

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2026

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board, held on Tuesday, January 20, 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: Tara Aho, Treasurer: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Gary Thibeault

Agenda: Thibeault moved/ Aho supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with the addition of: Processing ACH Payment Approval, added to the New Business portion of the meeting.

Minutes: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept December 16, 2025, Meeting minutes, with the correction to the Fund Balance portion – Corrected to be reviewed at the March Board Meeting, not the January Board Meeting.

Public Comment: N/A

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

- **General:** 22968(E)-22976(E)/25393-25472
- **Fire/Garbage:** 1526-1528
- **Water:** 104(E)-(E)109/7319-7343
- **Road:** 5076-5077
- **Tax-Winter:** 4088-4117

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

Communications: N/A

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven addressed that a PT employee of Tilden Township, had worked for Tilden for an extended period and should have received longevity. The Board discussed there might be something in the Policy regarding PT employees not receiving the benefit but will investigate for the following business day. If the current Policy doesn't specify to include PT employees, VanLuven would like that Policy amended so that PT employees receive the Longevity benefits as well as FT employees.

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: Tilden Township Recreation Plan/Final Draft; Dotty LaJoye – Dotty reviewed with The Board with the process that has taken place up to date and explained the Public Hearing Portion of the Recreation Plan. After some discussion, The Board moved to exit out of The Regular Public Meeting and enter a Public Hearing.

Public Hearing: Tilden Township Recreation Plan – Clerk Aho moved to close the Tilden Township Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing for Tilden Township Recreation Plan. Aho moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to close The Tilden Township Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing for Tilden Township Recreation Plan.

- The Board of Tilden Township asked for any Public Comment on the Final Draft for the Recreation Plan for Tilden Township, to which there was no Public Comment.

With no Public Comment, Clerk Aho moved to close the Public Hearing for Tilden Township Recreation Plan and open the Tilden Township Regular Meeting. Aho moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to close the Public Hearing for Tilden Township and open the Tilden Township Regular Meeting.

The Tilden Township Board motioned to accept the Final Draft of the Recreation plan and voted by a rollcall vote. Aho Moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; upon a rollcall vote to accept the Final Draft of the Tilden Township Recreation Plan – 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Clerk Aho to sign the Tilden Township Five-Year Recreation Plan Resolution of Adoption.

Unfinished Business Continued: CPR Training – Treasurer Filbrandt informed The Board that CPR Training available to all staff and Board members interested on February 26. There wasn't an exact cost quoted yet, but Filbrandt was informed it would be a minimal amount. There are multiple staff and Board Members signed up to attend.

Document Deconstruction – Clerk Aho presented The Board with a few quotes from different vendors that handle document deconstruction for The Township's record retention. Trustee Marietti inquired about if The Landfill still did document deconstruction. Clerk Aho will investigate The Landfill as a possible vendor further. Tabled until the next Regular Board Meeting.

Special Meeting Dates: Budget Discussion – The Board will hold a Special Meeting on February 20th at 1:00PM to discuss and review the budget for the FY 26'-27'.

New Business: SEMCO Energy Franchise – The Board reviewed the reviewed the franchise information packet. After some discussion, The Board made a motion to accept the SEMCO Energy Franchise by a rollcall vote. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; upon a rollcall vote to accept the SEMCO Energy Franchise – 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Processing ACH payment Approval – Treasurer Filbrandt requested to be able to process payments to certain vendors through ACH, continuing Board approval of the bills prior to payment. Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to use ACH payments when applicable to vendors.

906 Technologies – The battery for the backup system, for Tilden Township, is dying. 906 Technologies provided a quote for a new battery at \$602.91. Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to purchase a new battery for the backup system for Tilden Township from 906 Technologies for \$602.91.

Board Member Comments: Treasurer Filbrandt informed The Board about joining TextMyGov. It is a way for residents to keep updated and informed with their local Township information, such as waterline breaks, road closures, etc.

Clerk Aho stated that she will look into the Longevity matter further and keep The Board informed.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Jamie Campbell, Tilden Township Deputy Clerk