

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, June 17, 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: Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with the addition of Dottie LaJoy under new business, as presented.

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the May 20, 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 Landbank portion, as well as the EGLE portion of the meeting. Time was granted.

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

- General: • Fire/Garbage: • Water:
- Road: • Tax: Summer; & Winter;

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

Communications: Champion Township Open House - Champion Township will be holding an Open House on June 18, 2025, from 3PM-7PM. The invite is extended to other local Township Boards, as well as the public.

Kari Lane – The Earthwork was not factored into the bid from MJ VanDamme, Inc, for the Kari Lane construction. GEI recommended that Tilden Township take the smaller bid, as it was the mistake of the vendor. VanLuven stated that he would like to pay the higher bid, to ensure the Earthwork is done and won't need to be completed on a later date. The bid totals \$161,000.00 and will be paid for in two payment sessions. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the \$161,000.00 bid to MJ VanDamme, Inc. for the construction of Kari Lane. VanLuven is to sign the contract and will then meet with the engineers in two weeks to start the construction.

Communications Continued: Isis Delarye Misc. Debris – Communications from the Township Attorney informed The Board that supplement relief was sought and now The Township may hire a cleanup company to enter the property for any Misc. Debris cleanup.

Nationwide; Plan changes – The Board reviewed the Fund Replacement Information provided by Nationwide.

SLFRF Compliance Report – Treasurer Filbrandt worked with previous Clerk, Deb Pellow to complete and submit the report. Filbrandt reviewed the report with The Board. A copy may be located at The Township Hall.

Superior Road Rally; Bryan Creek – SRR would like to use a two mile stretch for a test/practice run area on October 15, 2025, roughly from 7AM-4PM. The road will be monitored and opened for local access as needed.

WETESA Minutes – The Board reviewed the April 2025 WETESA meeting minutes. A copy may be located at The Township Hall.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven informed The Board that there is no grant available for Cliffs Road culvert. Cliffs believes The Township/County should pay for it. VanLuven stated that because this is an emergency situation, The Township and County will pay to have it corrected. Tilden will pay \$60,000.00 and County will pay \$40,000.00 of the \$100,000.00 project.

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: National Mine School Property; Completion of lot splits – Deb Pellow informed The Board that perc & sewage testing needs to be completed before the property can be split into separate lots and sold. The testing costs \$1,500 for all 5 proposed lots. Chris Holmes at UPEA stated that UPEA would be able to assist Tilden in everything needed for this project. An additional survey of costs will need to be completed for the reimbursing grant, which is due September 2025. Habitat for Humanity guaranteed grant money for two houses to be built within the first year. The perc & sewage testing is scheduled for June 23, 2025, at 12:30PM. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to have perc & sewage testing done on the National Mine School Property June 23, 2025.

Consumer Confidence Report – DPW Supervisor Matt Champion completed and submitted the report.

EGLE; Water Service Line Materials – DPW Supervisor Matt Champion completed.

Office Positions/ Applications – The Township received 2 applications and determined that Supervisor VanLuven & Treasurer Filbrandt will conduct the interviews.

Unfinished Business Continued: Misc. Debris 2025 – The Board reviewed the list. VanLuven instructed to check if the properties were cleaned up and if not, send them a letter of violation.

Southwood Drive Project – There is no update currently. Supervisor VanLuven will reach out and inquire about a start date.

New Business: EGLE Draft Permit – The Board reviewed the informative packet sent from EGLE. A copy of the packet may be located at the Township Hall.

Mike Knight; Payment Schedule – The Board determined that since they had previously approved Mike Knight's bid for house washing, that a weekly payment could be made to him.

Laptop; Supervisor – 906 Technologies quoted a laptop for \$900.00 for the Supervisor. Treasurer Filbrandt will order.

Tony DuPont Letter – The Board reviewed the letters from Mr. Dupont, requesting The Board and Township return his land of The Old National Mine school property. A copy of the letters was sent to The Township Attorney.

Dottie LaJoy; CUPPAD - Supervisor VanLuven requested to have LaJoy attend one of The Board meetings, possibly July.

Public Comment: Deb Pellow requested that a copy of the letters from Tony DuPont or any future communications from DuPont, be submitted to The Landbank as well. Pellow also thanked Treasurer Filbrandt for the beautiful new website.

Mrs. Baer inquired about the start of Southwood Drive. Supervisor VanLuven reassured her that he would be calling to get an update. Once he gets an update, he will let Mrs. Baer know as well.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.


Tara Aho, Tilden Township Clerk

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025