

Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, May 19, 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

Agenda: Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda as presented.

Minutes: Thibeault moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes.

Public Comment: N/A

Bills: Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay the bills as presented;

- General: 25642-25681 & 23011(E)-23022(E) • Fire/Garbage: 1539-1544
- Water: 7391-7393 & 130(E)-138(E) • Road: 5084-5085 • Tax; Winter:4143-4145
- TruNorth CC: 0(E)-1(E)

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

Communications: Marquette County Landfill; Plastic Bags Recycling – The Landfill does not currently have a plan set for plastic bag recycling. The Board discussed submitting a letter to the Marquette County Landfill addressing the issue.

Marquette County Landfill; Record Retention Destruction – Deputy Clerk Campbell informed the Board that record retention destruction was free through the Landfill. The records out of retention were boxed and taped shut, placed on a pallet and the DPWs took the pallet to the Landfill to be destroyed.

BCBS Overnight Payments & Public Act 152; Hard Cap Rates – The Board had previously opted out of the Public Act 152. Then the Board reviewed the overnight payment information provided by BCBS.

UP Fiber; METRO Act Permit Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit – The Board reviewed the Permit informing the public that the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, LLC (“Michigan Bell” or “Assignor”) is indirectly, wholly owned by AT&T Inc. and is an incumbent local exchange carrier (“ILEC”) in Michigan. UP Fiber, Inc. (“UP Fiber” or “Assignee”) (together with Assignor, the “parties”) is a privately held Delaware corporation incorporated on August 29, 2024, and is an ILEC in Michigan that is owned and controlled by Daniel M. Miller and other individuals with extensive experience managing ILECs and other providers of high-speed internet, voice, video, mobile, home automation and managed hosting.

Communications Continued: WETESA Minutes – The Board reviewed the April 14th, 2026, WETESA minutes and verified that the Tilden population towards the budget was adjusted.

Grant Updates: Brownfield, CDBG, DNR Trust Fund Grant –The Board reviewed the rest of the grant updates; a copy may be found at the Township Hall.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor VanLuven informed the Board that CCI had a large turnover of people recently and that he was working on getting updated figures from Gabe at CCI. VanLuven also discussed the new sections of culvert needing purchased for Southwood Drive per Moyle Trucking. Marietti moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED; to pursue looking into costs for the few sections of culvert from Moyle Trucking to complete the Southwood Drive project.

Water Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: CUPPAD Grant - Clerk Pellow informed the Board on the Phase 1 update, stating that Fishback will prepare the Brownfield plan as well as NEPPA. \$6,000.00 will be added to the \$100,000.00 grant money, which Tilden has 15 years to pay back.

Budget Amendments; Final '25-'26 FY – Clerk Pellow reviewed the final Budget amendments for each fund, to which a motion was made to accept all amendments for all funds. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the final budget amendments for the '25-'26 FY.

New Business: Computer for Planning & Zoning Administrator – Clerk Pellow informed the Board that she believes the P&Z Admin should have a laptop to be able to complete his work and that it would cost around \$1,200.00. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to purchase a laptop from 906 Technologies for the Planning and Zoning Administrator.

ABC Windows & Doors Estimate for Hall Doors – Pellow stated that the estimate was over \$10,000.00. Per Tilden's Policy, the installation of new doors will need to go out for bids. In addition, the resurfacing of the recreational courts (basketball & tennis), as well as new outer signage for the Township Hall will need to go out for bids. The office assistants Campbell & Kinnunen will place an ad in The Mining Journal, as well as place it on the Township website, asking for bids to be submitted by the June Board meeting.

Personnel Policy Changes – The recent changes to the personnel policy reflect the changes made for ¾ time employees. Pellow moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the changes made to the personnel policy.

Hall Rental Agreement – Pellow presented the Hall & Pavilion rental agreement revised by the Attorney and will send a copy of the new agreements to Hannula Insurance Company. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the revised Hall & Pavilion rental agreement.

New Business Continued: UP Builders; Communication Boards for Township Parks – Deputy Clerk Campbell informed the Board that UP Builders are interested in making and installing communication boards at the Tilden parks. The boards are free of charge to the Township and are made and installed by UP Builders. There are two donations needed from the public in the amount of \$250.00 each for completion, to which Tilden already had one donor. Trustee Marietti volunteered to be the second donor for the communication boards. Campbell will contact UP Builders upon the next business day to inform them of the second donation made.

Township Facebook Page – Treasurer Filbrandt presented the option of setting up a Township Facebook page to inform residents of upcoming events or any Township information to be shared. Filbrandt suggested setting up the page with the comment section turned off and it to be strictly for information purposes. The Township office assistants will begin setting up the Facebook page within the next few days.

Tractor on Bids – Michigamme has put a John Deere 4320 utility tractor with five implements on bids, with the bid window running from May 9 – May 22, 2026. Sealed bids must be submitted to Michigamme Township Hall by May 22, 2026, at 3:00PM. The Tilden Board was not interested in bidding on the tractor.

Spam Calling & Fees/Sub Charges; Charter Communications – Deputy Clerk Campbell presented a spreadsheet to the Board, showing the amount of spam calls that the Township Hall main office had been receiving over the previous few weeks. In addition, the fees and surcharges that Charter Communications has recently added on to the monthly bills to the Township. The Board suggested looking into a blocking option on the phone, but unfortunately the spam callers are using a “spoofing” app to help disguise their number as local numbers, such as other Townships and local businesses. Campbell stated she would investigate options to help prevent the spam calls and update the Board if any are found.

Public Comment: N/A

Board Comments: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.



Deborah L Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk