

**GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 15, 2025**

Present: Chief Ferguson, Linda Ihme, John DePuy, Eric Dubord, Charlie Godbout, Jan Bauer  
Absent: Bob Price, Peter Van Nort  
Glen Arbor Township representatives: Tom Laureto, Pam Laureto  
Staff Members: Chad Dykgraaf, Jared Ornelas, Mike Ball, Morgan Chalup  
Public:

The meeting was opened at 10:05 am by Bauer

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Review and approval of agenda**

P. Laureto added 2025 Meeting Schedule to New Business. Godbout motioned to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Ihme. Motion approved.

**III. Conflict of Interest**

None

**IV. Public comment**

None

**V. Review and approval of December 11, 2024 minutes**

Ferguson noted that "Wayne Petroskey" should read "Lance Petrosky". DePuy motioned to approve the December 11, 2024 minutes as amended. Seconded by Godbout. Motion passed.

**VI. Review of Monthly Check List (start with check #16084) and Payroll for December**

Ferguson referenced check #16124 for \$12,600 and noted that \$5,000 of that will be reimbursed by the state. A motion was made by DePuy seconded by Ihme to recommend payment of unpaid checks and the payroll to the Glen Arbor Township Board, and to report concurrence with the checks that were necessary to pay early. Motion approved.

**VII. Review of Revenue & Expense Report and Balance Sheet for December**

Godbout asked if health insurance will continue to be about 20% over last year. Ferguson said we have a few more people plus insurance costs more each year.

**VIII. Staffing Report**

**a. Introduce staff**

Chad Dykgraaf, Jared Ornelas, Mike Ball, and Morgan Chalup. The Station 2 crew is here and heading to the Narrows to do ice rescue training.

**b. General staffing status report**

One employee resigned in December and took a full-time job elsewhere. We have a job posting up until Feb. 3. We have interviews on the 13th. There are three applications to date.

**c. Exit interview results, if any.**

None

**d. Review of GLFD monthly Staff and Officer Minutes**

Minutes were not sent out this week. Ferguson will send them out next month.

**IX. Operations Report**

Ferguson is still working on selling the old engine from Empire and will lower the price this week. He and P. Laureto spent time on the new sick time law for all employees. Current union employees are not affected yet. P. Laureto encouraged Godbout and Dubord to share with Empire since Price is not here today. For every 30 hours of work, employees will accrue one hour of sick time. It accumulates forever and rolls over year to year. We can set a policy as to how much time they can use. Ferguson said we received another grant from the DNR for firefighting PPE - helmets, boots, shrouds, and goggles. The grant is for \$5,000 at a 50% match, so if we spend \$10,000, we will get \$5,000 back. We are waiting to hear back from four additional grants. The Tribal 2% grant should be announced soon. We have not heard back yet from the FEMA grant for SCBAs. A Firehouse Subs grant was submitted again for new rescue ropes and harnesses. The department will try to get funding for a new ladder truck through a State Appropriations Grant. Rangers from the NPS sent Ferguson a link to a Department of Interior grant application. The Fire Department will be submitting the application for a drop-in tanker unit.

**X. Old Business**

**a. Water Supply in Empire**

DePuy reported that Casey Noonan in Empire Township has a well that he is willing to share with GLFD and Cedar. Chief needs to investigate the route in. In winter time the drive would need to be plowed. Casey wants a contract so that if something happens the Township will accept responsibility.

**XI. New Business**

#### **a. 2025 Meeting Schedule**

P. Laureto went over the 2025 schedule for ESAC meetings. It will be published in next week's Enterprise.

#### **XII. Board Member Comments**

Godbout noted that the pit toilet at Old Settlers will be gone soon as they are replacing it with a porta-potty.

#### **XIII. Public Comment**

Jared Ornelas reported on the Continuing Ed. for EMS. We will now have a catalog of classes which will help streamline the EMS training.

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 by Bauer.

NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2025

Minutes prepared by  
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