

**Tilden Township Meeting Minutes**  
**September 16, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, September 16, 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 Budget Amendment under New Business, Southwood Drive Drainage & Cost Estimates for Road/Water for Old School Project under Unfinished Business.

**Minutes:** Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to accept the August 19, 2025, Meeting minutes.

**Public Comment:** Deb Pellow requested time to speak during the Cost Estimates portion of the meeting. Time was granted to Deb Pellow. Pellow also stated that she had just come from a Landbank Meeting. Landbank will supply the funding for the CBDG, but Pellow advised that the CBDG might require a letter from Tilden Township explaining Tilden would be liable for funding if Landbank is unable to supply the funding.

**Bills:** Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented;  
• General: 22941-25229 • Fire/Garbage: 1508-1512 • Water: 7256-7270  
• Road: 5059-5060 • Tax-Winter; 4062-4073

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

**Communications:** Notice of Fee Adjustment – Treasurer Filbrandt went over the informative email with The Board, giving a notice that the base charge fee per parcel would be increasing. The increase is set to rise by \$0.10/parcel.

**906 Recycle:** 906 Recycle submitted a flyer to the public, with information in regards to landfill operating hours, as well as the types of materials that can be recycled or where to dispose of hazardous materials. A copy of the flyer may be located at The Township Hall or on The Township Website.

**Supervisor's Comments:** Supervisor VanLuven addressed The Southwood Drive drainage issue and that it is still an ongoing battle. VanLuven also stated that Kari Lane is just about completed and is already looking much better.

**Water Business:** DPW Supervisor Champion relayed to The Board that he took the metal detector up to The Old School to check if the old septic tank was still in place. He did not locate it. Supervisor VanLuven requested he look a little more to ensure there isn't one.

**Unfinished Business:** Resolution Authorizing Submissions of CBDG Application – Clerk Aho read the Resolution of the Authorize Submission of a Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) Application and Designate Signatory Authority. Clerk Aho and Supervisor VanLuven stated they were to adjust the verbiage from “WHEREAS, Tilden Township intends to apply for funding from the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) program in the amount of \$150,000.00 with no matching funds from Tilden Township toward the successful completion of the project; and”, to “WHEREAS, Tilden Township intends to apply for funding from the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) program in the amount of \$150,000.00 with matching funds from Tilden Township toward the successful completion of the project; .

Filbrandt/moved, Marietti/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; to adopt the Resolution; Authorize Submission of a Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) Application and Designate Signatory Authority Supervisor VanLuven signed. The Resolution may be located at the Township Hall upon request.

**Southwood Drive Culvert Update:** Treasurer Filbrandt reviewed the email from Chris Holmes in regard to the clarification on the status of the Southwood Drive Culvert being put in. A copy of the email may be located at The Township Hall upon request.

**Cost Estimate for Road & Water Fund (Old School):** Clerk Aho and Deb Pellow reviewed the two cost estimates with The Board and the options that come with each estimate. The two options are \$190,850.00 or \$300,000.00. Pellow recommended the higher amount, being a more suitable option. Pellow also explained if The Board approves The Sale of Property, funds would be allocated towards the infrastructure, leaving Tilden Township with a profit when the properties sell. After some discussion about where the money would come from in the Road Fund and Water Fund, The Board chose the \$300,000.00 cost estimate option.

VanLuven/moved, Marietti/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; to pay the cost estimate of \$300,000.00.

**New Business:** Emergency Phone Line (Range Booster) – Treasurer Filbrandt expressed that she was disappointed with the performance of the booster that was installed at The Township Hall to help boost cell phone reception. The Board chose to purchase the booster for \$2,500.00. Filbrandt stated she would like to call and have Range come out to either improve it or possibly get reimbursed \$2,500.00 if nothing can be done. The Board agreed, Filbrandt will call Range and inquire.

**Budget Amendment:** Clerk Aho reviewed the amendments over Road Fund, Water Fund and Fire/Garbage Fund. Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to accept the Budget Amendments for Road, Water & Fire/Garbage Funds.



**Public Comment:** N/A

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Tara Aho, Tilden Township Clerk

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