

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 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

Board members absent: N/A

Agenda: Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with the additions of: Notice of Public Hearing with Dotie LaJoye & Bid Amendment, both added to the Unfinished Business portion of the meeting.

Minutes: Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept November 18, 2025, Meeting minutes.

Public Comment: N/A

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

- General: 22953(E)-22967(E)/25315-25392
- Fire/Garbage: 1517-1525
- Water: 93(E)-103(E)/7306-7318
- Road: 5064-5075
- Tax-Winter: 4078-4087

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

Communications: MCSWMA Board Meeting Schedule/Holiday Schedule & Household Hazardous Waste Schedule and Information Sheet – The Township Board reviewed and discussed all the MCSWMA Schedules and information. A copy of each may be located at The Township Hall upon request.

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: Notice of Public Hearing with Dotie LaJoye – Dotie LaJoye presented and reviewed The Final Draft for Tilden Township's Recreation Plan. Dotie informed The Board that 85 recreation surveys had been completed and returned. Going on to explain that there were a few suggestions submitted for additional recreation items, such as a smokeless firepit. Dotie informed The Board that there are more Grants available soon. In 2027 there will be a Recreation Grant available through the DNR, which will need to be filed a year prior, as well as the Natural Resources Trust Grant. LaJoye let Treasurer Filbrandt know that she will be emailing Filbrandt the link for the Final Draft Recreation Plan for Tilden Township, to put on display on the Township Website. As of January 1, 2026, Supervisor VanLuven will need to initiate the post completion reports on the MI Grant website, along with going through the checklist and posting pictures of all signs. Dotie requested a copy of the Spark Grant that had been applied for by Tilden Township in the past.

Bid Amendment: UPEA bid increased by \$8,400.00, \$3,400.00 of which for locating lines. Supervisor VanLuven plans on speaking with UPEA within the next few business days, to clarify if this payment is required to be paid by Tilden Township or if the grant for this project will cover it. Aho moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to amend the UPEA bid and pay the additional \$8,400.00.

Unfinished Business Continued: Board of Review Applications – The Township Board looked over 3 applications for the 2 available Board of Review positions, applicants being Herbie Walline, Jason Aho & Deb Pellow. After some discussion, Trustee Marietti made a motion to appoint Herbie Walline & Jason Aho. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED upon a rollcall vote; to appoint Herbie Walline & Jason Aho to The Tilden Township Board of Review. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstained (Clerk Aho)

New Business: Staff CPR Training – Treasurer Filbrandt and Clerk Aho addressed a recent medical emergency that took place at The Township Hall and suggested having The Township Staff CPR trained for any future medical emergency situations. All staff, Deputies included, are welcome to take the CPR training. DPW Supervisor Matthew Champion advised The Board that the cost was around \$100.00 for CPR training for himself and an additional DPW employee in the past. Treasurer Filbrandt will speak with Allsion from WETESA to inquire about the CPR training and will bring information back to The Board once available. Aho moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay for CPR training for any Tilden Township Board members, staff or Deputies that choose to take the training.

Fund Balance Policy: Treasurer Filbrandt reviewed a rough draft Fund Balance Policy with The Board, asking for any notes or adjustments needed, as Filbrandt would like to have the policy finalized and ready to be voted on at the January 2026 Board meeting.


MTA Subscription: Treasurer Filbrandt informed The Board that the subscription to MTA for The Township had not been renewed yet. MTA supplies different package prices, depending on the number of training courses available. Supervisor VanLuven stated that he believes that The Township should subscribe to the highest available package to ensure anyone within The Township has access to all training courses if interested and applicable. Aho moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay for the highest subscription available from the MTA for training courses.

Special Meeting for Budget: Prior to the March 2026 Budget Meeting, The Township Board will be scheduling a Special Meeting for discussion on the 2026 Township Budget. Further discussion on dates for the special meeting will be forthcoming.

Tilden Township 2026 Regular Board Meeting Dates: The Board Reviewed the Tilden Township 2026 Regular Board Meeting Dates: January 20th, February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, June 16th, July 21st, August 18th, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th and December 15th. Aho moved/ Marietti PASSED; to accept the dates for the 2026 Tilden Township Regular Board Meetings.

Public Comment: Bruce Coron inquired if The Township has any signage for the AED machine within The Township Hall, either directing people where to locate the machine, or directions on how to operate the machine. While there is already some signage on the AED machine that has instructions for using the machine, The Office Manager is currently looking into signage that will help people locate the machine (the AED machine is in The Tilden Hall's Kitchen). Mr. Coron also asked if The Special Meeting for The Township Budget would be open to the public as well, to which the answer was "Yes".

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Tera Aho, Tilden Township Clerk