

**Tilden Township Special Meeting Minutes**  
**March 26, 2026**

The special meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at the township hall. Supervisor VanLuven called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board members present:** Supervisor: Fred VanLuven, Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Gary Thibeault

**Board members absent:** N/A

**Agenda:** Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with the addition of Election Administrator/ PR & AP Administrator Hire to New Business, as well as the addition of Front-End Position Vacancy to New Business.

**Public Comment:** Deb Pellow requested time to speak under the Brownfield portion of the meeting; time was approved.

**Unfinished Business:** N/A

**New Business:** Public Hearing for DNR Trust Fund Grant – Trustee Marietti motioned to open the Public Hearing for the DNR Trust Fund Grant. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to open the Public Hearing for the DNR Trust Fund Grant. Deputy Clerk Jamie Campbell presented the narrative to the Board and public. After which, a motion was made by Trustee Marietti to close the Public Hearing. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to close the Public Hearing for the DNR Trust Fund Grant.

Public Comment for Public Hearing: N/A

Adoption of Trust Fund Grant Resolution – Supervisor VanLuven read aloud, the Tilden Township Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Approval and Resolution of Authorization of Matching Funds. A motion was made to adopt the resolution. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to adopt the Tilden Township Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application Approval and Resolution of Authorization of Matching Funds, upon a rollcall vote; 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT.

School Property Development – Treasurer Filbrandt presented an overview financial report of the school property development, explaining that once the Grant is completed, Tilden may start putting the work out on bids. Filbrandt stated that she would like to do a monthly update with the Board with the process, which would be discussed at the scheduled monthly Board meetings.

Brownfield Discussion – Deb Pellow presented a loan opportunity from Brownfield to assist in the school project funds. Pellow explained that it is a small loan with interest, reimbursed back through millage. The County and Tilden Township would both receive a percentage of the payback. Pellow stated that if approved, her and Tilden's Grant Coordinator, Ashlee, would start working on the application. After some discussion, the Board made a motion. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to apply for the Brownfield Loan, upon a rollcall vote; 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT.

Tilden Township Clerk Vacancy – The Board reviewed the two applications submitted for the Clerk position from Kaitylyn Keto & Deb Pellow. Pellow, having been the Clerk previously, offered to come back until after the November Election is completed, at half the allotted salary per month so that she may utilize her Deputy more. After some discussion, a motion was made to appoint Deb Pellow as the Tilden Township Clerk until November 20, 2026, at noon. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to appoint Deb Pellow as the Tilden Township Clerk until November 20, 2026, at noon.

Election Administrator/ PR & AP Administrator – Deputy Clerk Jamie Campbell presented the position of Election Administrator, as well as Payroll and AP Administrator to the Board. Campbell explained if the Township were to ever lose a Clerk again, these positions could temporarily assist in completing tasks within the Township, such as the election, payroll and AP. Treasurer Filbrandt commented on possibly outsourcing for payroll. After some discussion, the Board made a motion to hire Jamie Campbell as the Election Administrator / PR & AP Administrator until November 20, 2026, at noon, taking the Election Chairperson wage for Election work and the Deputy Clerk wage for any PR & AP work. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to hire Jamie Campbell as the Election Administrator / PR & AP Administrator until November 20, 2026, at noon, taking the Election Chairperson wage for Election work and the Deputy Clerk wage for any PR & AP work.

Front-End Position – The Board discussed having the Deputy Clerk & Deputy Treasurer split the front-end hours, the way that Ishpeming Township does, at the current Deputy wages. The Board suggested a trial run from the time of April 1 – April 21 and decide at the next monthly Board meeting. The Board also stated that if neither Deputy, nor Treasurer Filbrandt, were unable to open the Township Hall, the Hall would be closed for the day. Filbrandt moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to hire the Deputies at the current Deputy wage, to split the front-end office hours, upon a rollcall vote;  
4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT

**Board Member Comments:** The Board addressed the MCTA Spring Banquet will be on May 6, 2026, at the Bay Cliff Health Camp. The event starts at 4 PM. A \$25-\$30 gift for a raffle drawing is requested.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Adjournment:** Supervisor VanLuven adjourned the special meeting at 2:15 PM.

  
Jamie Campbell, Tilden Township Acting Clerk