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GLFD Public Budget Hearing

9/14/2022

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Laureto at 7:00 PM at the Glen Lake Fire Department meeting room. In attendance Glen Arbor Township Board Members: Tom Laureto, Pam Laureto, Don Lewis, Bob Hawley and John DePuy; Empire Township Board Members: none present; Chief Ferguson and three members of the GLFD; and four members the Emergency Services Advisory Commission were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. No members of the general public attended.

Public Comment: None

Supervisor Laureto thanked people for attending. The purpose of the meeting was for the Glen Lake Fire Department, represented by Chief Bryan Ferguson, to present the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget to the public.

Chief Ferguson indicated that he had reviewed the proposed budget with ESAC on two separate occasions also and each township board individually. He indicated that the proposed 2023-2024 budget shows an increase of \$128,750 over last year's budget, most of which is accounted for in wages and benefits. He noted that health insurance alone had a 13% increase for that plan year that began September 1, 2022. Ferguson took questions on the proposed budget.

Lewis asked about the income for Fire and Ambulance billing.

DePuy noted the Fire and EMS operations line items were down and asked the Chief if he could live within that budget.

DePuy asked if there were any major projects pending for building operations. Ferguson said there were a couple of items but that they would be paid out of GA Designated Capital and so they are not reflected in the operations budget.

ESAC Chairperson Peter Van Nort asked the quorum of ESAC members present to recommend to that the Glen Arbor Township Board adopt the budget as presented. Motion, J. Bauer, second L. Ihme, to recommend. Roll Call Vote. Voting yes: J. Bauer, J. DePuy, L. Ihme, and P. Van Nort. Voting no: none Motion Carried 4:0

Public Comment:

DePuy commended Chief Ferguson on his transparency.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Laureto
Township Clerk