

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes March 24, 2026

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, March 24, 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: N/A, Treasurer: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Gary Thibeault, Trustee: Craig Marietti

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda, with the addition of Budget Amendment under New Business and the addition of Hall Rental – West End Care Givers to New Business.

Minutes: Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the February 17, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

Special Minutes: Marietti moved/ Filbrandt supported/ PASSED; to accept the February 20, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes.

Public Comment: N/A

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

- **General:** 22983(E)-22995(E)/ 25525-25587 • **Fire/Garbage:** 1532-1534 • **Water:** 117(E)-122(E)/ 7358-7370
- **Road:** 5080-5081 • **Tax-Winter;** 4126-4141

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Truth in Taxation Resolution Proposed, Public Hearing, Hearing & Resolution Adoption: A motion was made to open the public hearing for the Truth in Taxation. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED to open the Truth in Taxation public hearing. Supervisor VanLuven read aloud The Resolution. A motion was made to close the Truth in Taxation public hearing. Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported / PASSED to close the Truth in Taxation public hearing. There was no public comment. A motion was made to accept the Truth in Taxation Resolution. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported / PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be located at the Township Hall upon request.

Millage Rates Resolution Adoption: General Fund – 1.0853, Road Fund – 0.9296, Fire Fund – 0.3296 & Garbage Protection Fund – 0.6071. Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported / PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be located at the Township Hall upon request.

General Appropriations Act: Supervisor VanLuven read the General Appropriations Act aloud. After some discussion from the Board, a motion was made. Marietti/moved, VanLuven/supported /PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; The General Appropriation Act may be located at the Township Hall upon request.

Budget Public Hearing & Adoption: A motion was made to open the public hearing for the FY '26-'27 Budget. Treasurer Filbrandt presented two separate finalized options for the budget. A Motion was made to close the public hearing for the FY '26 - 27' Budget. There was no public comment. A motion was made regarding the proposed option two FY '26 -'27 Budget, without the 457 2% raise match. Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported / PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; The FY'26 -'27 Budget may be located at the Township Hall upon request.

Buying and Selling Land 2026 FY Resolution: The Board discussed The Resolution. Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported / PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be located at the Township Hall upon request.

Policy & Procedures 2026 FY Resolution: The Board discussed The Resolution. Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported / PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be located at the Township Hall upon request.

Salary: Board, Commissions and Appointees 2026 FY Resolution: The Board discussed The Resolution. Thibeault moved/ Filbrandt supported / PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be located at the Township Hall upon request.

Salary: Deputies 2026 FY Resolution: The Board discussed The Resolution of increasing the hourly rate for deputies from \$19.00/hour to \$20.00/hour. Thibeault moved/ Filbrandt supported / PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be located at the Township Hall upon request.

Salary: Employee Wage & Benefit Package 2026 FY Resolution: The Board discussed The Resolution for giving employees raises per the Salary Employee Wage & Benefit Package Resolution. Filbrandt moved/ Thibeault supported / PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be located at the Township Hall upon request.

Salary: Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer 2026 FY Resolution: The Board discussed The Resolution for increasing the Supervisor salary to \$1,000/month; \$900 from General and \$100 from Water. As well as increasing the Clerk and Treasurer salary to \$1,500/month; \$1,375.00 from General and \$125.00 from Water. Filbrandt moved/ Thibeault supported / PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be located at the Township Hall upon request.

Salary: Trustees 2026 FY Resolution: The Board discussed The Resolution for increasing the Trustees salary to \$200/month; \$75.00 for special meetings, as well as \$75 for outside meetings with Board approval. Filbrandt moved/ VanLuven supported / PASSED upon a roll call vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Resolution may be located at the Township Hall upon request.

Communications: WETESA – The Board reviewed the WETESA meeting minutes. The WETESA FY '26 – '27 Resolution is expected to be presented at the next monthly Board meeting.

Communications Continued: AT&T Business; UP Fiber, INC. – The Board discussed that the Township Hall has one emergency line currently but there is an opportunity to add more options down the road. Tabled for now.

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: Tilden Township Policy & Procedures – The Board reviewed the verbiage adjustments made within the Policy & Procedures.

New Business: Revised Ishpeming Twp. Fire Dept. Reminder – Effective April 1, 2026, the Fire Retainer Rates will increase 5% for the 2026 – 2027 FY; increasing from the previous rate of \$4,933.00/month to the new rate of \$5,180.00/month. A motion was made to accept the new Fire Retainer Rates for the '26 – '27 FY. Filbrandt moved/ VanLuven supported / PASSED to accept the '26 – '27 FY Fire Retainer Rates.

2026 Primary Road & Local Road HMA Paving Bid – The Board reviewed the bids from Bacco Construction and from Payne & Dolan, INC. for the Local Road HMA Paving: for County Road PCE, as well as County Road PRA. Bacco bid \$121,940.20. Payne & Dolan bid \$183,099.55. After some discussion the Board made a motion to accept the bid for Bacco Construction in the amount of \$121,940.20. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the Bacco Construction bid of \$121,940.20 for the 2026 Primary Road & Local Road HMA Paving.

Employee Resignation – Supervisor VanLuven read aloud the resignation letter of the Office Manager, Kaitlyn Keto. The Board accepted the resignation. Filling the vacancy discussion tabled until the March 26, 2026, Special Meeting.

Proposed New Township Hall Office Hours – Treasurer Filbrandt presented the proposed new Township office hours. Monday & Tuesday 9AM – 2PM, Wednesday 9AM – 4PM, Thursday & Friday 9AM – 1PM. There was a continued discussion referring to Hall rental key pick up. A coded lockbox was suggested for use. Treasurer Filbrandt will investigate lockbox options.

Budget Amendments – Treasurer Filbrandt presented previous FY budget amendments per quarter. The Board reviewed and discussed each quarterly amendment and a motion was made to accept all four quarterly amendments. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the previous FY quarterly budget amendments.

New Business Continued: Hall Rental; West End Care Givers Class – The West End Health is offering a care givers class. There are multiple Townships participating in providing the classes and The West End would like to provide classes at The Tilden Township Hall as well. The West End does have liability insurance to extend to The Tilden Hall upon rental. The classes will be provided April 2, 2026 & April 14, 2026. A motion was made to allow The West End Health Association to provide care giver classes at The Tilden Township Hall. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to allow The West End Health Association to provide care giver classes at The Tilden Township Hall.

Public Comment: N/A

Board Comments: Treasurer Filbrandt asked for approval in paying the CPR invoice from the previous CPR Training held for Tilden Board members and employees in the amount of \$200.00 (\$40.00 per person). Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the invoice for the CPR Training in the amount of \$200.00.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Jamie Campbell, Tilden Township Deputy Clerk