

**Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2024 2025**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2024, 2025 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: Aho moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with the addition of EPB Laptop Grant Reimbursement under New Business, as well as the addition of a resolution for the MTA salary comparisons.

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

Public Comment: N/A

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

- **General:** 24675-24740 • **Fire/Garbage:** 1458-1467 • **Water:** 7089-7105
- **Road:** 5036-5037 • **Tax:** Summer; 3031-3034 & Winter 1444, 1533, 1295, 1788

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

Communications: MCSWMA Fee Schedule – Reviewed by The Board.

MCTA Meetings – Reviewed by The Board with the discussion of Trustee Marietti planning to be in attendance. Trustee Thibeault is likely to attend as well.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven addressed that Nancarrow is no longer with the company and will now be meeting with Chris Holms to figure out where the township stands within the grant process.

VanLuven is set to meet with Habitat for Humanity within the week to discuss the lots from the old National Mine school. The Board would like to avoid donating the lots to Habitat for Humanity, in hopes to make back some profit from the project.

Water Business: GEI Future Upgrades for Old School Site –The Board reviewed the quote from Crane Engineering, totaling \$8,092.00, for equipment and installation.

Update/Status of New Pump for Booster Station - DPW Supervisor Champion informed The Board that the new pump required for the Booster Station had been ordered and installation will begin as soon as it arrives.

Water Main Break – DPW Supervisor Champion informed The Board that there is a water main break somewhere within The Township that he and DPW Butler are trying to locate and fix. Champion will keep Supervisor VanLuven updated as to when it is located and plans for repair.

Unfinished Business: National Mine School – The concrete walls from the basement of the Old National Mine school have been removed and the ground filled in with dirt. The blacktop pieces remaining still need to be hauled out.

New Business: 2025 Poverty Exemption Guidelines – The Board reviewed and discussed the 2025 Poverty Exemption Guidelines, and a motion was made to accept, followed by a rollcall vote. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED to accept the 2025 Poverty Exemption Guidelines; by a rollcall vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. 2025 Poverty Exemption Guidelines and forms may be located at The Township Hall.

Proposed Amendment to Marquette County ORV Ordinance – The Board reviewed the amended ordinance. The Marquette County ORV Ordinance may be located at The Township Hall or at The Marquette County Clerk's office.

WETESA Resolution – Joanne Manty reviewed the WETESA meeting minutes with The Board, as well as the WETESA Resolution. There is an increase to \$25,000.00/FY to Tilden township, from the previous \$18,000.00/FY. The Board has tabled the matter for the next meeting to review the resolution.

BS & A Online Payments – Treasurer Filbrandt presented the action of online payments through the BS & A software. There is no cost to The Township to utilize the program, however a single \$350.00 purchase of a card reader will be required to accept payments in the office. After some discussion, a motion was made. Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED to purchase the online payment option through BS & A, as well as purchasing a card reader for the front office.

Board of Review Appointments & Training – The Board discussed the training required of The Board of Review members and if all were up to date. The Board then appointed Pat Kroon, Bruce Coron & Michael Boone to The Board of Review. A motion was made, followed by a rollcall vote. Aho moved/ Filbrandt supported/ PASSED to appoint Pat Kroon, Bruce Coron & Michael Boone for The Board of Review; by a rollcall vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Earned Sick Time Act – Per the State of Michigan law, it is possibly coming into effect, that the PT sick time will adjust. There will be a required 1 hour of sick time accrued per every 30 hours worked. If passed, this will need to be adjusted within payroll and updated.

Inventory List – Treasurer Filbrandt would like to start making an inventory list of The Township's property per the recommendation of the MTA, such as Township vehicles, office supplies required, etc. to ensure that The Township has all inventory on file.

MTA Salary Comparison & Resolution – Treasurer Filbrandt reviewed the draft resolution & policy changes with The Board. Filbrandt then reviewed the salary comparisons for Board Members per the MTA, explaining that she wanted to give The Board adequate time to review before the FY meeting in March.

Polices – After compiling all the polices from the share drive and the new polices in place, Treasurer Filbrandt reviewed the draft policy changes with The Board. Copies of the drafted polices have been sent to The Township Attorney for review of language. Filbrandt requested that The Board look over the policies to discuss any adjustments to the language of the policies at the February meeting, so that she may have time to correct any policy needed for approval at the FY March meeting. A special meeting may be arranged if needed for further Board discussion.

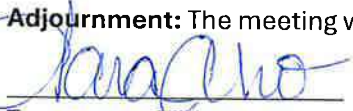
New Business Continued: MTA Training On-Site/ Cindy Dodge, LOR Consulting - Treasurer Filbrandt requested on-site training for the entire Board from Cindy Dodge, a previous Clerk who now consults for the MTA. It is a two-day training course, costing an estimated \$2,500.00. After some discussion, a motion was made. Thibeault moved/ Aho supported/ PASSED to pay for MTA on-site training with Cindy Dodge for \$2,500.00. Trustee Marietti voted Nay.

EGLE Permit – The Board reviewed and discussed the packet. The EGLE Permit may be located at The Township Hall.

EPB Laptop Grant Reimbursement – Deputy Clerk Campbell informed The Board the Windows 10 will no longer be compatible with the Elections Pollbook software. New EPB laptops (electronic pollbooks) are now required. Campbell presented a new compatible laptop on amazon for \$489.63 and explained that she would be looking to County for help with the reimbursement forms when available. Office Manager to order with Township CC. Marietti moved/ Aho supported/ PASSED to purchase a new EPB Laptop for \$489.63 & apply for the grant reimbursement when available.

Public Comment: A resident inquired about the size and price of the new lots where the old school was. Supervisor VanLuven stated that information was not available currently, but did state that there are 5 lots planned in the area.

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



Tara M. Aho, Tilden Township Clerk