

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP

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Regular Meeting
February 17, 2015 Minutes
(Meeting Electronically Recorded)

Township Supervisor, John Soderholm, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Glen Arbor Town Hall Meeting Room. All board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was presented and approved without modification. Minutes from the January 20, 2015 regular meeting were presented. **Motion to approve minutes Thompson, support Kelly. Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- John Peck – Lives on Cheney Woods Trail, uses Cheney Road. Against paving.
- John Lesperance – Cheney Road. Against paving.

Treasurer's Report – 1/31/15 cash on hand: \$2,386,825. Foundation funds available for distribution in March \$1,964, foundation fund balance approximately \$51,000.

- Bills – General Fund: \$213,082 expenses, which includes \$200,000 for purchase of CDs, and payroll of \$12,814. **Motion to approve Gretzema, support Kelly. Motion carried.** Financial statements reviewed.
- Bills - Emergency Services: \$113,962 expenses, which includes \$57,315 for purchase of a new truck, and payroll of \$70,396. All expenses and financial statements have been reviewed and approved by ESAC. **Motion to approve Thompson, support Quick. Motion carried.** Financial statements reviewed.

Emergency Services Advisory Commission – Roy Pentilla

- February 9, 2015 draft minutest distributed.
- ESAC recommends approval of Career Incentive Program (CIP) and new wage scale.

Fire Chief Operations Report – John Dodson

- Final draft of CIP presented for approval. **Motion to approve Quick, support Thompson. Motion carried.**
- Final draft of new wage scale presented for approval. **Motion to approve Gretzema, support Thompson. Motion carried.**
- Ladder truck damaged during firefighting operation. Insurance company notified.

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Zoning Administrators Report – Submitted in writing.

Monthly Assessors Report – Submitted in writing.

Correspondence was reviewed and accepted as presented.

- Municipal Underwriters Insurance – Terrorism Risk Insurance proposal for \$123 per year. **Motion to approve, Gretzema, support Quick. Motion carried.**
- Charter Communications channel adjustments.
- Planning & Zoning News

Unfinished Business:

- Leelanau County Road Commission – Cheney Road paving: Estimate, benefits, and recommendations from Jim Johnson, which includes a portion of Miller Hill Road and seasonal connector. Paving would reduce maintenance costs to public. Township share approximately \$120,000 to be paid over two years. Discussion among Board members regarding pros and cons of project. A resident survey received by the Township show that those in favor of paving and those not in favor is about 50/50. Decision made to further discuss issue with Road Commission regarding maintenance costs of unpaved vs. paved roads.
- Event Fees – Revised fee structure discussed. **Motion by Thompson to approve charging privately managed, for-profit events, where participants are registered and pay an entry fee, an administrative permitting charge of \$3.00 per participant or 5% of participant gross revenue, whichever is greater. Support Kelly. Motion carried 4 -1.**

New Business:

- Treasurer Terry Gretzema – Request Board approve new bank, First National of America, where a higher interest rate is available. **Motion to approve Quick, support Kelly. Motion carried.**
- Wage & Salary Commission Report – Recommendations submitted in writing to Board members. Commission members not present; presentation moved to Special Meeting to be held at 11:30 on February 18, 2015.
- Wage Resolutions – Will be handled at Special Meeting, 11:30 on February 18, 2015.

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Planning Commission Report – Kent Kelly

- Minutes from February 5, 2015 distributed.
- Master Plan Chapters 1 & 2 reviewed. Chapters 3 & 4 will be reviewed at next meeting.
- Commission will be looking at current parking requirements for businesses.

Public Comment:

- John Peck – Suggested that Township perform their own survey and not rely on current survey results, which may be skewed. Stated that questions to Road Commission should also include the cost of maintaining paved roads for an equal comparison. Added that accidents have occurred on Cheney Road at the blind, sharp curve. If there is more traffic due to paving, there will be more accidents.
- John Lesperance – Talked to many people and he thinks that there is much more support for not paving than there is for paving, while Township tally shows close to a 50/50 split. Believes that paving will not make the road safer and thinks the Road Commission would agree. Stated that the residents' opinions should count heavily in Township's decision and that the maintenance costs for a gravel road are minimal.

Board Member Comments:

- Gretzema: Attended NPS meeting regarding Centennial Celebration of National Parks. Jeff Gietzen was present, representing the Chamber. Extensive advertising will start in March of this year. Goal is to awaken "next generation" of park attendees.

Supervisor Comments:

- Special meeting tomorrow morning at 10:00 to review Transportation Subcommittee recommendations with consultants.
- Special budget workshop meeting tomorrow at 11:30.

Board meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Ives, Deputy Clerk