

**GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP
EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2025**

Present: Chief Ferguson, Charlie Godbout, Sue Church, Bob Price, Linda Ihme, John DePuy, Eric Dubord

Absent: Jan Bauer

Glen Arbor Township representatives: Pam Laureto, Tom Laureto

Staff Members: Angelika Diehl, Lt. Lienard

Public: None

The meeting was opened at 10:01 am by Ihme

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Review and approval of agenda

DePuy motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Church. Motion approved.

III. Conflict of Interest

None

IV. Public comment

None

V. Review and approval of June 11, 2025 minutes

DePuy motioned to approve the June 11, 2025 minutes. Seconded by Church. Motion passed.

VI. Review of Monthly Check List (start with check #16325) and Payroll for June

DePuy asked if we could highlight annual payments. P. Laureto said it would be difficult. A motion was made by DePuy seconded by Godbout 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 June

Price asked about the road barricades, Ferguson explained they are used to block roads when there are storms and road debris. Godbout asked if there will be sufficient funds for vehicles. T. Laureto said the designated capital will be corrected. A check was issued to prepay for a vehicle but the auditors do not recognize it until delivery. Delivery has been taken but the auditors did not recognize it so the balance is too high. We will have an exact amount

once the audit is complete. Ferguson noted an inconsistency in the payroll expense. P. Laureto will look into it and get back to the group.

VIII. Staffing Report

a. Introduce staff

Lt. Lienard and Angelika Diehl were present. Angelika is finishing up her paramedic internship.

b. General staffing status report

Three of our part time people are still in orientation.

c. Exit interview results, if any.

None

d. Review of GLFD monthly Staff and Officer Minutes

IX. Operations Report

There were 70 calls in June and 31 so far in July. Ferguson discussed the current state of vehicles. The electronics on the boat are almost all up and running. There are a few minor wiring issues but the boat and equipment are usable. The Pancake Breakfast last weekend fed about 450 people, and lots of t shirts and hats were sold. Additional shirts and hats will be ordered before the July 26 Open House. There will be a Bounce house, popcorn, cotton candy, and ice cream at the open house. Church asked if we have used the boat and Ferguson said once or twice so far this summer. DePuy asked about parking at the boat ramp. Ferguson said they send an ambulance down first to clear out the people before the boat comes down. P. Laureto said the commercial fisherman usually clear off debris, but sometimes Glen Arbor Outdoor is called if it's too bad. Godbout asked about an alternative launch location and Ferguson said it would be Leland.

X. Old Business

a. Water Supply in Empire

DePuy said there is no further information. Ferguson asked if DePuy said the well was 1,500 gal/min. DePuy said he thinks so but needs to confirm.

b. Vehicle Acquisitions

T. Laureto shared a sheet of information regarding replacing the ladder truck and reviewed information shared last month. He explained the hurdles with waiting to replace it. He found there is a market for 20-year-old vehicles and that ours may be worth \$400-500,000. These are Glen Arbor vehicles so the money goes back to Glen Arbor. He proposed using Glen Arbor money to purchase the dealer allocated stock truck and the Glen Arbor Township Board approved going ahead with the purchase. Ferguson called and found that the last slot was still open. T. Laureto and Ferguson shared the benefit of having a ladder truck. Dubord added support. Church and Ihme spoke in support. Dubord said that waiting will just add to the price

and noted we should factor in the vehicles we will no longer need. We got rid of 5 vehicles since Chief joined. Godbout asked for clarification that Glen Arbor Township funds will be used and P. Laureto confirmed. Church asked about grant money and Ferguson said it is still pending. If awarded, we will know in a few months. T. Laureto said now that we know there is a market for 18 year old vehicles future ESAC folks may want to plan ahead and accelerate the replacement schedule so that some funds can be recouped.

XI. New Business

XII. Board Member Comments

DePuy thought the Pancake Breakfast went well and hopes the Open House works as well. Church thanked T. Laureto for going ahead with the acquisition of the truck and that the Pancake Breakfast was fun. Dubord concurred. Ihme was sorry to miss it. T. Laureto thanked the fire department for assistance with the parade, and noted they were much more involved than they should have been. P. Laureto said it would not have happened without these guys and is proud they are so willing to do things above and beyond their job description. Ferguson shared that we got water filled barriers from the Emergency Management folks at County as we were informed that the sheriff was not going to assist. The sheriff did show up and should be able to help next year. P. Laureto explained how the parade has changed over the years.

XIII. Public Comment

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

NEXT MEETING: August 13, 2025

Minutes prepared by
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