

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP

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Regular Board Meeting
May 16, 2017 Minutes
(Meeting Electronically Recorded)

Township Supervisor, Peter Van Nort, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Glen Arbor Town Hall meeting room. Lori Nash was substituting for Bonnie Quick, all other members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was presented. The agenda was amended. **Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Peppler. Support by Gretzema. Motion carried.**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 4/18/17 were presented. **Motion to approve the Minutes of 4/18/17 by Gretzema. Support by Van Nort. Motion carried.**

Minutes of a Special Board meeting of 04/27/17 were presented. **Motion to approve the Minutes of 4/27/17 by Van Nort. Support by Peppler. Motion carried.** Closed Session Minutes of 4/27/2017 were presented. **Motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of 4/27/2017 by Van Nort. Support by Peppler. Motion carried.**

Public Comment

None

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand as of 4/30/2017 is \$2,733,644.03. Gretzema gave a brief quarterly report on the community foundation endowment for the Glen Arbor Garden. The endowment fund balance, at the end of the first quarter, is \$49,011.32. No action required.

Gretzema publically thanked Bob Sutherland and the Utopia Fund for the donation of \$4,000.00 to the downed tree removal work which was done on M-22. The total cost of the project was \$14,000.00. The Township is covering the remaining \$10,000.00. Bob also stated if there is anyone in need of trees that he would help them as well. He has room for one or two more families in that part of the budget. He is anxious to help plant more trees.

General Fund: Expenses: \$35,923.94. Payroll: \$11,021.99. **Motion to approve and pay General Fund expenses and payroll by Lewis. Support by Peppler. Motion carried.**

Emergency Services: Expenses: \$33,387.78. Payroll: \$107,582.21. **Motion to approve and pay Emergency Services expenses and payroll by Peppler. Support by Gretzema. Motion Carried.**

Emergency Services Advisory Commission Report presented by Roy Pentilla. The Emergency Services regular meeting was held on May 8th. Tornado drill training was held on May 10th at the Leelanau School.

Fire Chief Operations –

No news to report.

Aspen Wireless presented by Jim Selby, President.

Supervisor Van Nort state that the Township has been talking with Aspen Wireless over the last few months about WIFI for the Glen Arbor commercial area. The Township did reference checks on Aspen Wireless. The references were Leland Harbor, Frankfort Harbor and Vail. The references were 100% positive.

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Jim Selby stated that his company specializes in municipal broad band WIFI. Aspen Wireless current runs the Village of Empire's wireless service. The service that Aspen is proposing is a network system and will work closely with the local merchants to insure coverage.

The proposed network will allow for 5,000 simultaneous users. This is the same network that Aspen supplies for AT&T. This is a world class network. Aspen will supply all the support for Glen Arbor and will take all the hassles out of it for the Township.

Motion to proceed with the installation of the WIFI system and to set a ceiling not to exceed \$25,000 for the installation by Gretzema. Second by Pepler. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrators Report – Submitted in writing.

Monthly Assessors Report – Submitted in writing.

Correspondence

- Invitation from the USCG Air Station, Traverse City Change of Command – Supervisor Van Nort commented that this will be July 10th. If anyone would like to attend, please get back to the Township office to get your name registered.
- **Letter from Smith Haughey** – there is a letter from the Planning Commission to change the zoning, relative to the definition of detached buildings on properties.
- **State of Michigan – Public Service Commission** – we have had 4 announcements of hearings by Consumers Power. Consumers Power has filed a request for rate increases. We are able to attend or participate. At this point the board has no intention of participating.
- **Great Lakes Water Quality Laboratory, Inc.** – the water has been sampled at the Park, the Town Hall building, and at the Garden and it has all been found safe.
- **Charter** – Charter has let the Township know that they have added more channels to their network. We get this information because they pay the Township a usage fee for allowing them to be the service provider in Glen Arbor.
- Planning and Zoning News
- Bata – New schedule service for Leelanau County
- Michigan Public Policy Survey

Unfinished Business

During the last meeting the Township was asked to install a TV in the meeting room. The TV has been installed and big thank you to Andy DuPont and Rob Karner. The primary use will be for wireless presentations.

New Business

Treasurer Gretzema presented the sign that will go in front of the Glen Arbor Garden. It will take up a parking spot and it will be lined in the area behind it. It is a removable sign and has a heavy weighted base. It will stand in the parking spot to prevent anyone from parking there.

The Township has talked over the last several years about buying additional property, in the Township. The Township looked at a parcel on the west side of Boone Docks as a possible parking site and various others as we know we have a parking problem. The main thought here is an opportunity for people to make a donation of property at a bargain price and what impact that might have on their true costs. Treasurer Gretzema contacted our accountants and there are provisions for it in the IRS publications, 526 and 544. He just got a rough overview on this. The point is we wanted to find this out if ever an opportunity comes along, we can present

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something in a very simple format that says for example if your property is worth \$300,000.00 and you sell it to us for \$200,000.00, the true impact to you after tax credits, etc., will be X. This donation can be spread over time. Treasurer Gretzema will put together a simple format to provide.

Planning Commission Report

John Pepler – the letter from Smith Haughey was reviewed and there will be further review at the next Planning Commission meeting. Also, the Master Plan is very close.

Public Comments

Bill Meserve, Dunns Farm Road, representing the Glen Lake Association. Mr. Meserve stated that the Association used the screen at their last meeting and it was very well received.

He also gave an update on what the Glen Lake Association is doing regarding swimmers itch. The Association has a contract for \$95,000 with Freshwater Solutions, which is part of the 2 man group that has been historically in this area for many years.

What the Association is doing this year, besides trapping and releasing, is to find nests and seal them. As a result, the following year the duck will not be able to nest in that same spot. The Association is offering a \$500.00 reward for a nest.

Amy Hubbell – Leelanau Enterprise stated the Township needed to give a reason why it was going into closed session before going in, and also any decisions need to be a roll call vote.

Board Member Comments

None

Supervisory Comments

Supervisor Van Nort gave a recap of his presentation at the Glen Lake Chamber dinner.

**Motion by Van Nort for the meeting to go into closed session to discuss a property issue at 8:20 PM.
Roll call vote, motion carried.**

The general meeting re-opened at 8:56 PM by the call of the Chair.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Van Nort at 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Nash
Deputy Clerk