

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, April 21, 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: Deb Pellow, Treasurer: Julie Filbrandt, Trustee: Craig Marietti, Trustee: Gary Thibeault

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda as presented,

Minutes: Filbrandt moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the March 24, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes with corrections.

Special Meeting Minutes: Filbrandt moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED; to accept the March 26, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes with corrections.

Public Comment: Dave Kari thanked the Board for the road improvements on Kari Lane. Joanne Manty thanked the staff for keeping the ski trails groomed in the winter. Deb Pellow thanked Matt Champion for his dedication during the flooding.

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

- General: 22996(E)-23010(E)/25588-25645 • Fire/Garbage: 1535-1540
- Water: 123(E)-129(E)/7370-7392 • Road: 5082-5084 • Tax; Winter: 4142

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

Communications: Nationwide Quarterly Investment Report, MDOT Annual Meeting, Annual Report MQT County Landbank, and Lake Superior Community Partnership update – all place on file

A+ Pest Control Service – VanLuven moved/Pellow supported/Passed to continue with this service.

Grant Report; The Board thanked Ashlee for the report on the grants she is working on for the Township. Pellow asked for approval to advertise for a Third-Party Administrator and Engineer for final help/work on the CBDG once we receive the "Notice to Proceed". Marietti moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED to advertise for the TPA and Engineer.

Supervisor's Comments: VanLuven discussed with the Board the fact that the County is not informing the Supervisor of the time and place of the specific ore tax meeting. By law the Supervisor is part of these meetings. VanLuven will contact County Chairperson Derocha to get this straightened out. VanLuven discussed with the Board allowing dogs in the building. Pellow reminded the Board that they could not exclude "service dogs". The Board decided that if dogs are brought in the building by employees, they should be kept in the Clerks office and brought in through the back door.

WETESA Budget/Resolution: (moved from new business), The Board reviewed the budget and resolution. Pellow moved/Filbrandt supported/PASSED, by a roll call vote, 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Water Business: The Board discussed some upgrades to the water system including the PLC, the alarm and the wireless IO transmitter. Marietti moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED by roll call vote to have Talsma Controls upgrade the above items with a not to exceed budget of \$17,000.00. 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Unfinished Business: Front Office Position: Pellow and Filbrandt presented to the Board the possible change in the front position, where the current Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Clerk take on the front office duties and become Township employees. The new positions would be titled Office Administrators /Deputies. The hours would increase to 30 hours per week, as a rule, (exception Elections), for both employees, they would be crossed trained in BS&A applications as well as all aspects of the front office. One employee will be the Deputy Treasurer along with Grant Administrator and the other employee will be the Deputy Clerk along with Election Administrator. This change would save the Township over \$14,000.00 per year. They would receive all benefits in the personal policy base on a ¾ time position, except Healthcare and the HSA plan (Healthcare and the HAS plan shall only apply to 40 per week employees). The personal policy will be changed to reflect these new positions as well as any related job descriptions. To ensure coverage of the front office these two employees shall schedule vacation and personal time off at different times. Pellow moved/Filbrandt supported/PASSED, (Marietti voted No) to make these personnel changes.

Pellow and Filbrandt will work on the necessary changes to the personal policy and job descriptions.

Silversmith Service Agreement and Tablet: The Board discussed the new software for the water system which can also be used for general inventory. The cost is \$3271.00 for the service agreement and \$260.23 for the tablet. Filbrandt moved/Pellow supported/PASSED;

to sign the service agreement and purchase the tablet from Silversmith with General paying 25% and Water paying 75% of these costs. This will be a capital expense.

DPW Laptop: The Board discussed the purchase of a new laptop for the DPW. The cost will be \$1,151.25. Pellow moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED; to purchase a new laptop for the DPW at a cost of \$1,151.23 plus set up costs.

Fund Balance Policy. Filbrandt presented the Board with the final version of the Fund Balance Policy with requested changes.

NEW BUSINESS: House Washing Bids: The Board received two bids; one from JCS Pressure Washing for 18 cents per sq. ft. and the other from Tooch's for 22 cents per sq. ft up to 2,000 sq. ft. house and 25 cents per sq. ft for houses over 2,000 sq. ft. Pellow moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED to accept the bid from JCS Pressure Washing.

Public Comment: NONE.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk

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