

TILDEN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Supervisor Vanluven called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

- Pietro motioned to accept the December 22, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Manty seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- None.

Bills:

- Manty motioned to pay the bills as presented, Marietti seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. General: 21188 - 21245 Fire/Garbage: 1148 - 1155 Water: 5945 - 5971

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Communications:

- None

Supervisor's Comments:

- Supervisor Vanluven addressed the water leak at Delarye's. It has been fixed and Jeff and Matt were sent to get replacement Carhart's as well.
- Will be providing new safety Jackets for Jeff and Matt.

Water Business:

- Jeff believes that there are possibly two properties still with water leaks. Jeff and Matt will continue to search for them once our leak detector is returned from Richmond.

Unfinished Business:

- Misc. Debris violations - Sheriff and supervisor spoke with township attorney, due to noncompliance and no corrective action having been taken, the township started the process of taking further action by taking violators to court. Sheriff has documented photographs of the properties in question. Citations will cease from here forward due to the court system becoming involved.

New Business:

- Supervisor Vanluven would like to add some items to the 2021 Budget amendment, including; adding walking trails behind the township hall, as well as obtaining more

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cameras for the park/pavilion area. Also, look into a roadside grass cutter as well to assist the county with keeping our roads clear and clean.

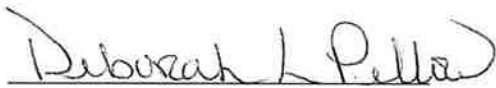
- Jeff noted the township will need to replace all meters in the summertime. Current ones are outdated and replacement parts for them are no longer available, although Jeff will still inquire about possibly rebuilding them. If meters cannot be rebuilt, Jeff will look into replacing the meters in groups, instead of replacing them all at once.
- Fred is in the process of having Jackie become township's designated assessor. Jackie mentioned needing a computer update, Fred will check with her on this.
- Pellow would like to acquire BSA government accounting software for the township.
- Manty commented about the possibility of sending Jeff and Matt to First Aid CPR and Miss Dig training to become certified. In the summer if possible, pending COVID-19.
- New Financials & Budget Amendments were discussed for each account. General budget was discussed and reviewed. Motioned by Pellow, Vanluven supports. All ayes. Motion carried. Water budget was discussed and reviewed. Motioned by Pellow, Manty supports. All ayes. Motion carried. Fire/Garbage/Rec budget was discussed and reviewed. Motioned by Pietro, Marietti supports. All ayes. Motion carried. Road budget was discussed and reviewed. Motioned by Pellow, Vanluven supports. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Fay Sangala asked if the assessing contract would be in effect again. Fay also asked if the affidavit for veterans could be brought to the hall as opposed to the county. They may be brought to the hall.

Adjournment:

- Motioned by Marietti, Pellow supports.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M.



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Trustee: Craig Marietti

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Agenda:

- Pellow motioned to accept the agenda with the following changes and/or additions, Pietro seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Added Water Policy.

Minutes:

- Pietro motioned to accept the January regular meeting minutes, VanLuven seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- None.

Bills:

- Marietti motioned to pay the bills as presented, VanLuven seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. General: 21246-21264 Fire/Garbage: 1156 Water: 5972-5977

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Communications:

- Pohlman and Champion are to be trained on how to use the water testing machine.

Supervisor's Comments:

- None.

Water Business:

- Board discussed any freezing pipes within homes. There are estimated to currently be 6-7 homes with pipes frozen. David Steele has no heat in his home and his pipes have frozen. The Board then discussed, if pipes are inside of the home, including the basement, that the homeowners are responsible for preventing pipes from freezing. Such as wrapping pipes with heat tape. Motion made by Pellow, VanLuven seconded; to send a letter= to customers telling them to fix pipes freezing in their basements as the DPW will no longer thaw them. All ayes. Motion carried.
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Unfinished Business:

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New Business:

- Windows in the hall's front offices are very drafty, making it rather cold. The Board wishes to look into the budget and see if there are funds for weatherizing the hall better. Such as possible weather stripping for the doors and evaluating all windows throughout the hall. Pietro will look into quotes from Stonehouse and at least two other local businesses.
- Pellow addressed looking into funds for a new trail by the hall. Board would like to have the trail put in sometime this Spring. VanLuven will look into costs.
- Pellow addressed a split payment for BS&A software. One payment for this fiscal year of \$12,270, due by March 31, 2021. Then another \$12,270 for the next fiscal year. Training is backlogged and will most likely commence in the summer of this year. Motioned by Pellow to purchase BS&A Software, Pietro seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Budget Amendment for BS&A Software Purchase. Pietro Motioned, Pellow seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Employee HSA Amount - The township shall provide the employees with an HSA account in the amount to cover the deductible of a two person/family or a single person plan whichever applies but will not exceed any Michigan or IRS rules and guidelines. The township will pay the full amount in the beginning of January for employees. Motioned by Pietro, Pellow seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- VanLuven presented the board with the following BOR nominees; Ralph Keto, Pat Kroon & Mike Boone. Motion to accept by Pietro, VanLuven seconded. PASSED; to accept the nominees.
- 2021 Budget Public Hearing Resolution - Be it resolved that the Tilden Township Board does hereby agree to hold the 2021 Budget Public Hearing during March 23, 2021 at 7:00pm. Motioned by Pietro, Marietti seconded. All ayes. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- Alternate Board of Review Date - Now, therefore, be it resolved that March 9, 2021 the Tuesday following the second Monday of March, has been selected as the first meeting date of the 2021 Board of Review by the Tilden Township Board on February 16, 2021. Motioned by Pietro, VanLuven seconded. Board members voting "yes", Pietro, VanLuven, Pellow & Marietti. The supervisor declared the resolution adopted, by roll call vote.
- March Board of Review Meeting Schedule - The Tilden Township March Board of Review will meet on the following dates; Tuesday March 2, 2021, 3:00pm Organizational Meeting. Tuesday March 9, 2021, 3:00pm - 9:00pm Appeal Hearing. Wednesday March 10, 2021, 3:00pm - 9:00pm Appeal Hearing
- Allowing Residents to Protest to BOR in Writing - Letters from both residents and nonresidents may include those submitted by handwriting, typewriting, fax, email, text, and in a chat or Q&A option provided by the BOR in an electronic meeting service. All notices of assessment change and all advertisements of BOR meetings must include a statement that the resident taxpayers may protest by letter to the board. Motioned by Board member Pietro; supported by Pellow. PASSED upon a roll call vote. 4 Ayes - 0 Nays
- Adopt Poverty Exemption - The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household. Be it also resolved that the BOR shall follow the above stated policy tables and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption. Resolution offered by Pellow, supported by Marietti, PASSED upon roll call vote. 4 Ayes - 0 Nays

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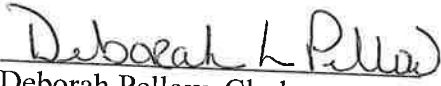
- Allow extension of Poverty Exemption - A township board member may require the owner of a principal residence exempt from the collection of taxes to affirm ownership, poverty, and occupancy status in writing by filing Treasury Form 5739 - Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty with the township. Resolved that Tilden township continues the poverty exemption through tax year 2021 for all principal residences within the township that were exempt in tax year 2019 or 2020, or both. The township board requires owners of a principal residence exempt from the collection of taxes pursuant to this provision to affirm ownership, poverty, and occupancy status in writing by filing Treasury Form 5739 - Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy o Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty with the township. Resolution offered by Pietro, supported by VanLuven, PASSED upon roll call vote. 4 Ayes – 0 Nays.

Public Comment:

- None.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M by supervisor VanLuven.


Deborah Pellow, Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2021

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at the hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Pietro moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the February 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: None.

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 21265-21321 Fire/Garbage: 1157-1161 Water: 5978-5999

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

Truth In Taxation Resolution Proposed; tentative increase of 0.0287 mills for the General Fund, a tentative increase of 0.0612 mills for the Road Fund, a tentative increase of 0.0105 mills for the Garbage Collection Fund, and a tentative increase of 0.0057 mills for the Fire Protection Fund. The proposed tentative additional millage for the General, Road, Garbage Collection and the Fire Protection funds will increase 1.650% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. Final Adoption of Resolution by roll call vote: Pellow moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Absent - 0

Resolution 2021 Millage Rates; be it further resolved, that the final millage rates will be adopted by the Township Board after the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing held on March 23, 2021, as follows; General Fund - 1.1771, Road Fund - 1.0000, Garbage Fund - 0.6500 & Fire Protection Fund - 0.3500. Final Adoption of Resolution by roll call vote; Pietro moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Absent - 0

General Appropriation Act; (The entire Appropriation Act can be seen at the Township Hall); Section 14: Violations of This Act; Any obligation incurred or payment authorized in violation of the resolution shall be void and shall subject any responsible official(s) or employee(s) to disciplinary action as outlined in P.A. 621 (1978) and the Tilden Township personnel manual. Final Adoption of Resolution by roll call vote; Pellow moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Absent - 0

Resolution Tilden Township Banking FY April 2021-March 2022; Be it resolved, that the Tilden Township Board does hereby agree that the following financial institutes may be used by the Township Treasurer to conduct Township Business; mBank, Range Bank NA, River Valley Bank, TruNorth Fed Credit Union, Honor Credit Union, Flagstar Bank, First Bank, Edward Jones and Company, Marquette Comm Credit Union & Embers Credit Union. Transactions must be signed by the Township Clerk, Deputy Clerk & the Township Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer. Adopted Resolution by roll call vote; Manty moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Absent - 0

Resolution Buying and Selling Land FY April 2021 - March 2022; be it resolved, that the Tilden Township Board has the authority to buy, sell, or lease land that the Board deems necessary, in the best interests of the Township of Tilden. Adopted Resolution by roll call vote; Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Absent - 0

Resolution Tilden Township Salary for the Elected Offices of Supervisor, Clerk & Treasurer FY April 2021 - March 2022; be it resolved, that as of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, the monthly salary of the Township Supervisor, Clerk & Treasurer shall be as follows; General Fund \$900 & Water Fund \$52.50, making the Total Monthly Salary \$952.50. Adopted Resolution by roll call vote; Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Absent - 0

Resolution Tilden Township Trustees Salary FY April 2021 - March 2022; be it resolved, that as of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, the salaries of the Township Trustees shall be as follows; General Fund - \$125 per regular meeting, General Fund - \$50 per special meeting, General Fund - \$50 per outside meeting and per board approval. Adopted Resolution by roll call vote; Pietro moved/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Absent - 0

Resolution Tilden Township Employees FY April 2021 - March 2022; be it resolved, that as of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, the township employees' wage and benefits shall be as follows; Janitor - \$17.07, Secretary - \$19.41, Secretary w/ Notary - \$19.91, General Laborer - \$17.12, DPW Employee - \$21.12 & DPW Supervisor - \$24.87. Be it further resolved, that all new employees subject to a 90-day probationary period. The following wage scale shall apply to all new employees. Subject to any minimum wage laws, if applicable. 0-6 months service = 80% of the above applicable wage. 6-12 months service = 85% of the above applicable wage. 12-18 months service = 95% of the above applicable wage. 18 months = 100% of the above applicable wage. Adopted Resolution by a roll call vote; Pietro moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Absent - 0

Communications: MCSWMA Board of trustees passed a motion to remove the \$4.00 emergency tipping fee increase effective June 30, 2021; rates are \$63.50 per ton for the remainder of the fiscal year 2020-2021 (implemented 1/1/2021). Effective July 1, 2021 the tipping fee for solid waste will be \$61.50 per ton for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

CUPPAD; The Marquette County Local rural task force committee will meet Monday, April 9, 2021 to review and discuss the FY 2021 Highway Infrastructure Program COVID Relief Funding program. Supervisor VanLuven will inquire if his attendance is required.

Supervisor's Comments: None.

Water Business: Water rates increase effective April 1, 2021; Water Service Base Rate monthly fee increases from \$23.65 to \$24.25. Water Service Usage Rate monthly fee increases from \$5.85 to \$6.00 per one thousand gallons; which is equivalent to \$0.006 per gallon. Manty moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED to approve the new water rates.

Policy on Water Line Thawing Services; The Board had a lengthy discussion and will put it on the agenda for discussion.

Water Shut Offs/On Fees; The Board had a lengthy discussion and will put it on the agenda for discussion.

Fire Hydrant Meter Purchase; needed to check the meters at the pump house and for the hydrants to measure an accurate gallon flow for flushing. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to purchase the Zenner FHZ30 Hydrant Meter at the cost of \$1379.95.

Delinquent Water Bills; Pietro proposed payment plans of \$50.00/month for delinquent customers, on top of customer's monthly bill, for overages. Giving customers 3 months to pay off delinquent bills, starting April 1, 2021. Pellow addressed concern that 3 months might not be enough time for delinquent customers to pay off their bills, proposed 4 months. Pietro agreed and will write up letters to go out to delinquent customers. Marietti suggested that if customers miss one monthly payment while delinquent, their water should be shut off until the customer's bill is paid up to date. Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris Violations: Violators to be directed to O'Dea, Noreen, Burnik and Pickens, P.C. Attorneys at Law if they contact the township at all about their violations. Court dates have been set for violators. Township Board looking to possibly hire Odovero for clean-up.

Hall Window Replacement; Pellow suggested to move discussion to next township meeting. Pietro pointed out that companies are having a hard time getting windows in a timely manner, so waiting might put the replacement out longer than expected/wanted. Township received quotes from two local businesses; Stonehouse and Window Outfitters. Pietro moved/ Pellow supported/ PASSED; to accept the purchase of Double Pane Marvin Infinity Fiberglass windows from Stonehouse at the cost of \$18,869.06. Marietti - aye, Pietro - aye, Pellow - aye, VanLuven - nay, Manty - nay (Manty is more comfortable with Window Outfitters).

New Business: MCRC Dust Control Agreement; Dust control brine was bid for the 2021 season. The bid price is \$0.42 per gallon. Dust control products will begin to be applied the first week of June, 2021. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED

MCRC Annual Paving, Crack, Chip & Fog Seal & Pavement Marking; Township to pick 10 roads to pave. Crack/seal new roads that were recently done and add Fog lines on County RD PG. Supervisor VanLuven to get estimates to present to the Board.

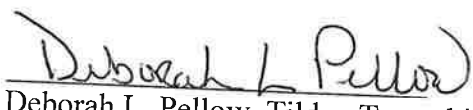
Personnel Policy-Boots; DPW employees will be provided with steel toe work boots, rubber steel toe boots & foul weather gear.

Personnel Policy-Date of Sick Time Available; In the first year of employment: (start date to the end of the current calendar year) Full-time employees shall receive 6 hours per month beginning the first of the month following completion of their probationary period. Part-time employees shall receive 3 hours per month beginning the first of the month following completion of their probationary period. Starting in January of an employee's second year of employment, Full-time employees shall receive 72 hours of sick leave on January 1 of every year. Part-time employees shall receive 36 hours of sick leave on January 1 of each year. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; Pietro - nay, Marietti - nay, Manty- aye, Pellow- aye & VanLuven - aye

Pohlman asked if the 240 hours of sick time can be raised at all. Pietro agreed it should be raised, even doubled to 480 hours (Full-time employees) & 240 hours (Part-time employees). Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED

Public Comment: Carole addressed the Misc. Debris; she stated that it isn't so much the large stuff that poses a problem, but more the smaller, loose trash items. They are blown around by the wind and have an unpleasant odor.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M. by Supervisor VanLuven.


Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 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: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the March 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: Wendy Hill addressed debris on neighbor's property, the board informed her that it was in the process of being handled. She then asked if she was able to write letters to someone addressing the trailers filled with debris and more being brought to the property and dropped there. Wendy stated that she is concerned with where people are using the restroom on the property, as there is no working restroom. It was suggested that the Health Dept be called. Carole Watson stated that she believes the Health Dept. may not apply to this violation but the Marquette county Codes Dept. could be called. Carole also asked about the culvert on County RD PCC which is heaving in the road and asked if it could be fixed. Dawn addressed the tree near her house that is dead and concerns of it coming down with the wind or during a storm. Dawn also asked about the trailer across the street from her home. The roof is caving in, the windows are broken and it is an eye sore.

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented.
General: 21323-21398 Fire/Garbage: 1162-1167 Water: 6000-6027

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

Marq. Co. Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution Proposed; Tilden Township is committed to the mitigation of potential hazards and the protection of the public health, and the reduction of property damage and loss of the life that can result from hazardous events; WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that communities have an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan as a

requirement to receive funding under certain FEMA programs. Final Adoption of Resolution by roll call vote: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Absent - 0

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: VanLuven addressed charging for rentals of the pavilion, including a charge for usage and the deposit. Current rental charge is \$50.00; \$25.00 for usage and \$25.00 for deposit (renters receive their deposit back as long as the area is cleaned up properly). A liability extension should be put on the renters home owners house insurance if there is alcohol at event. Manty moved \$200.00 for rental - rescinded upon further discussion. Pellow & Pietro will come back with a proposed plan for May meeting.

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris; Supervisor VanLuven will ask Deputy Sheriff to tour the township, take pictures of any properties in violation and bring them to the Board in May.

Misc. Debris Violations; Update from township attorney, provided pictures of violator's properties. VanLuven has contacted three companies to get quotes for cleaning up LaMere and Steele properties. VanLuven will contract with one of these based on prices.

New Business: 2021 Budget Amendments; Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to accept the 2020/2021 Budget Amendments as presented.

Hall Gatherings for 4/19-5/24; MDHHS Epidemic Order, limits attendance at residential and non-residential gatherings. The Board discussed the new order and current rentals already booked. Marietti suggested no rentals during this time-frame because township may still be liable if an outbreak occurs due to gathering, Pietro then suggested moving anyone from the hall rental, to either the flats or an alternative outside area, while still having the access to the kitchens. No bathrooms will be accessible, porta potties are still available for use. Renters will also be advised that they will be monitored to ensure the guidelines are being followed. Pellow moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to close the hall to rentals through 5/24/2021 but to allow outside events to take place with very limited access to the kitchen.

First Responder Meeting; Marietti stated it will cost \$7,500.00 to maintain First Responder for township. Staffing for EMTs is needed as well as upgrades to first responding vehicles. Meeting was informational at this point and there will be another meeting for further discussion in the future. Currently Tilden township does not have any first responders.

Public Comment: Marietti addressed the water meters; Township will trade out old for new a few at a time, to lower the costs. Marietti will inquire if the Township can get the current meters functioning enough to last as long as possible. He will also check to see if the meter reader will work with both the old and new meters.

Pellow questioned about the water grant for the Township. Marietti stated he doesn't believe the Township scored high enough to receive the grant.

Marietti stated the RRI Fund should be able to help with the payment of the water meter replacements. Pietro added that the RRI Fund is doing well and should have the funds for meter replacement.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M. by Supervisor VanLuvén.

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Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2021

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

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the April 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented, General: 21391-21429 Fire/Garbage: N/A Water: 6024-6048

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

Communications: MCSWMA 2020 Annual Report - Pellow and Manty noted that they are both pleased with the transfer station and the new system in place.

Iron Ore Heritage Trail Annual Audit - 20 tires picked up from what was assumed to be picked up from clean up crew but was from an individual citizen. Individual asked to keep the tires from clean up and was granted permission for the tires.

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: Jeff and Matt found one of the major leaks in the water lines. After assessing, they discovered the leak was coming from both ends of the pipe and had leaked in total close to 30,000 gallons. Pipe has since been fixed.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris Violations; Township started the clean up on the Willie property. Willie addressed a motorbike and trailer that had been taken on accident and would like them back. Township returned the items. Willie has been given 10 days

to remove all extra vehicles from property. Willie also notified that any items not in the house or garage will be taken for the clean up. Township has also received pictures of the Steele property and will inquire when the court dates are to be held.

Misc. Debris; List and pictures of new violating properties. Township to send out letters to new violators.

Security Cameras; Have been put in the budget to purchase. Looking into either additional cameras or updated versions. Remote cameras are preferred. Needed for the hall and pavilion. Matt and Jeff to assess how many are needed and how many per location. Pietro/moved VanLuven/supported /PASSED; to accept Matt and Pam getting the numbers and orders complete for security cameras.

Work Orders; Planned out schedules for Matt and Jeff. VanLuven to hand out work orders, guys will complete them and turn back in. Work orders will help the hall keep track with a log of the things needed to be done and able to prioritize them better.

New Business: UPSET Law Enforcement Agreement; Pietro to complete the form and send it in with payment. (Already in the budget)

Budget Amendment; updated. Pietro/moved VanLuven/supported /PASSED; to accept updated budget amendment.

Chip Sealing; Will have to increase amount for budget to complete. Pellow will assess and adjust budget. Pietro/moved Pellow/supported /PASSED; to accept the road commission bid

House Washing; Chris Mills (Scotty's House Washing) will be hired at last year's same rate. Township will track water usage from the washing with new meter. Usage will be funded from the general fund. Pellow/moved VanLuven/supported /PASSED; to accept Chris Mills for house washing at last year's rates.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M. by Supervisor VanLuven.



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 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: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the May 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: Haggard wanted to take a moment to recognize Deputy Best on her good work and services within the township.

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented. General: 21442-21494 Fire/Garbage: 1168-1180 Water: 6050-6069

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

Communications: Summer Reading Program will be held at the National Mine Playground on Saturday, July 6th, 13th & 20th at 11:00 am. The Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library's, Children's Librarian, Heather Lander will be sharing story times for children and their families.

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: Vacuum Excavator Rental, VanLuven discussed the rental of a vacuum excavator which will be more productive than using the backhoe for the water line lead project. Jeff Pohlman added that he wants to find the shut offs first and believes the township should only need to rent this equipment for a month. Pietro/moved Manty/supported/ PASSED; to rent the vacuum excavator for one month at the cost of \$3,000.00.

Meter Replacement Budgeting; The Board discussed, along with Jeff Pohlman, the need to set aside money for the new water meters. The board is already putting money aside and will continue to budget extra monies until time of new meter purchases.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris Violations; Mr. Haggard and Mr. Taylor were present to address their Misc. Debris violation letters with the Board.

The township attorney, Jeremy Pickens then addressed the Board with an update on the Steele property and the next steps that will be taken within the courts.

Misc. Debris Ordinance Amendment; Jeremy Pickens also discussed amendments to the Misc. Debris Ordinance with the Board. The Board would like to make the ordinance and the steps of action if violated as clear as possible for both the residents and the Board follow. The amendment ordinance will be drafted by Jeremy Pickens and placed on the July meeting agenda.

Work Orders; The Board reviewed a draft work order form and approved. Any work orders for Jeff Pohlman and Matt Champion will be stored at the Hall, for the Board to be able to communicate things that need to be completed within the township. Once filled out, work orders will be placed in Jeff Pohlman's mailbox. Upon completion, work orders will be turned into the office.

New Business: A resolution was presented to the Board to renew the franchise between UPPCO and Tilden Township. Pietro/moved Manty/supported PASSED; upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Road Budget Amendment; A budget amendment was presented by Pellow to adjusted the Road fund chip and fog seal amount. Pietro/moved VanLuven/supported PASSED; to accept road fund budget amendment for \$42300.00 as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

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



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 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: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti

Board members absent: Trustee: Jim Manty

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

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

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented. General: 21502-21582 Fire/Garbage: 1181-1189 Water: 6078-6098

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

Communications: MCRC Warning Letters – Warning letters were sent to Nichols and Hager properties for violations on road right-of-way infringements. Violators have 30 days to clean up.

Misc. Debris violations: Jeff Pohlman and the Sheriff will tour the properties that have received letters from the Township that are in violation of the misc. debris ordinance and take pictures to see if they have cleaned up their property. Properties still in violation will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

Attorney Correspondence; Zoning Board of Appeals – Attorney suggested township ratify the decision for electing Planning & Zoning Board members. Pietro Motioned to put Craig Marietti on the Planning & Zoning Board/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED

Supervisor's Comments: Appeal for CCI Specific Ore Tax, appeal was lost. CCI has to differentiate between Tilden and Richmond townships.

Water Business: Generator at Pumphouse – Jeff Pohlman suggested that a generator at the pumphouse be purchased. Jeff Pohlman will get some price quotes and bring them back to the Board at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris; Violations: Pietro informed the Board that the majority of letters for violations went out on July 1, 2021. Each violator has 30 days to clean up their property or contact the Supervisor to discuss solutions. Per the discussion above Jeff Pohlman and the Sheriff will look at all the properties before the next meeting.

Misc. Debris; Public hearing/Ordinance Amendment: VanLuven opened the public hearing to discuss the amendment to the Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance. As no public comment was made. VanLuven closed the public hearing.

Pellow moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED by a roll call vote to adopt the amendment to the miscellaneous debris ordinance as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1. The amendment will be published in the Mining Journal and will become effective 30 days after publication. The amendment can be reviewed at the Township Hall. Pellow will put together a step-by-step procedure for the Board and employees to follow when violators are found. This procedure will be sent to property owners found to be in violation of the ordinance.

New Business: Board Approval to Apply for American Rescue Plan Funds – Pellow commented that she would like to apply for it & will work with Pam on it. Pellow/moved VanLuven/supported /PASSED

CCI Community Relations – CCI to meet and speak with VanLuven and Pietro to discuss updates on mining relations.

Wage Rate for Zoning Administrator & Office Fill in – The Board will place an ad in the Mining Journal for the position of Planning & Zoning Administrator. The Board will access pay rate depending on experience. Office fill-in: Pietro suggested the pay rate for anyone filling in in the office be set at \$18.41/hour. Pietro/moved VanLuven/supported /PASSED on a roll call vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 1

Appointment of Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals: VanLuven presented the names of Barb Meyers and Trecia Nickerson for the P&Z Board of Appeals. VanLuven/moved Pellow/supported /PASSED. VanLuven will appoint one from the P&Z Board.

Quote for Dump Truck Tires: Jeff Pohlman gave the Board a quote from Mullins Service for tires on the dump truck. The total will be \$1,250.00. Marietti/moved VanLuven/supported /PASSED

MCTA Fall Banquet: Pietro moved/Pellow supported to approve all board members, employees plus a guest to attend the MCTA fall banquet. Pietro will find a gift for the door prize from the Board.

Public Comment: Jeff Pohlman suggested improvements be made to the Pavilion. Jeff Pohlman will get some estimates and bring them to the Board.

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

Deborah L. Pellow
Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2021

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 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: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti and Jim Manty

Board members absent: None.

Agenda: Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with two additions; Budget amendments and LED lighting.

Minutes: Pietro moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the July 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented. General: 21583-215641 Fire/Garbage: 1190-1195 Water: 6099-6124

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

Communications: None.

Supervisor's Comments: None.

Water Business: Jeff Pohlman is still working on bids for a generator at the pumphouse.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris; Violations: The Board reviewed pictures of the properties that were sent letters that were in violation of the Misc debris ordinance. The following properties will receive their first citation for non-compliance: Nicolas, Luokkala, Patrick, VanBuren, Kukla, Still, Cox, LaBeau, Potila, Hollinshead and Aho. The Board will review and look at updating the ordinance to deal with vehicles. VanLuven will inform Anttila that he needs to apply for a conditional use permit to allow him to bring cars from his business to his property on Stoneville Road.

Public Nuisance Violation: Steele was given a citation under the Nuisance ordinance for his use of an outhouse on his property. The Township Attorney will put together an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the Board's review pertaining to the use of outhouses in R1 and RR1.

The Board reviewed the letters that were sent to Hager and Nichols from the Marquette County Road Commission on their encroachment of stuff into the county road right-of-way.

Miscellaneous Debris Procedure: Pietro moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED; to approve the Tilden Township Miscellaneous Debris Procedure Checklist.

Pavilion Remodel: Jeff Pohlman gave the Board a quote to remodel the pavilion at the recreation area. The cost will be approximately \$4,240.00 with the DPW employees doing the work. No outside drinking fountain will be installed. Marietti moved/Manty supported/PASSE; to proceed with the remodeling.

Battery Collection Site: After a lengthy discussion the Board decided to not become a battery collection site at this time. Jeff Pohlman will look into a collection system and update the Board in the future. VanLuven will discuss with Jim Nankervis the possibility of having a collection site at the Transfer Station.

Planning and Zoning Administrator: Marietti moved/Pietro supported/PASSED; to re-advertise in a 2x2 Ad for this position. Voting Yes; Marietti, Pietro and VanLuven. Voting No; Pellow and Manty.

New Business: Kitchen tile: The Board reviewed the pictures of the kitchen tile and the email received from Carpet One, Tim Teall. Per Tim's email Carpet One will address our concerns and/or replace the tile.

Reappointment of Planning and Zoning Board Members: Pellow moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED: to approve the following to the P&Z Board. Pat Kroon and Gary Thibeault to a three year term and Herb Walline and John Wallace to a two year term.

West End First Responders Authority: After a lengthy discussion the Board decided to not enter into the First Responders Authority at this time. VanLuven will contact Jeremy Laakso from Ely Township to discuss the needs of the First Responders.

Tilden Township Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy: Pellow moved/Pietro supported/PASSED to approve the Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy.

Budget Amendments: Pellow presented the Board with budget amendments through July 31, 2021. Marietti moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED to approve the amendments as presented.

LED Lighting: Manty suggested that the Township change all their lighting to LED. Manty moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED to have Jeff Pohlman look into the cost and any grants for changing to LED lighting in all the Township buildings.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M. by Supervisor VanLuven.

Deborah L. Pellow

Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at the hall. Clerk Deb Pellow called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Board members absent: Supervisor: Fred VanLuven

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

Minutes: Manty moved/ Pietro supported/ PASSED; to accept the August 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: A resident living on County Road PBL requested that the township repave the road as well as fixing a culvert that is heaving in the road. Pellow addressed the list of roads being brought to the board at the October, 2021 meeting and that PBL will be added to the list if it is not already on it.

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 21649-21705 Fire/Garbage: 1196-1206 Water: 6125-6145

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

Communications: Maria Robert's Letter - Supervisor VanLuven spoke with Maria in hopes of coming up with a solution to their concerns. An additional board of Appeals meeting will be scheduled. The original Board of Appeals meeting was posted in The Mining Journal and at the Township Hall.

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: Generator Bids - Received two bids for two different generators, one for a 25 kW and one for a 35 KW. The board requested a that Jeff Polhman contact Jeff Talsma to get

his opinion on the size generator needed for the pumphouse. This item will be on the October agenda.

Unfinished Business: West End First Responders Authority - Supervisor Jermei Laakso of Ely Township addressed the board about joining an Authority for first responders between Townships (Ely, Champion, Humboldt, Republic and Tilden). After a lengthy discussion the board decided to place this item on the October agenda. As email with details is located at the Township Hall.

Misc. Debris Ordinance - Supervisor VanLuven is working with violators. Due to his absence, the topic will be moved to the October meeting agenda. A possible amendment pertaining to vehicles will be on the November meeting agenda.

Nuisance Ordinance Amendment Draft - Draft was presented to the Board. Members are to look it over and will vote at the October meeting. If adopted, the Township will post in the paper.

Public Nuisance Violation; Steele Outhouse Injunction - Township is still receiving complaints from neighbors about the use of an outhouse at Steele property. Mr. Steele has received two citations and is still using the outhouse. Pietro/moved Manty/supported PASSED; proceed with getting a court injunction to stop Mr. Steele's use of an outhouse.

MCRC; Hagar/Nicholas Update - County went to each property and showed them the lines which they could not cross/place misc. items over. They have one month to clean the remaining misc. debris.

Planning & Zoning Administrator - Pietro and VanLuven to conduct interviews with the applicants. Will present to the Board at the October meeting. Pietro suggested that the rate of pay be \$15.00 per hour with a minimum of \$200.00 a month and four meetings per year.

New Business: 2022 Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement Contract - Pietro/moved Pellow/supported PASSED; upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

MCRC Annual Programs - Township to complete road plan and place on the October meeting agenda.

7 Date Change for October Meeting (Oct 12th or 26th, November meeting on the 9th) - Board discussed and decided upon Monday, October 11th. Manty/moved Marietti/supported PASSED; to move the October meeting to Monday, October 11th.

Veteran of the Year Plaque - Mr. Hagar was named the Veteran of the Year 2020/2021. He requested the plaque be displayed at the Township Hall. Pellow asked the board if there were any objections. There was not. Plaque to be placed in the Township Hall for the duration of the award period.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. by Clerk Pellow.

Deborah L. Pellow

Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2021 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: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the September 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 21713-21787 Fire/Garbage: N/A Water: 6146-6173

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

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

The township hall currently has a 36kw generator. After consulting with Talsma, it was determined that a 25kw generator would be sufficient for the pumphouse. A new gas line will need to be installed. Funds for purchase will come from the capital improvement water fund. Jeff Polhman will need to verify the quote is still accurate since the time for the original quote has expired. Manty/moved VanLuven/supported PASSED; to accept the quote from Code Electric for the purchase of the 25kw generator.

EGLE Grant Application - Matt Treado from U.P. Engineering submitted the application for the EGLE Water Asset Management Grant.

Unfinished Business: West End First Responders Authority; Meeting Info - Pellow looked into funding and informed the board that funds are available to participate. Pellow/moved Manty/supported PASSED; to join the W.E.F.R.A.

Misc. Debris Violations - Supervisor VanLuven updated the Board about all the current violators and assured the Board that they have all been cleaning up their debris. It discussed about Antilla property and the vehicles moving in and out as part of his business. Antilla needs to apply for a conditional use permit under the Zoning Ordinance. VanLuven will advise Mr. Antilla. Also discussed was the Willey property and the fact that he is bringing more vehicles and misc. stuff onto his property.

Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance: The first reading of the amendment for Cars was reviewed and the Board will take action at the November Board meeting.

Nuisance Ordinance Amendment Public Hearing – The Board held a public hearing on an amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance pertaining to porta-potties. The amendment can be viewed at the Township hall (Section 3). No comment from the public was made.

Nuisance Ordinance Amendment Adoption: Pietro asked if the township providing porta-potties at the park would be considered in violation? These are considered community events and all are serviced regularly so would not be in violation. Pellow/moved VanLuven/support PASSED; upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent to approve the amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance. The amendment will be published in the Mining Journal and become effective 30 days after publication.

Public Nuisance Violation; Steele Outhouse Injunction - Mr. Steele has been issued 2 citations about his outhouse. A court date has been set for 11/03/21 to order Mr. Steele to stop using his outhouse.

MCRC; Hager/Nicholas Update - Both are working on cleaning up the violations. MCRC has been checking up on their progress.

Planning & Zoning Administrator; Hiring/Pay Rate - Mr. Joki was unable to come in for an interview. Decision on P & Z Admin to be moved to November meeting.

MCRC 2022 – Supervisor VanLuven presented the board with a list of roads to be paved and chip sealed in 2021. Paving list includes PBL, PBA, and PBC. Chip Sealing includes PG, PB, and PBG. The final decision will be made once the board gets quotes from MCRC.

New Business: Banking; Credit/Debit Card Payments – Pietro discussed with the Board the possibility of taking credit card payments. More and more residents of the township are asking for card payments. A card reader will be required at the hall as well as online for taxes. Cards will be charged a fee for usage;

- Debit Cards - \$1.50 charge
- Credit Cards - \$2.50 charge

Pellow/moved VanLuven/supported PASSED; to accept the purchase and use of a card reader.

Well Usage at the National Mine School – The abandoned well at the old National Mine School has been reopened and is being used by the man living at the old National Mine School, which is an ordinance violation. The Sheriff's Deputy stated she was out there and that there are multiple violations on the property. The Deputy said she will be going back soon to address the violations with the owner. Pellow suggested sending Mr. Dupont a letter stating that the well cannot be used as it violates the Water Ordinance. The well needs to be closed back up and remain unused. After a lengthy discussion the Board decided to send Mr. Dupont a violation letter.

Public Comment: Nancy Spencer commented on the trucks working on behalf of Semco, on County Road PB. The Deputy stated she would monitor the area for speeding/unsafe driving. The Township contacted Semco on this matter and the supervisor of Semco didn't seem concerned.

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



Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Pietro moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the October 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: Bonnie Vial presented the board with a letter regarding her concern for vehicles speeding on her road. She stated that vehicles, side by sides, delivery trucks and motorcycles frequently speed up and down the road. Bonnie is concerned for the safety of pedestrians that could be walking, bikers or pedestrians with animals. She also shared that a side by side, along with a 4wheeler, on two separate occasions, have both lost control and almost hit her car and a neighbor's truck. Bonnie is requesting that the township install some sort of road sign to advise drivers to slow down in the area. Supervisor VanLuven stated that he would call the road commission and look into getting a sign for that road.

Diane Magunson spoke with the board about her disruptive new neighbors. She informed the board that there is constant traffic of random vehicles coming and going from the house. Diane said so far, she hasn't had any issues with them personally but wanted it known that it seemed suspicious. The Sheriff requested plate numbers from the random vehicles visiting, if at all possible and Diane stated that the vehicles are usually parked with their plates facing away from the road. The Sheriff said that she would keep an eye on the area when she comes through.

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 21788-21837 Fire/Garbage: 1213-1222 Water: 6174-6196

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

Communications: Marquette County Planning Division - The Marquette County 2040 Master Plan has been adopted by the Marquette County Planning Commission and further approved by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Supervisor VanLuven stated that there is no action required of the township at this time.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven attending an informational meeting with the West End First Responders Authority. The Authority discussed the millage and that each township within the Authority will be splitting the costs equally. Ely's township Lawyer was in attendance for the meeting as well. Clerk Pellow asked Supervisor VanLuven if the Authority had yet determined what it would cost each individual township. Mr. VanLuven stated that the amount was still to be determined and will be disclosed at a later date.

Water Business: EGLE Grant Application Update - Mr. Champion submitted the application and the township received an email asking for a sigma number. It was also brought to the board's attention that they had a very old address on file for the hall that has not been used for years. Pam Boone will email them back a response with the updated address along with the sigma number.

Booster Station Heater Purchase - Mr. Champion was able to get the old heater working properly for the time being. Mr. Pohlman is working on getting a quote for the new heater and will present it to the board at the December meeting.

Positive Water Samples - Mr. Pohlman tested the water in the system and found a presence of coliform bacteria. He believes that a leak in the water lines from months prior is the reason and that it possibly seeped into the system. Mr. Pohlman and Mr. Champion are adding a small amount of chlorine to the system per EGLE and posted an informational letter at the hall for residents. Mr. Pohlman also informed the board that the water system seems to be losing pressure up by the old school. The DPW will check for leaks and air pockets.

Chemical Pump Purchase - Mr. Pohlman and Mr. Champion were able to get the old chemical pumps fixed and functioning so the new chemical pump will be returned. They will be flushing the entire system and sampling the water again after the chlorination process is completed.

Unfinished Business: West End First Responders Authority - Supervisor VanLuven addressed this in the Supervisor's Comments portion.

Misc. Debris Violations - Supervisor VanLuven informed the board that Mr. Hagar has removed the farming equipment from the right of way and that Mr. Nichols still needs to move his truck forward so he is in compliance as well.

Misc. Debris Amendment Public Hearing/Adoption - Supervisor VanLuven opened the public hearing and as there was no public comment the hearing was closed. The amendment (Ordinance 10; Section 2.1) can be found at the Township hall and will also be posted in the local newspaper upon adoption. Pellow/moved Pietro/support PASSED; upon a roll call vote to accept the amendment adoption; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent

Public Nuisance Violation; Steele Outhouse Injunction Update - The Notice of a Hearing and Motion for Second Supplemental Judgement letter that was sent to Mr. Steele on October 25, 2021, was returned to the township attorney as "undeliverable as addressed". Mr. Pohlman informed the board that Mr. Steele has moved his mailbox to the other side of the house on a different road so the postman was unable to locate it to deliver the violation letter. Due to this issue, the Sheriff will be delivering the violation to him. Clerk Pellow and Treasurer Pietro then discussed that the clean-up costs on his property will be added to his tax bill. Mr. Lamere will also be billed for the clean-up costs from his property and if he does not pay, the costs will be added to his tax bill for next year, 2022.

Well Usage at the National Mine School - Mr. Dupont was sent a letter from the township on October 15, 2021, as well as a letter from the township attorney on November 3, 2021, requesting that he cease and desist using the well located on the property. According to the township ordinance the well is illegal to use due to the property being adjacent to a municipal water system. There is a court date set for Mr. Dupont in December of 2021 to settle the matter.

Planning & Zoning Administrator; Hiring/Pay Rate - Supervisor VanLuven stated that he and Treasurer Pietro had conducted interviews with Miss Campbell and Mr. Joki and decided to hire Mr. Joki for the Administrator position. Mr. Manty asked if the board was allowed to have any input on the decision or if they would be able to see the qualifications for the applicants. Pietro and VanLuven explained the policy and there was debate over what the policy states and the qualifications of the applicants. The board then decided to do a roll call vote. Pietro/moved VanLuven/supported; to hire Mr. Joki as the new Planning and Zoning Administrator upon a roll call vote; Supervisor VanLuven - Aye, Treasurer Pietro - Aye, Trustee Craig Marietti - Aye, Trustee Jim Manty - Nay, Clerk Deb Pellow - Nay; Ayes 3, Nays 2, Abs 0

- There was no discussion over the pay rate.

New Business: Employee Health Insurance Plans – The renewal on the current plan will increase \$148.91 per month. Pietro/moved Marietti/supported; PASSED to continue with the current BCBS insurance plan for 2022.

PA 152 - OPT Out Resolution - Be it Resolved, that at the regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board, held on November 9, 2021, the board by at least a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote approved to opt out of PA 152 for the Hard Caps and 80/20%, for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Pellow/moved VanLuven/supported; PASSED to accept the opt out of PA 152 upon a roll call vote; Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abs 0

Street Light Request - The township received an email from Katrina Young on November 3, 2021, requesting a street light be placed upon the utility pole at the end of her driveway on Stoneville road. She stated that her young daughter stands at the end of the driveway to wait for the school bus. As of late, it has been very dark in the mornings and she is concerned with the speeding traffic not being able to see the child, causing an unsafe situation. Katrina hopes that the light will help make drivers aware and more cautious of the young girl's presence. Supervisor VanLuven told the board he would call UPPCO to work out getting one there for her. Pellow/moved Manty/supported; PASSED to approve a street light being installed on the utility pole near the Young's driveway.

Telephone Pole; Ray Trudell - Mr. Trudell informed the township that there is an electrical pole next to his driveway and is requesting that it be moved a few feet further from his driveway. He stated that in the winter months the driveway becomes icy and he slides close to the pole and it's hard to plow. Supervisor VanLuven will contact UPPCO to see if the pole can be moved and will address it again at the December board meeting.

Budget Amendments - Clerk Deb Pellow presented budget amendments to the board for the following funds;

- Road Fund Budget Amendment - Increase to Expenditures of \$95,125.00
- General Fund Budget Amendment - Increase to Revenues of \$52,900.00 & Increase to Expenditures of \$3465.00
- Fire/Garbage Fund Budget Amendment - Increase to Revenues of \$84,950.00 & Increase to Expenditures of \$88,950.00
- Water Fund Budget Amendment - Increase to Revenues of \$820.00 & Increase to Expenditures of \$1,300.00

Marietti/moved Manty/supported; PASSED to accept the budget amendments through October 31, 2021.

Life & Disability Insurance - Clerk Deb Pellow presented the board with the life and disability insurance plans. She stated the employees are currently covered at \$25,000.00 and would like and increase to \$50,000.00 plus short and long term disability. Trustee Marietti requested to see more information for the disability plan and the board will revisit this at the December meeting. Marietti/moved VanLuven/supported; PASSED to accept the life insurance plan.

Public Comment: Mr. Arseneau addressed the board about the large amount of trash that is along the sides of the roads that he walks. He stated they see quite a bit on their walks and do try to clean up when they can, but asked if that trash was considered as a Misc. Debris Violation to the property owners. Supervisor VanLuven stated it was not a violation and thanked him for the cleaning up. VanLuven also went on to tell him that if they bag up trash and left it alongside the road, the township will pick it up and take it to the hall to be disposed of.

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

Deborah L Pellow

Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 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: Ann Pietro, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Jim Manty

Board members absent: N/A

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

Minutes: Pietro moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the November 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Marietti moved/ Manty supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented,
General: 21838-21897 Fire/Garbage: 1223-1227 Water: 6197-6219

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

Communications: The Board reviewed a letter from Marquette County Road Commission to the Marquette County Commission asking for American Rescue Plan Act money to help with local road improvements.

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

VanLuven reported that he had attended the West End Transfer Station meeting and the tipping rates for 2022 will remain the same however the Landfill tipping fees will increase from \$61.00 to \$63.00 per ton.

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: Employee Disability Insurance: Brian Miller was at the meeting to explain to the Board Short- and Long-term Disability Insurance. The Board decided not to add this insurance to the employees benefit package at this time.

West End First Responders Authority Agreement: The Board discussed the Authority agreement and the need to have first responders. The agreement includes an out clause for any municipality wishing to discontinue this arrangement. Pellow moved/VanLuven supported/Passed to approve the agreement. Marietti voted Nay.

Misc. Debris Violations: Ann Trudell, Bill Hager and Doug Potila addressed the Board with their concerns about the amendment to the Debris ordinance pertaining to vehicles. Trudell presented the Board with petitions signed by residents requesting that the new amendment be placed on the next election ballot for voter approval. Jeremy Pickens, the Township attorney, explained to Trudell that the right to referendum is not allowed under Michigan Law for misc. debris ordinances per his research. Pickens added that should Trudell find something different in Michigan laws, she should present that information to Supervisor VanLuven. Pellow accepted the petitions.

Public Nuisance Violation—Steele Outhouse: The Court has ordered Steele to stop using the outhouse or show cause.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Wages: The Board discussed the wages of the new P&Z Administrator. Pietro moved/Pellow supported (for discussion) to set the wage at \$200.00 per month with \$25.00 per hour for any hours over 8 hours in a single month. After further discussion Pellow made a friendly amendment to set the salary at \$200.00 per month and to track the hours for one year for review. Pietro accepted the amendment. Motion amended to read Pietro moved/Pellow supported/PASSED to set the P&Z Administrator wages at \$200.00 per month. Manty voted Nay.

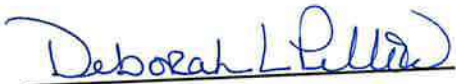
Well Usage at National Mine School: On December 15, 2021 the Circuit Court, Judge Karl Weber found and concluded the Tony DuPont was in violation of the Township's Water Ordinance and should be enjoined from utilizing the old well system on the former National Mine School property. DuPont must cease and desist any attempts to use the well and its water. DuPont has the right to appeal.

New Business: 2022 Meeting Dates:- The 2022 meeting dates were set by the Board to be on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Pietro moved/VanLuven supported/Passed.

DPW – Snowplowing Residents: Pellow presented a policy to the Board for consideration on the DPW employees plowing snow for residents in need. Pellow also checked with the Ishpeming Senior Center to see if they had any available assistants, which at this time they do not. Pellow moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED; to approve the Residential Snow Removal Assistance Policy as presented. Marietti added that a form of liability waiver should be signed by any and all residents the DPW assists. Pellow will draft a form.

Public Comment: Bill Hager volunteered to research any veterans' names missing on the Township Veteran Plaques.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M. by Fred VanLuven.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Deborah L. Pellow", written over a horizontal line.

Deborah L. Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk