 to MCRC.

MCSWMA Bond Issue – The Board will be writing another letter to each municipality & their attorneys regarding tipping fees, requesting documentation in their minutes.

Hall/Pavilion Rental Agreement – The Board reviewed the new rental agreement and after some discussion, Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED upon a rollcall vote; to adopt the Hall/Pavilion Rental Agreement. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Letters of Appreciation to State and County Landbank and Marquette County Chairperson Derocha for their help in receiving more money for the National Mine School grant funding. Pellow will draft the letters.

Year-end Budget Amendments – Clerk Pellow reviewed the amendments with the Board. Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to accept the year-end budget amendments.

Budget Amendment 2024-2025 – Clerk Pellow reviewed the budget amendment for 2024-2025. The auditor informed the township that the Metro Act monies should be deposited in the Road fund. Pellow explained that this amendment removes these monies from the General fund to the Road fund. Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to approve this budget amendment.

Resolution for Road Millage: Tilden Township Road Millage wording for Road Improvements would ask for 1 mill for 5 years to be placed on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot. Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED upon a rollcall vote; to adopt the Road Millage wording. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah L. Pellow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2024

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at the 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: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Gary Thibeault

**Board members absent:** N/A

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

**Minutes:** Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the August 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Bills:** Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, with Clerk Pellow asking to remove check #24435 paid to Jack's Builders. Marietti moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED; pay Check #24435 with Pellow abstaining.  
• General: 24363-24415 • Fire/Garbage: 1429 - 1441 • Water: 6968-7007 • Tax: 3012-3017 • Road: 5020 – 5027

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

**Communications:** Supervisor VanLuven reviewed the letter, sent by the Township Attorney, to Mr. Tony DuPont in regards to his personal items left at the old National Mine School.

**Supervisor's Comments:** Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that MCRC had started the brushing on the road between County Road PPR and County Road PG. Completion should be done by winter.

**Water Business:** DPW Supervisor Matthew Champion informed the Board about the State Survey being done and that the Township will need to upgrade the booster pumps, as well as the pump houses (2). Clerk Pellow suggested looking for an engineer for the project so we could get a cost estimate.

**Unfinished Business:** Misc. Debris 2024 List - The Board discussed issuing tickets to two properties that are still in violation of the ordinance.

Southwood Drive Flooding Issue - Clerk Pellow informed the Board that the Grant she had applied for was received. She reassured residents that while the issue may not be fixed this year, it will indeed be completed by the end of the 2025 season. Paul Altobello, County Drain Commissioner is helping with this project.

Hall Siding Update - The Board had Jack Tonge review the bid documents. VanLuven discussed the amount of insulation Seelen's bid stated. Pellow/moved VanLuven/supported PASSED; to accept the bid from Seelen in the amount of \$29,630.00.

National Mine School Update - Clerk Pellow informed the Board that the fuel tank will be removed within the next few weeks and the demo contractors should be on site soon.

**New Business:** MCSWMA Bond Issue – As requested several times the MCSWMA finally made a motion to reduce any increase in tipping fees based on bonding once the bond(s) are retired. This motion was unanimously passed at the August 21, 2024, regular meeting.

October Regular Meeting Date - Clerk Pellow requested the October regular meeting date be moved as she will be out of town. Marietti/moved VanLuven/supported PASSED; to move the October Regular Meeting date to October 22, 2024.

Review of Policies - The Board discussed and reviewed the Personal Policy, the Social Media Policy, the Plowing Policy and the Backhoe Policy. Marietti moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED to approve the Personal Policy, the Social Media Policy, the Plowing Policy and the Backhoe Policy.

Clerk Pellow reminded the Board that the 5 year Recreation Plan has to be approved and submitted to the DNR before December 31, 2024 so the Board can apply for the 2025 Recreation Passport Grant. The Board discussed ideas on improvements to the new trail that could be done next year above applying for the grant for lighting. Marietti suggested asking the County Road Commission for any leftover chip seal. It's possible to use brick and the chip seal for the wet spots on the trail and gravel for the rest.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M. by Supervisor VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

**Tilden Township Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 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: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Gary Thibeault

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with additions of township credit card and the new township website.

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the September 17, 2024, meeting as presented.

Public Comment: Carole Watson inquired about the water shut off placement at her residence which is across the road. She requested it be moved to her side of the road in case there was ever a leak. Because the line from the curb stop is the responsibility of the home owner, Supervisor VanLuven stated he believed that Ms. Watson's would be an exemption to any costs/damages to her line under the road. The DPW will look at the possibility of moving the line.

Bill Hagar informed the Board that he was under the weather for a few months but is back up and ready to get back to updating the Veterans wall. Mr. Hagar would like to update all the plaques to be uniform, which would be done by volunteers. Mr. Hagar already has 60-70 names, thanks to Eddie & Ethan Homola. Mr. Hagar then thanked the Sheriff for all that he has done in his time with the township and for his professionalism.

Bills: Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented

• **General:** 24436-24528 • **Fire/Garbage:** 1442-1448 • **Water:** 7012-7039 • **Road:** 5028 • **Tax:** 3018-3026  
A separate motion was made for General Check #24492 to Jack's Builders; Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay Jack's Builders Check #24492; Deb Pellow abstained.

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

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that Stonehouse is requesting that the \$2,400.00 be reimbursed to them. Pellow stated this matter was already handled in court and suggested directing them to contact the township attorney.

Water Business: UPEA – Signed for a Grant to get reimbursed for led/copper.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris 2024 List – Tickets were distributed. The courts filed a Motion for Supplemental Judgement, allowing the Township to enter Ms. Delarye's property and clean it up.

Unfinished Business Continued: Southwood Drive Flooding Issue – Pellow informed the Board that she tried contacting UPEA with an updated time of completion of the engineering, but received no answer. She hopes to have more information on the matter at the next Board meeting.

National Mine School Update – The project is on hold due to the Landfill being unable to take the debris at this time. Pellow contacted the Landfill Board chair, the Director and their attorney but did not get a call back as of yet. Pellow believes that if the landfill is unable to take the demo material from the school the contractor should be able to take the debris outside Marquette County.

New Business: Opt Out of PA152 & Health Rates– Resolution is located at the Tilden Township Hall. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED to accept the PA152 Resolution; by a rollcall vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

2025 Law Enforcement Contract – Pellow requested that the wording be changed in one section of the Contract. It currently states that the Township will supply tickets. It should state that the Sheriff's department will supply tickets. Sheriff Abousleman stated that he would have the corrected contract emailed out tonight.

Independent Contractor Agreement – The Board reviewed the Independent Contractor Agreement, and a rollcall vote was made. The Agreement can be located at the Tilden Township Hall. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED to accept the Independent Contractor Agreement; by a rollcall vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. After some more discussion the Board decided to rescind their vote and place this on the November meeting agenda. Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED to rescind the PA152 Resolution; by a rollcall vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Financial Policy Draft – Treasurer Filbrandt discussed adding billing, purchasing and a spending policy into the Township's policies. She would like it all to be put together and reviewed by the November meeting for approval. Filbrandt stated that there also needs to be an ACH Resolution in place to be able to pay online bills. There is also a possibility of upping the amount of dump tickets a resident can receive from the Township. There are some investment updates made per the MTA that will need to be reviewed as well.

Township Credit Card – Wells Fargo had not received the August 2024 payment. The check was mailed. Pellow made a call to Wells Fargo and found out that Wells Fargo is no longer a Michigan based bank. After some discussion, the Board believes it would be a good idea to switch to a Michigan local bank. Filbrandt will look into this.

Township Website – Treasurer Filbrandt informed the Board of the progress of the new Township Website and was able to show them a rough draft of it on her laptop.

Accounts Payable/Old bills – The Board discussed some lingering bills in accounts payable that have not been paid. Marietti suggested putting them on their tax bills. Clerk Pellow and Treasurer Filbrandt will look into if it can be added to their tax bills. After more discussion, the Board decided to write off anything older than 2023 and will contact the Auditor. Pellow moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED to write off any unpaid bills prior to 2023; by a rollcall vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Public Comment: Bill Hagar stated that he is a 100% disabled veteran and has been trying consecutively for 3 years to get a tax exemption. He just needs to file for this year and should be able to be exempt. The Township Office Manager spoke with the County to assist.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk



**Tilden Township Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 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: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Gary Thibeault

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Thibeault moved/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda as presented.

Minutes: Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the October 22, 2024, Meeting as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented;  
• **General:** 24473-24602 • **Fire/Garbage:** 1443-1452 • **Water:** 7028-7062 • **Road:** 5028-5033 • **Tax:** 3027-3030  
A separate motion was made for General Check #24584 to Jack's Builders; Filbrandt moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to pay Jack's Builders Check #24584; Deb Pellow abstained.

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

Communications: Road Commission – MCRC requested a letter of support for a Rural Development Fund Grant for the culvert replacement on County Road PE. After some discussion, the Board motioned. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to write a letter of support for the Rural Development Fund Grant.

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: Southwood Drive Flooding Issue Update – The Board reviewed the plan submitted by UPEA for the Southwood Drive Flooding Issue, with an expected completion date of June 30, 2025 and an estimated cost of \$25,000.00 for completion. Once the engineering is finished UPEA will put the project out for bids. Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the proposed plan to correct the Southwood Drive Flooding Issue.

National Mine School Update – The demolition of the school is almost complete, apart from the cement basement walls still in place. The walls cannot stay there and need to be removed. The Landfill bill has accumulated up to \$200,000.00 - \$256,000.00, which will be paid upon completion of the project.

Financial Policy – Treasurer Filbrandt reviewed the revised Financial Policy with the Board and after some discussion, a motion was made, followed with a roll call vote. Pellow moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED to accept the new Financial Policy; by a rollcall vote 4 Ayes, 1 Nays, 0 Absent.

New Business: Ishpeming Fire Department December Visit – December 21, 2024, the Ishpeming Fire Department will arrive to the Hall with Santa. The Board discussed getting candy bars and fruit for Christmas bags for the children, such as the years previous. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED to host the Ishpeming Fire Department December 21, 2024, and to purchase candy and fruit for Christmas bags for the children.

MCTA Christmas Party – MCTA's Christmas Pot-luck Party is on December 4, 2024 @ 5:30 PM. Bring a dish to share and a gift up to \$25.00 from each attending township. The Board motioned to send a \$25.00 gift and that any Township Board member or Employee are welcome to attend with their significant other. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED to purchase a \$25.00 gift for the MCTA Christmas Party.

Acoustic Panel Repair – Clerk Pellow reviewed the costs of repairs for the sound panels and correction to the mounting brackets on the ceiling. The project should not exceed \$2,000.00 and is predicted to be done by the end of December 2024. The last panel may need to be applied with the assistance of one of Tilden's DPWs, due to the panel arriving late and a worker being unavailable to the company to install. Trustee Craig asked if some of the money needed could be received from the manufacturer of the brackets. Pellow will investigate the matter. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED to pay \$2,000.00 for the acoustic panel repairs.

Independent Contractor Agreement – The Board reviewed the Independent Contractor Agreement, and a motion was made to accept the Independent Contractor Agreement. A copy may be found at the Township Hall. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED to accept the Independent Contractor Agreement.

Clerk Banking Resolution – The Board reviewed the Clerk Banking Resolution, and a motion was made to accept the Clerk Banking Resolution. A copy may be found at the Township Hall. Filbrandt moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED to accept the Clerk Banking Resolution; by a rollcall vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Credit Card Authorization Resolution - The Board reviewed the Credit Card Authorization Resolution and discussed changing to TruNorth Federal Credit Union. A motion was made to accept the Credit Card Authorization Resolution. A copy may be found at The Township Hall. Pellow moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED to accept the Credit Card Authorization Resolution; by a rollcall vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Budget Amendments – Clerk Pellow reviewed and discussed the budget amendments with The Board and a motion was made to accept the budget amendments. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED to accept the budget amendments; by a rollcall vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Public Comment: Clerk Pellow thanked the Board and the Township for the years she has worked within the Township, but very much so is looking forward to retirement with lots of Grandbaby time.

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

  
Tara M. Aho, Tilden Township Clerk

**Tilden Township Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 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: Tara Aho, Treasurer: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Gary Thibeault

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with the addition of the National Mine School Update added to unfinished business.

Minutes: Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the November 19, 2024, Meeting minutes as presented, with the correction to the section referring to the Nation Mine School Update, from \$200,00.00 to \$200,000.00.

Public Comment: Local resident, Myrna Johnson addressed a dispute with her neighbor over the Township Plowing Policy. After Myrna relayed her concerns, The Board directed her to speak with the Sheriff, and informed her that this is now a civil matter and informed Myrna that she will need to attend Planning Commission meetings if she wishes to inquire further. The Board reviewed and read aloud the plowing policy The Township has in place.

Myrna's Neighbor, Mr. Tucker, stated that he did follow The Township's instructions by locating his property line and had built his snow wall on the line.

Bills: Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented

• **General:** 24613-24663 • **Fire/Garbage:** 1453-1457 • **Water:** 7066-7072 • **Road:** 5034-5035 • **Tax:** 0-2  
A separate motion was made for Winter Tax Checks #0, #1 & #2; Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the Winter Tax checks.

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

Communications: MCSWMA Information – The Board reviewed the MCSWMA's 2025 Holiday Schedule, as well as MCSWMA's 2025 Board Meeting Schedule.

Myrna Johnson's Letter – The letter from Myrna explains the dispute she has been having with her neighbor over the Township Plowing Policy. The letter will be placed on file.

Supervisor's Comments: Ishpeming Fire Department Visit - Supervisor VanLuven informed The Board that the Ishpeming Fire Department visit with Santa would be on Saturday, December 21, starting at 2:15PM. The Township will provide apples, oranges, cookies and popcorn balls. All are welcome.

Water Business: N/A.

Unfinished Business: UPEA Civil Engineering Contract for Southwood Drive – Supervisor VanLuven signed the UPEA, Consulting Services for Drainage Improvement contract for \$3,600.00.

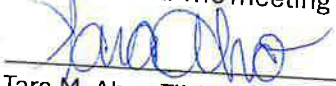
Unfinished Business Continued: National Mine School Update – The walls to the basement have been removed. The well still needs to be capped, Supervisor VanLuven will look into companies, or possibly private contractors, to do so. There will be a Spring clean-up scheduled for the area once the snow melts. The Board predicts that there will be 4-5 lots put in the area, of single-family homes.

New Business: 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule – The Board reviewed the dates set for 2025 Regular meeting. After some discussion, the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting was rescheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to accept the 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule with the March adjustment.

New Officials MTA Training – Treasurer Filbrandt presented information for the New Officials MTA Training, held in Escanaba, MI on January 7, 2025, at The Island Resort & Casino. Registration fee is \$150.00 per person. All Board members and deputies are welcome to attend. Treasurer Filbrandt, Clerk Aho and both the deputy clerk and deputy treasurer plan to attend. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the registration fee for any Board member or deputy attending the New Officials MTA Training January 7, 2025.

Public Comment: Mr. Tucker inquired about a loose dog ticket that he had received. Supervisor VanLuven advised him to speak with the Sheriff at the end of the public township meeting.

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

  
Tara M. Aho, Tilden Township Clerk