

**Tilden Township Meeting Minutes**  
**February 17, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board, held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 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: Jamie Campbell, Treasurer: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Gary Thibeault

**Agenda:** Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with the addition of: Adoption of Poverty Resolution for Board Adoption, added to the Unfinished Business portion of the meeting.

**Minutes:** Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to accept January 20, 2026, Meeting minutes.

**Public Comment:** Deputy Clerk Campbell informed The Board that all current Election Inspectors need updated training for their recertifications, to which all Inspectors are now signed up for.

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

- **General:** 22977(E)-(E)22991/25506-25525
- **Fire/Garbage:** 1529-1531
- **Water:** 110(E)-(E)116/7356-7357
- **Road:** 5078-5079
- **Tax-Winter:** 4118-4133

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

**Communications:** Central Upper Peninsula Management Planning Committee Meeting Dates – The Board reviewed the information from CUPMPC's. A copy may be located at the Township Hall upon request.

**Supervisor's Comments:** Supervisor VanLuven would like to look into the water line on County Road 476, Dyno Noble water line, with possibly borrowing money from the General Fund to cover costs. VanLuven stated that he would check with the Township Attorney to discuss any legalities before going any further.

**Water Business:** DPW Supervisor Matt Champion informed the Board that a hole was punched in a water line, that now needs to be fixed.

**New Business:** Letter of Resignation – Clerk Tara Aho explained that due to personal reasons, she would be resigning from her role as Tilden Township Clerk. Aho went on to state that she enjoyed her time within Tilden and that her Deputy, Jamie Campbell, had offered to stay on as acting Clerk, until one was appointed. Ms. Campbell is to put an ad in The Mining Journal for the available Clerk Board Member vacancy. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, to accept the resignation of Tara Aho from the role of Tilden Township Clerk and accept Jamie Campbell as the acting Clerk until one is appointed and/or elected.

**MCRC 2026 Dust Control Bid –** The Board reviewed the MCRC dust control bid of \$2,586.55, including the 8.5% overhead charge. Supervisor VanLuven stated that a half mile prior to and a half mile past the turn off road, county Road CG, on Steel Bridge Road. The Board estimated an additional cost of \$1,000.00/mile for the additional dust control. Supervisor VanLuven will contact MCRC about the additional mile added to the contract. Once the contract is revised, Supervisor VanLuven will sign. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, to pay MCRC \$2,586.55, with an additional \$1,000.00 cost added, for Dust Control 2026.

**New Business Continued:** UPSET Contract for Services – The Board reviewed the contract submitted from UPSET and agreed that Tilden would contribute the same amount as the year prior of \$5,000.00. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, to contribute \$5,000.00 to UPSET for the year of 2026. Clerk Aho to sign the contract and fax in.

MTA Principals of Government – The Board reviewed the MTA Principles of Government distributed to Tilden Township's Board, for each Board Member to pledge and sign. All Board members signed. A copy of the Principles of Government is posted and located at the Tilden Township Hall, as well as on the Tilden Township website.

**Unfinished Business:** CBDG Request for Modification Sheet – Clerk Aho informed The Board that there was a previous email missed, requesting modifications to the grant application for CBDG. A list was provided within the email, showing where the modifications were needed on the application. If Tilden is unable to receive the CBDG Grant, Tilden will still be liable to cover any costs of the new lot's water lines being installed where the old National Mine School once stood. The Board suggested calling Antonio, who had assisted on the application previously, for some directions or assistance with the modifications. Clerk Aho stated that she would also contact Lion's Bear, as they were hired by Tilden for the application, to see if they can assist in modifications as well. Supervisor VanLuven suggested contacting the engineers too.

Adoption of Poverty Exemption for Tilden Township; Board Adoption – The Board reviewed the Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2026 and the Poverty Exemption Resolution. After some discussion, a motion was made to adopt the Poverty Exemption Resolution. Thibeault/moved, Marietti/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, to adopt The Poverty Exemption for Tilden Township Resolution; Resolution may be found at the Township Hall upon request.

**Board Member Comments:** Clerk Aho thanked The Board for her time within Tilden Township.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.

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Jamie Campbell, Tilden Township Acting Clerk

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