

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP

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Peter Van Nort, Supervisor

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John Pepler, Trustee

Regular Board Meeting

July, 18 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. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was presented. **Motion to approve the agenda by Pepler. Support by Gretzema. Motion carried.**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 6/20/17 were presented. **Motion to approve the Minutes of 6/20/17 by Gretzema. Support by Pepler. Motion carried. Quick abstained. Motion carried.**

Closed Session Minutes of 6/20/17 were presented. **Motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of 6/20/17 by Gretzema. Support by Lewis. Motion carried. Quick abstained. Motion carried.**

Pinning of the new Lieutenant – Chad Dykgraaf. Chad was sworn in by Township Clerk Quick.

Public Comment

Bill Meserve – Dunns Farm Road – representing the Glen Lake Association. The M-22 challenge had approximately 900 participants. Also the GLA staff had a boat wash the night before. There were approximately 360 boats. Mostly kayaks and paddleboards. There have been reports of outbreaks of swimmers itch. There have been 97 Mergansers and chicks removed off the lake. This may mean there is less swimmers itch next year. They were relocated to the bay. The GLA is spending approximately \$100,000.00 this year on swimmers itch. Governor Snyder just signed the bill which includes the second \$250,000.00 budget to control swimmers itch. The GLA hopes to get a large portion of the money to help pay for ongoing expenses.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand as of 6/30/2017 is \$2,656, 735.60. Note in the Emergency Services Debt account. There was an error where a check was written out of the Debt Services account for the fire truck payment. It should have been written out of the Emergency Services account. The account was reimbursed from the Emergency Services account. The account last month showed \$9,000.00 and it is now back up to \$90,000.00.

General Fund: Expenses: \$52,161.68. Payroll: \$23,483.01. **Motion to approve and pay General Fund expenses and payroll by Gretzema. Support by Lewis. Motion carried.**

Emergency Services: Expenses: \$34,248.56. Payroll: \$77,002.26. **Motion to approve and pay Emergency Services expenses and payroll by Van Nort. Support by Pepler. Motion Carried.**

Emergency Services Advisory Commission Report presented by Roy Pentilla. Because 911 occurs on a Monday, the ESAC meeting is being moved to noon on that day. On July 29th, the Glen Lake Department is having an open house from 10:00 – 2:00.

Fire Chief Operations – Chief Dodson stated he has 4 candidates which the department will bring in for testing and interviewing. The gas monitors were ordered and have come in. The check for the Leland boat contract has been received. Cardiac monitors have been ordered. ISO will be re-evaluating the department on Monday. There have been 5 boat calls in the last 2 weeks.

Zoning Administrators Report – Submitted in writing.

Monthly Assessors Report – Submitted in writing.

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- Mika Meyers - Supervisor Van Nort stated he had received a report from a group of lawyers, who deal with local government law. The report states that public act 345 prohibits local governments from enacting or forcing an ordinance to regulate the business of limousine, taxi, or ride shared services. We cannot regulate Uber.
- Forestry Assistance Program – the Township received mail from the state, there is a forester that serves Leelanau, Grand Traverse, Benzie counties and is available to people who are interested in having assistance with their forest or trees. You may contact the Glen Arbor Township office to get their help.
- Par Plan News - The Township's shared insurance program, which is shared among the townships, has an article in about arresting women who are wearing a burka. Police are allowed to ask that the person remove the covering enough to be able to see the face to identify the person.
- Notice from Consumers Power regarding a rate increase
- MTA Focus – article on e-mail quorums.
- Leelanau Road Commission Monthly Manager's Report
- DEQ Permit – replace an existing dock.

Unfinished Business

WiFi system is up and operating.

Letters of state legislation on short term rental – letters were sent to encourage voting against the bill for short term rentals, which takes the local decision making out of the hands of the local government.

Principles of Governance – the board reviewed and will sign if approved. Treasurer Gretzema suggested handing the information down to the other committees within the Township.

Cemetery Board Member – Clerk Quick was able to get the second member. The second member will be Rev. Dan Dockery.

New Business

Quote for gutter covers – Gutter remedy - \$1,700.00. **Motion to approve purchase of gutter covers by Van Nort. Support Peppler. Motion carried.**

New Welcome Gateway Signs – Dave Manners - \$2,500 each. **Motion to approve purchase of new welcome signs by Van Nort. Support by Peppler. Motion carried.**

Library Board Trustee – replace Linda Young with Anne Davey

Michigan Economic Development Project – Glen Arbor

Bob Sutherland, Todd Cholek, Bruce Johnston, Bob Schlattman and Dan Leonard – Cherry Republic has been operating and expanding for over 10 years, and currently have a bigger plan in mind. Part of the plan requires them to move their current septic field to an area that was recently purchased across the road. The hope is to help create more short and long term jobs. They also plan to purchase the old furniture shop. The building does not have a bathroom in it so it is being used for storage currently. However the plan is to make it a more viable building. Cherry Republic is looking for support from the Glen Arbor Township. A formal presentation is being prepared for August.

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Planning Commission Report

John Pepler – Due to a complication in paging and formatting, the proposed Master Plan public hearing will need to be in September.

The parking issues faced with the Glen Arbor business area was discussed at length. Potential of upgrading and making use of the road right of way areas was discussed.

The Planning Commission received a request for sidewalk extensions along M-22 south from M-109 intersection to Wildflowers on both sides of the street.

Public Comments

None

Board Member Comments

Don Lewis - Zoning Board of Appeals – there will be 3 properties reviewed. Roman, Taylor and Livingston.

Supervisory Comments

None

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Van Nort at 8:50 PM

Election Commission

Motion to approve election workers by Van Nort. Support Gretzema. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Nash
Deputy Clerk