

## **Tilden Township Meeting Minutes March 25, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, March 25, 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: Gary Thibeault, Trustee: Craig Marietti

**Board members absent:** N/A

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

**Minutes:** Marietti moved/ Filbrandt supported/ PASSED; to accept the February 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

**Public Comment:** N/A

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

- General: 24796-24854 • Fire/Garbage: 1474-1480 • Water: 7142-7163
- Road: 5040 • Tax: Summer; 3043-3046 & Winter; 19-38

**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. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Millage Rates Resolution Adoption:** Aho/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Budget Public Hearing & Adoption:** No budget was presented. A special meeting for the 2025 FY Budget is set for Friday, March 27 at 1:00PM at the Township Hall. Tabled.

**Buying and Selling Land 2025 FY Resolution:** The Board discussed The Resolution. Thibeault/moved, Marietti/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Policy & Procedures 2025 FY Resolution:** The Board discussed The Resolution. Thibeault/moved, Aho/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 1 Nays (VanLuven), 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Communications:** MCTA Spring Banquet Invitation – The banquet will be held May 14, 2025. There is a \$25 fee to any Board members interested and a gift is requested.

**Supervisor's Comments:** Supervisor VanLuven commented on the Mine expansion, stating he had not received any information regarding the Mine expansion public hearing.

**Water Business:** Costs of Water Main Information; Old School Property - The Board discussed the fact that there will need to be updates to the water main and booster station for the new homes being built where the old school once was. DPW Supervisor Champion and Supervisor VanLuven are to contact an engineer to assess what the Township might need and the costs. VanLuven stated he would like an engineer hired by Summer 2025.

**Unfinished Business:** WETESA Update/ WETESA Expenditure Resolution – Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Silversmith Agreement/DMWI Grant Info** – After some discussion amongst The Board and DPW Supervisor Champion about pricing, it was decided to meet with UP Engineering next week for a multi-purpose meeting. Supervisor VanLuven, Treasurer Filbrandt and DPW Supervisor Champion are to attend.

**New Business:** IOHRA Updating & Representative Appointment – The Board reviewed the two amendments made to the IOHRA. Filbrandt/moved, Marietti/supported /PASSED; to accept the amended IOHRA 2025. The Board then appointed Dawn Hoffman to be the IOHRA representative for Tilden Township. Filbrandt/moved, Aho/supported /PASSED; to appoint Dawn Hoffman as Tilden Township's IOHRA Representative.

**Ishpeming Township Fire Retainer Increase** – The Ishpeming Township fire retainer increased 5% for the FY 2025. The Increase Proposal may be found at the Township Hall upon request. Aho/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED; to accept the Ishpeming Township Fire Retainer Increase.

**MCRC Dust Control Agreement** – The bid price for dust control brine for the 2025 season is 0.0704 cents/gallon, totaling \$2,352.63 for the FY. Thibeault/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED; to accept the MCRC Dust Control Agreement for 2025.

**New Business Continued:** MCRC 2025 HMA Paving Bid – The Board reviewed the bids from Bacco Construction for \$246,959.70, and Payne & Dolan Inc. for \$366,154.50. After some discussion The Board chose the Bacco Construction bid. Aho/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED; to pay Bacco Construction \$246,959.70.

**House Washing 2025** – Knight Rider House Washing bid for 0.20 cents/sq ft, up to \$25,000.00. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED; to hire Knight Rider for the house washing 2025.

**Revenue Budget Amendments** – Treasurer Filbrandt reviewed the interest that had been earned over the last FY in the accounts. Clerk Aho reviewed the budget amendments with The Board.

**Policy & Procedure Manual** – Treasurer Filbrandt presented the finalized Policy & Procedure Manual to The Board.

**Board Salary (Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer & Trustees) 2025 FY Resolution:** The Board discussed The Resolution. Tabled until the Special Meeting March 27, 2025.

**Wages per Meeting and Monthly Salaries 2025 FY Resolution:** The Board discussed The Resolution. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Wages for Township Employees 2025 FY Resolution:** Tilden Township employees shall receive a 3.5% increase in wages. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Wages for Township Office Fill-Ins 2025 FY Resolution:** Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Wages for Township Deputy 2025 FY Resolution:** Tabled for Special Meeting March 27, 2025.

**Public Comment:** Resident inquired about the cost for the rock fill for the trail behind the hall. The Board believes it could cost \$60,000.00 in total.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Tara Aho, Tilden Township Clerk