

**Tilden Township Meeting Minutes**  
**July 15, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, July 15, 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:** Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with the addition of Dottie LaJoy & WETESA under unfinished business, as presented.

**Minutes:** Marietti moved/ Filbrandt supported/ PASSED; to accept the June 17, 2025, Meeting minutes, with the correction made to the section pertaining to DirectTV, as presented.

**Public Comment:** Deb Pellow requested time to speak during the National Mine Completion portion, as well as the CBDG Engineering portion of the meeting. Time was granted.

**Bills:** Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented;  
• General:025040-25106 • Fire/Garbage: 1498-1503 • Water: 7220-7228  
• Road: 5053 • Tax: Summer; & Winter;

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report has been placed on file.

**Communications:** Bureau of Construction Codes – The Board reviewed the letter from The State of Michigan.

**WCSWMA/906 Recycle Urban Cooperation Act; Updated Tipping Fees** – The Board reviewed the letter from 906 Recycling, requesting support in raising fees by \$10.00/household, annually every 5 years. Thibeault state that he would like to see their plan before he could support.

**County Road 482 Signed Permit** – EGLE supplied their Notice of authorization for County Road 482 at tributary to Carp Creek, where a cement box culvert will be installed, replacing the old culvert. The Permit may be located at The Township Hall upon request.

**Supervisor's Comments:** Superior Road Rally – Supervisor VanLuven stated that he hasn't heard much communication from SRR. VanLuven believes that SRR are responsible for calling Marquette County Road Commission to coordinate.

**Water Business:** N/A

**Unfinished Business:** WETESA – Joanne Manty presented the WETESA June Meeting Minutes and updated The Board on the plans for WETESA moving forward. A copy of the WETESA June Meeting Minutes may be located at The Township Hall upon request.

**Dotti LaJoy** – Dotti LaJoy, executive director of CUPPAD, presented to The Board the possible assistance from CUPPAD in setting up a 5 Year Recreational Plan for Tilden Township's Planning Commission. Tilden's 5 Year Rec. Plan is currently expired. If a 5 year Rec. Plan is completed by February 1, 2026, there are 2 grants available to be applied for by April 1, 2026. Deb Pellow commented that she had previously tried to apply for one of the grants in the past, but because of the 5 Year Rec. Plan wasn't updated, she was denied the grant. Dotti LaJoy explained that CUPPAD will handle the entire process if hired by Tilden, at the cost of \$75/hour; \$3,000.00-\$4,000.00 total for the completion of the 5 Year Rec. Plan. Aho moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to hire CUPPAD & Dotti LaJoy for the completion of Tilden Township's updated 5 Year Rec. Plan for up to \$4,000.00.

**Completion of National Mine School Lot/Dore Update** – Deb Pellow updated The Board, informing them that the clean up will be complete by next week. Upon clean up, the open hole inspection will take place, Thursday at 3:30PM. Once the hole inspection is completed, The Township will meet with The Health Dept. for a perk test. Pellow also informed The Board that The Township is no longer responsible for landfill costs anymore and will be strictly contractors responsibility.

**CBDG Engineering Bids** – Engineers needed to complete. Chris Holmes wrote up an advertisement to submit to The Mining Journal. Holmes will help review any and all submissions. Deb Pellow recommended Antonio for the administrator and informed The Board that the Admin. and engineer need to be positions held by two separate people. The Board discussed the possibility of creating a community septic system, which could possibly be covered under the grant. Pellow is waiting for a response with more information on the matter. Maintenance and upkeep for a community septic would fall under The Township's responsibility. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to have Chris Holmes submit the CBDG Engineering Bids to The Mining Journal.

**Misc. Debris** – The Board reviewed and discussed the Misc. Debris list. Any properties still within violation will be sent violation letters.

**Supervisor Laptop** – Supervisor VanLuven received his new laptop and was setup by 906 technologies.

**New Business:** Tilden Township Hall Pavillion/Hall Rental Policy – The Board reviewed the current policy and discussed a recent issue with conflicting rentals. There is now a revision of the policy to ensure these issues will not occur again.

**Parks Washed & Disinfected** – The Board reviewed a quote from Knight Rider Housewashing for the washing & disinfecting of the 2 Tilden Parks for \$1,011.16. Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to hire Knight Rider Housewashing for the washing of the Tilden parks for \$1,011.16.

**Office Position/Applicants** – Clerk Aho motioned to enter into Closed Session with Deputy Clerk Campbell present to record minutes, due to any personal or sensitive information pertaining to the applicants. Aho moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED upon a rollcall vote, to enter Closed Session with Deputy Clerk present; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

The Board Exited Closed Session. VanLuven Motioned to hire Kaitlyn Keto for the front office position. VanLuven moved/ Aho supported/ PASSED; to hire Kaitlyn Keto for the front office position.

**Public Comment:** VanLuven informed The Board that the garbage shed door has been opened and shut so frequently that the cables are worn, making it difficult now to open or close. Jack from Jack's Builders is set to come and look at the setup and see if there is possibly a different door that could be used.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.

  
Tara Aho, Tilden Township Clerk

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