Tilden Township Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026

The regular meeting of the Tilden Township Board was held on Tuesday, August 18, 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: Clerk Pellow moved to add Water Policy Amendment under Water Business, 3 Salary Resolutions to pass under New Business & Zoning Administrator under New Business. Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the agenda with the additions of Water Policy Amendment under Water Business, 3 Salary Resolutions to pass under New Business & Zoning Administrator under New Business.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the July 21, 2026, Regular meeting minutes with corrections. Thibeault moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the July 21, 2026, Regular meeting minutes with corrections.

Public Comment: N/A

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

- General: (E)23051-(E)23063 & 25812-25881 • Fire/Garbage: - 1554-1557
- Water: (E)149-(E)154 & 7443-7445 • Road: 5093-5094 • TruNorth CC: (E)4
- Tax: 4157-4164

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

Communications: Communications have been placed on file.

Grant Updates: Brownfield, CDBG, DNR Trust Fund Grant – Clerk Pellow informed the Board that the Grant has now been signed. Pellow also stated that NEPA was still needed, but once complete, Habitat for Humanity will begin constructing the first home starting in the Winter. DPW Supervisor Champion said that he would like to look into purchasing the supplies needed for the water main before prices go up.

Third-Party Admin Decision – Clerk Pellow reviewed each of the Third-Party Administrator proposals with the Board. The proposal from FLB includes 60 hours of time for general tasks associated with the grant. FLB also had the highest score, at 87. The contract cannot be signed until permission is granted. The grant allows for $27,000.00 in administration expenses with $19,000.00 for FLB and the rest would go towards township employee wages. Pellow moved/VanLuven supported/PASSED by roll call vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 absent, to accept the proposal from FLB as the Third-Party Grant Administrator based on the higher scoring and the number of hours allotted towards general tasks due to the complexity of the grant.

Supervisor's Comments: N/A

Water Business: Well House; Backwash Drain for Well 2 – DPW Supervisor Champion informed the Board that Well 2 has been having issues with the backwash peculating into the well and will need to be cleaned and/or replaced. Supervisor VanLuven suggested digging it out and replacing it or making it larger. Clerk Pellow asked what can be done with the sludge once it is emptied. Trustee Marietti suggested calling UP Environmental for removal and disposal. Marietti then suggested taking out the top 2 layers and installing a liner. DPW Supervisor Champion informed the Board that he was waiting on EGLE to return his call and needs direction from them before anything can be done. Champion will ask EGLE if the sludge can be dug out until a permanent solution can be made. Supervisor VanLuven suggested contacting an engineer to see if they have any ideas.

Well Treatment Estimate – The Board reviewed the Estimate from Kleiman for the well treatment in the amount of $3,442.40. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay $3,442.40 to Kleiman for the well treatment.

Water Policy Amendment – The Board reviewed and discussed the changes to the Water Policy. Changes included a rise in Shut Offs/Turn On fees to $50.00 (for each), 10% added to any unpaid balance. The Board discussed the possibility of adding a security deposit in the future to new home renters or owners if things do not improve with delinquent accounts. Pellow moved/ Marietti supported/ PASSED; to accept the changes to the Water Policy, going into effect during the next water billing cycle (September 2, 2026). A copy of the Water Policy is located at the Tilden Township Hall upon request.

Unfinished Business: Misc. Debris; Isis Delarye A1 Hauling – Office Admin Kinnunen informed the Board that A1 Hauling quoted the Township $3,500.00 to clean and remove Delarye's property of the misc. debris. Clerk Pellow suggested coordinating with the Sheriff to have them present at the time of the cleaning. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to pay A1 Hauling $3,500.00 to remove the misc. debris from the Delarye property.

Township Board Meeting Table Purchase – Trustee Thibeault let the Board know that he was still having a hard time finding a table that would be adequate and fitting for the needs of the Board and Township. Tabled until the next meeting.

Final Kari Lane Payment Approval; MJ VanDamme – Supervisor VanLuven stated that Kari called and had some complaints about the ditching that was done on Kari Lane. VanLuven recommended not making the final payment. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to withhold the final payment of $3,964.92 to MJ VanDamme until the complaints are addressed.

Misc. Debris List; Letter Sent – The Board reviewed the Misc. Debris List and the updated pictures of the properties, taken by the Sheriff. Four residents are to receive citations due to failure to remove the misc. debris from their property. Sheriff to issue the citations.

Unfinished Business Continued: Landfill Haulers; Township Attorney – Clerk Pellow requested more time to inquire with the Township Attorney and with the local landfill. Tabled until the next meeting.

New Business: J. Larson Letter / Grant of Highway Easement –The Township received a bill from J. Larson, requesting $620.21 payment for additional repairs he made to the ditch in front of his property on Southwood Drive. Clerk Pellow will be contacting the Township Attorney for guidance on the matter and stated that she would have no issue paying the bill if Mr. Larson was willing to sign the Easement for Southwood Drive. Both Trustee Marietti and Trustee Thibeault found it unnecessary to pay Mr. Larson based on their review of the property repair. Pellow inquired if MCRC were able to file for eminent domain. Supervisor VanLuven will call MCRC to find out. Tabled until the next meeting.

Job Descriptions; Deputies, Election & Grant Administrators & Office Administrator – The Board reviewed the updated job descriptions. Marietti moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED; to accept the updated job descriptions for the Deputies, Election & Grant Admins, and the Office Admin positions.

Resolutions (3) Salary Pay – Salary: Boards, Commissions and Appointees; A motion was made to accept the Resolution and a rollcall vote followed. Pellow moved/ VanLuven supported/ PASSED, to accept the Salary: Boards, Commissions and Appointees Resolution, upon a rollcall vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Salary: Deputies; A motion was made to accept the Resolution and a rollcall vote followed. Pellow moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED, to accept the Salary: Deputies Resolution, upon a rollcall vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Salary: Employee Wage & Benefit Package; A motion was made to accept the Resolution and a rollcall vote followed. Filbrandt moved/ Thibeault supported/ PASSED, to accept the Salary: Deputies Resolution, upon a rollcall vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Zoning Administrator – Planning & Zoning Administrator Jeremy Joki handed in his 2 week notice on August 4, 2026, for the position. Supervisor VanLuven will sign any Zoning Action Requests made in the meantime of looking to fill the position. The Township will put an ad in the local paper, as well as listing the position on the Township website.

Public Comment: DPW Supervisor Champion asked when the Garbage Contract was up for a new contract. Champion would like to request red garbage bins, along with the blue recycling bins, to be added into the renewed contract coming up.

Board Comments: Cold Snap – Clerk Pellow informed the Board that Cold Snap suggested moving the thermostat from the main hallway at the Township, to near the Supervisor's office. The heat vents were closed in all three offices and are now open. Cold snap will be check on the heat vents in both bathrooms and stated that nothing can be done about the condensation drain in the utility sink. Cold snap also suggested installing vents in the office doors to create a better flow of return air. The Township will post the vents installation on the Township website for quotes.

Board Comments Continued: National Mine Park Dugouts – A resident requested the dugouts be redone/repaired due to deteriorating. The Township will post the dugout repair on the Township website for quotes, this funding for repairs will be taken out of Capital Outlay. Supervisor VanLuven also wants to inquire about putting fencing up near the dugout and bleachers to prevent anyone from being hit by a fly ball. DPW will contact Marquette Fencing for a quote.

Veterans Boards – Treasurer Filbrandt inquired about updating the Veterans Boards within the Township Hall. Office staff will call Globe Printing to inquire about new plagues for the Veteran's names.

Painting Hall Offices – Treasurer Filbrandt stated that Jodi Joki was doing a great job with painting the park buildings and requested permission to have Jodi paint the offices. Supervisor VanLuven stated that he did not see an issue with it.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M. by Supervisor Fred VanLuven.

Deborah L Pellow

Deborah L Pellow, Tilden Township Clerk