

**Public Hearing 2017-2018 Budget  
Annual Meeting  
Glen Arbor Township  
March 18, 2017 Minutes  
(Electronically Recorded)**

Township Supervisor, Peter Van Nort, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am in the Glen Arbor Township Hall. All board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were 33 members of the public present.

**Minutes from March 19, 2016 Public Budget Hearing** were presented. **Motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2016 by Thompson. Support by Gretzema. Motion carried.**

**Budget Review 2017-2018**

Fiscal year April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018. This is the second public meeting regarding the budget. Parks and Recreation is the only area with a significant change.

Adjourned the Budget Hearing to the call of the Chair 10:06 am

Annual Meeting called to order 10:06 am

**Minutes for the March 19, 2016 Annual Meeting** were presented. **Motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2016 by Peppler. Support by Stege. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

Dana Cowell, formerly Dana Roman – Ms. Cowell read a letter she had prepared regarding the structure which was built next to the property she and her ex-husband own at 7101 S. Dunn Highway.

**Supervisor Report**

Good morning and welcome to the annual meeting of the Glen Arbor Township. I am Peter Van Nort your Supervisor. I emphasize the word “YOUR” because my-self and the others at this table are your employees. The others you have elected seated here are Bonnie Quick, Clerk, Terry Gretzema, Treasurer, John Peppler, Trustee and Don Lewis, Trustee.

Congratulations to the Glen Lake basketball teams. The girls team for getting to the State semifinals and the boys for getting to the state quarterfinals, both in Class C.

The Board before you today is very different from the Board before you last year. Last year the Board represented 91 years of experience and this year the five of us have a 42 years of experience and all of that is in 2 of our members.

All but 42 days of 2016 were led by John Soderholm who is basking I the sun in Florida, so most of what I will report happened during his watch and it is his and the prior boards credit.

The following was accomplished during 2016, many more actions will be reported by the people who speak after me.

- The annual audit of the Township finances was completed and we received an unqualified opinion as to the quality of our financial operations.
- The union agreement with the Firefighter/EMT was signed and became effective on September 1, 2016. The relationship has worked well since the implementation.
- We made the appointments to Commissions and Boards.
- The law suit brought by Solon Township against Glen Arbor and Empire Township relative to the Vlack property was settled and we have no further liability/responsibility relative to the property.
- We paved and fenced the recycling site at the Leelanau School.
- We repaired the Township parking lot and improved the landscaping around the building.
- The Point of Sale inspections of septic systems and wells continued with these results: 44 inspections were completed, 10 septic systems were not conforming (there were 5 different reasons for the failures), and 2 wells were not conforming (each for a different reason). All non-conformances are being corrected.

We are in serious discussions about providing WIFI coverage for the downtown.

The Michigan State Police has stationed 2 troopers in Leelanau County. The troopers will be traveling throughout the county from 2 PM until 10 PM every day. The Sheriff department will staff 2 law enforcement officers also. This combination means there will always be 2 law enforcement personnel on duty, 24/7.

The channel between Fisher and Glen Lake was dredged.

Finally for me, a big thank you to the volunteers throughout the community which make our community so great. As a friend of mine said about Glen Arbor "there is no apathy in this town". Also to the following for their efforts: John Dodson at the Fire Department, Ron Calsbeek, Jim Fowler, and Rick Schanhals Parks and Recreation, and Lance Roman at the Planning Commission, Andy DuPont, Bill Witley, and Roy Pentilla at the Emergency Services Advisory Commission and at the Township Office, Lori Nash, Dottie Thompson, Tim Cypher and Tim and Polly Cairns.

### **Fire Chief Report**

Meeting adjourned by the call of the chair at 10:57 am

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Nash  
Deputy Clerk

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