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GLFD Public Budget Hearing

9/10/2024

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Laureto at 7:07 PM at the Glen Lake Fire Department meeting room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. T. Laureto called roll. In attendance were Glen Arbor Township Board Members Tom Laureto, Pam Laureto, Don Lewis, and John DePuy; Bob Hawley was absent. Also in attendance were Bob Price, Empire Township Treasurer, ESAC Chair Jan Bauer, Chief Ferguson, Capt. Dykgraff, and one member of the public.

Public Comment: None

Supervisor Laureto thanked people for attending and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed fiscal year 2027 budget for the Emergency Services Special Assessment District. The floor was turned over to Chief Ferguson.

Chief Ferguson distributed a draft budget to all present. He indicated that he had reviewed the proposed draft budget with the Emergency Services Advisory Commission (ESAC) on two separate occasions and had present the proposed budget to both the Empire and Glen Arbor Township Boards. Ferguson indicated that the proposed FY 27 budget shows an increase in operations of \$292,500 over last year's budget which is primarily due to the increased costs of personnel and benefit. He stated that ESAC members recommended that the Township Board approve the proposed budget at their September 16th Board meeting. Chief Ferguson took questions on the proposed budget. He also shared his projection on Capital Expenditures, including vehicle and equipment replacements, going out to 2047. He shared that for the last 16 years Empire and Glen Arbor Townships have each been contributing \$195,000 per year to the Capital budget which has not kept up with inflation. This coming year the townships will each contribute \$325,000 to the Capital budget with an annual 3% increase which will cover all the vehicle replacement costs going out to 2047.

Public Comment: The Department's personnel are fantastic.

Board Member Comments: T. Laureto stated that he had met with Chief Ferguson about the proposed budget and that he believes it is a responsible budget. He also stated that the Department regularly receives notes from the public expressing their appreciation for the professionalism and empathy of department personnel during their response.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Laureto
Glen Arbor Township Clerk