

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

7/19/2022

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Laureto at 7:31 PM. The meeting was held in the Glen Arbor Township meeting room.

Roll Call – B. Hawley, P. Laureto, T. Laureto, and D. Lewis present. J. Pepler absent. Chief Ferguson, ZA Cypher and several members of the public were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was presented and amended. **Motion B. Hawley, support D. Lewis, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion unanimously carried.**

All board members stated they had no conflict of interest with any items on the agenda.

Public Comment: The secretary of the Glen Lake Chamber of Commerce stated that the Chamber had sent a letter to the Planning Commission indicating that the Chamber no longer opposed single-family dwellings in the business district.

Minutes of the 6/21/22 Regular Board Meeting were presented. **Motion B. Hawley, support D. Lewis, to approve the minutes of the 6/21/22 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion unanimously carried.**

Minutes of the 6/21/2022 Fisher Lake Improvement SAD #2 Public Hearing were presented. **Motion D. Lewis, support P. Laureto, to approve the minutes of the 6/21/22 Public Hearing as presented. Motion unanimously carried.**

Treasurer's Report 6/30/22 – Cash on Hand by Fund Balance

General Fund	\$ 858,504.12	Park Debt Service Fund	\$122,310.11
Emergency Services Fund	\$3,246,993.51	Fisher Lake SAD Fund	\$ 189.31
GLFD Debt Service Fund	\$ 11,670.76	Tax Collection Fund	\$ 4,561.97

Emergency Services Advisory Commission Report – SAC Chairman Van Nort reported that ESAC met and reviewed the bills, payroll and financial reports and recommended that we pay the bills and payroll.

Clerk's Report

The General Fund bills from June 22 through July 19, 2022 totaled \$18,250.76 and the June payroll was \$30,013.28. **Motion P. Laureto, support D. Lewis, to approve the payment of General Fund expenses and payroll. Motion unanimously carried.**

Emergency Services bills from June 15, 2022 through July 12, 2022 totaled \$51,558.74. The payroll for June was \$144,110.97. **Motion P. Laureto, support D. Lewis, to approve payment of the Fire Department's bills and payroll. Motion unanimously carried.**

Fire Chief Operations Report – Chief Ferguson reported there were 67 calls in June. There was a blood drive at the Fire Station on July 13th and 19 people donated blood. The department's open house is Saturday, July 30th from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. and there will be lots of fun things lined up for kids. The department is doing what they call "Gather with Glen Lake Fire" at Art's Tavern, Monday July 25th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Art's is supplying the coffee so just come and meet/visit with members of the department. The Department is still in contract negotiation with the Union. Bids for the new Engine were opened on July 7th. Lt. Lienard and Chief Ferguson have spent a lot of time reviewing those over the last week. They are close to having it narrowed down for a recommendation to the Board. The bids ranged from \$829,000 to \$923,000. The costs for that have increased significantly. A special meeting will be called soon to review the bids with the Board as they are due back to the vendor on August 6th. The proposed new truck will be replacing two trucks, one of which has already been sold. Delivery times range from 12 – 36 months.

Zoning Administrators Report – Submitted in writing

Monthly Assessors Report – Submitted in writing

Correspondence – The June correspondence is available in the Township Office for review.

Unfinished Business

1. Supervisor Laureto briefly reviewed the Single-Family Dwellings in the Business District issue stating that the Planning Commission had a special meeting to further review the issue. All Board members received a copy of the minutes of that meeting at which they recommended that the Township Board reverse the prohibition of single-family dwellings in the Business District and that we do that in the simplest way by removing 3 words from the current version of the ordinance.

PC Secretary, A. Dotterweich, reviewed actions of the PCs 7/15/22 Special Meeting stating that they did two things. First, the Planning Commission discussed the Master Plan and identified several areas where it needed to be updated to removed references to single-family dwellings not being allowed. Language was proposed and accepted to change those areas at the next update of the Master Plan. The language is in the minutes of their meeting which the Township Board has received. And second, the Planning Commission discussed increasing the utilization of undevelopable lots in the Business District due to State septic and other regulations for Commercial establishments. They felt the simplest way to change the ordinance was to remove three words that were added to the ordinance several years ago which removed single-family from the business district. They approved a motion to that effect which is before the Township Board tonight and are recommending that it be adopted.

Clerk Laureto read the proposed change to the Ordinance Use Regulations for Business Districts Article VIII, Section VIII.1.A. to read: "A. Any use permitted in the Recreation District as described under ARTICLE VII of This Ordinance will be permitted in this district."

Clerk Laureto read the motion passed by the Planning Commission to update the Master Plan referencing the document submitted to the Board with the specific changes outlined.

Motion B. Hawley, support D. Lewis, that the Township Board accept the Planning Commission's recommended new language for the Master Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion P. Laureto, support B. Hawley, that the Township Board adopt the proposed change to Article VIII, Section VIII.1.A. Roll Call Vote. Voting aye: B. Hawley, P. Laureto, D. Lewis, T. Laureto. Voting nay: none. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Supervisor Laureto stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals heard a request for a zoning variance and it was denied. The applicants have appealed the decision which will be heard by the court. **Motion B. Hawley, support D. Lewis, that the Township be represented by T. Grier of Running, Wise and Ford. Roll Call Vote. Voting aye: B. Hawley, P. Laureto, D. Lewis, T. Laureto. Voting nay: none. Motion carried unanimously.** The billing rate will be \$185/hour comparable to the current rate we are paying.
2. Supervisor Laureto said that it is with regret he is submitting the resignation of Amy Peterson from the Cemetery Advisory Board. **Motion D. Lewis, support P. Laureto to accept the resignation of Amy Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.**

The second item dealing with the Cemetery Advisory Board (CAB) has to do with potential grave sites outside of the cemetery on National Park Service property. CAB believes there may be graves located on NPS property based on the presence of daffodils and ground depressions. They have marked those with flags and have asked the surveyor to mark those on the cemetery map. The Board noted their enthusiasm and admirable intentions but acknowledged that the Township will not be pursuing additional graves sites at this time. All work with the NPS will be going through the Township Board. Lewis noted from CABs last meeting that there is a local historian who has expertise in historical cemeteries who will work with CAB to provide them needed information. The Supervisor will follow up with CAB on these issues.

3. A quote from Cummins for replacement of several parts on the Township generator was presented. The yearly maintenance showed several items that are wearing out. The quote is for \$1591.67. **Motion D.**

Lewis, support B. Hawley, to approve the quote estimate, to schedule this as soon as possible, and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the quote. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Clerk Laureto said that she has communicated with the project engineer for the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail and the project is virtually complete. He would like to present the work at the August 16th Township Board Meeting. The Board agreed to here from the engineer in August and will post that for the public.
5. Supervisor Laureto gave an update on the Fisher Lake Special Assessment District. A property owner on Tamarack Cove who is not a member of the S.A.D. sent a certified letter indicating that he believes he is being harmed by the S.A.D. decision to replace the portion of the Jetty that had been removed. He also stated that he was not properly notified. Laureto stated that there will be a request for an EGLE permit and that may require a public hearing. Supervisor Laureto said the Township will work to address the property owner's questions and concerns. Clerk Laureto noted that all legal requirements for notification were followed. Two public meetings were held. Each parcel owner in the S.A.D. received a notice letter for each meeting. The letters were sent by 1st class mail and each notice was published twice in the Township's paper of record.

Park and Recreation Board Report: A regular meeting is scheduled for July 21st and on July 28th at 7pm there will be a public meeting to begin gathering information from the public related to the 5-year Park and Recreation Board plan.

Planning Commission Report: No regular meeting. A July 15th special meeting was held to discuss Single-Family Dwellings in the Business District.

Public Comments: None

Board Member Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: T. Laureto reminded everyone that the Public Accuracy Test to confirm all election equipment is working property will be held on Friday, July 22, at 10:00 AM in the Hall. He gave an update on the Culvert project stating that the Road Commission anticipates doing the Tucker Lake Culvert next spring which will require the road to be closed for 2 weeks. They next plan to work on the culverts closest to M-22 which will be replaced by a concrete and steel bridge. They are working on securing the needed materials and sending the project out for bid. The funds are secured and the motivation to complete the project is there. The remaining two culverts will be replaced by wooden bridges at a later time. The entire project may take 3-5 years.

He has received a few calls regarding golf carts and other types of ORVs on road in the Township. People have been ticketed and it is illegal to drive a golf cart/ORV in town. He believes that any road over 30mph does not allow those types of vehicles.

Lansing wants to usurp local control of gravel mining. He has contacted our Senator to oppose this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Laureto
Township Clerk