

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

11/19/2024

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Laureto at 7:30 PM. The meeting was held in the Glen Arbor Township Meeting Room.

Roll Call – J. DePuy, B. Hawley, P. Laureto, D. Lewis, and T. Laureto present. Chief Ferguson, Lt. Perdue and four members of the public were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Public Comment: none

Minutes of the 10/15/24 Regular Board Meeting were presented. **Motion D. Lewis, support J. DePuy, to approve the minutes of the 10/15/24 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report as of 10/31/24 – Cash on Hand by Fund Balance was presented

General Fund	\$ 923,943.64	Park Debt Service Fund	\$102,503.55
Emergency Services Fund	\$2,802,970.42	Fisher Lake SAD Fund	\$ 25,433.74
GLFD Debt Service Fund	\$ 3,945.98	Tax Collection Fund	\$155,703.31

Emergency Services Advisory Commission Report – Clerk Laureto reported that ESAC met and reviewed the monthly checklist and payroll and recommended that the Township Board pay the unpaid checks and payroll.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Laureto reported that the General Fund bills from October 16 through November 19, 2024 totaled \$42,664.03 and the October payroll, was \$27,829.74. **Motion B. Hawley, support D. Lewis, to approve the payment of the General Fund bills and payroll. Motion carried unanimously.**

Clerk Laureto reported that the Emergency Services bills from October 9 through November 12, 2024 totaled \$176,847.86. That bill amount included the Down Payment for the new ambulance which is roughly \$41K and \$49K for new structure file gear which will be reimbursed by a grant. **Motion D. Lewis, support J. DePuy, to approve payment of the Emergency Services bills and payroll. Motion carried unanimously.**

Fire Chief Operations Report – Chief Ferguson reported that he and two lieutenants just returned from Grayling where they were doing the pre-construction meeting for the mini-pumper truck. The chasis payment will be due around January 1. There was lots of vehicle maintenance this month, most of it was yearly scheduled maintenance. The ladder truck is back from Grayling. The department is on pace for having its busiest year on record. They are working on two additional grants which will be submitted soon.

Zoning Administrators Report – Submitted in writing

Monthly Assessors Report – Submitted in writing

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

Unfinished Business

1. Treasurer Lewis reported on his meeting with Chief Ferguson regarding the proposed remodeling of Fire Station #1 in Glen Arbor. He was impressed with the quality and details in the preliminary project diagrams. He reviewed the timeline that Chief Ferguson had proposed. Steps 1 and 2 have been completed with the preliminary estimate and diagram and board review. We are ready to move to Step 3. **Motion D. Lewis, support P. Laureto, to authorize Chief Ferguson to move to step 3 on the project and authorize detailed drawings and specs at a cost of \$22,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

New Business

1. Audrey Luksch, co-chair for Substance Free Leelanau, presented a request to the Board for the placement of a distribution box which would house Naloxone. Audrey answered questions from the Board and the Board discussed the appropriate location. It was determined that near the front of the township hall would be a good location. Members of Substance Free Leelanau will be in charge of maintaining and restocking the box. **Motion D. Lewis, support P. Laureto, to allow Substance Free Leelanau to install and maintain a Naloxone dispensing box at the Township Hall. Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Supervisor Laureto opened up the discussion on the new Speed Limit Legislation by sharing information from the last Supervisors meeting where roughly 30 minutes was spent on the topic. He indicated that since the new law was made public, he has received roughly 30 emails on the topic from residents along S. Dunns Farm Road who were requesting the speed limit be lowered. He explained that the Township Board has the power to request a change but does not have the power to make the change. The Road Commission and the State Police are the ones who would make the changes. From his discussion with the road commission, he learned that they often don't change speed limits because it doesn't change the behavior of drivers. The State is still holding firm that the speed needs to be at the 85% determined by a speed study. The Board received copies of a speed study performed on Dunns Farm Road over a 7-day period that included Memorial Day weekend. The report indicated that the of 13,263 vehicles analyzed the average speed was 48 mph and the 85th percentile speed was 54 mph. A report from the Leelanau County Sheriff's Office on the number of crashes on Dunns Farm Road between 1/1/2014 and 11/14/2024 was also received. That report indicated that over the 10+ year period there were 24 crashes with no fatalities and no injuries. GLFD data confirmed that there were no hospital transports from motor vehicle incidents on Dunns Farm Road over the last 10 years.

Public Comment: Three residents expressed their concerns over traffic speeds on Dunns Farm Road. Suggestions were offered on the speed limits they would like to see and how to monitor and enforce lowered speed limits.

Board discussion ensued on the topic. **Motion: J. DePuy, support B. Hawley, to forward a request to the Leelanau County Road Commission to have the speed limit reduced to 45 mph.** Board discussion continued with some input from residents. The question was called. **Motion Failed 3 no: 2 yes.**

3. Clerk Laureto gave each Board Member the oath of office. New terms begin November 20th.
4. T. Laureto shared information from his meeting with Brendan Mullane of the Leelanau County Road Commission. Various roads and the Townships responsibility for payment were discussed.
5. Clerk Laureto presented 2 quotes for replacing the broken and sagging front doors at the Township Hall. **Motion J. DePuy, support T. Laureto, to accept the quote from Allen supply for \$12,654.00 to remove the existing doors and hardware and replace them with new doors and hardware. Motion carried unanimously.**
6. Upcoming vacancies on 4 boards/commissions were discussed. Board members were asked to submit names of potential candidates to the Supervisor. New terms begin on 1/1/2025.

Planning Commission Report: Planning commission representative, Trustee Hawley, said that most of the meeting was spent on a presentation by Matt Ames who wants to purchase the M22 building (the old Fisher store). He wants it rezoned commercial. Hawley said that was considered 20 years ago. Many neighbors attended the meeting and all of the public comments we against the rezoning. Issues of parking, traffic, future placement of the Heritage Trail were all brought up.

Public Comment: none

Board Member Comments:

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Clerk Laureto reported that she has asked three companies for quotes for the parking lot so that we can budget for those repairs in next year's budget. She also has Michigan Gutter coming out to repair the damage caused by GFL and also install gutter over the kitchen stairs.

Treasurer Lewis met with Elmers regarding the complaints we received from Tennis Players on the new court. He was informed that there is a three-year warranty on the asphalt. The Elmer's representative will find out what the warranty is on the painting.

Supervisor Comments: none

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Laureto
Township Clerk

APPROVED