

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

7/21/2026

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Laureto at 7:31 PM. The meeting was held in the Glen Arbor Township Meeting Room.

Roll Call – B. Hawley, D. Lewis, P. Laureto, J. DePuy and T. Laureto present. Chief Ferguson, Asst. Chief Dykgraaf, and twenty-two members of the public were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was presented and amended. **Motion B. Hawley, support D. Lewis, 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

GLFD Swearing in Ceremony for Assistant Fire Chief Chad Dykgraaf. Chief Ferguson introduced Asst. Chief Dykgraaf by saying that he completed his first firefighter course 25 years ago with then Chief John DePuy. Following completion of the course Chad joined the Glen Lake Fire Department and has continuously supported the department over the years. Dykgraaf advanced to Lieutenant, then Captain, and now Assistant Chief. Assistant Chief Dykgraaf was presented with a new shield for his helmet; his wife pinned on his new badge and the Clerk swore him in as the Assistant Fire Chief.

Audit Review – Kim Lindsey CPA, Principal at Rehmann Robson LLC, presented the results of the township audit. He reviewed each fund and stated that the Township received an unmodified, or clean, opinion which is the highest level of assurance that audit firms can place on financial statements. Board members asked several questions which were answered.

Minutes of the 6/16/26 Regular Board Meeting were presented. **Motion D. Lewis, support J. DePuy, to approve the minutes of the 6/16/26 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report as of 6/30/2026 – Cash on Hand by Fund Balance was presented.

General Fund	\$1,045,847.15	Fisher Lake SAD Fund	\$73,848.06
Emergency Services Fund	\$2,503,435.23	Tax Collection Fund	\$29,344.27
GLFD Debt Service Fund	\$ 6,452.50		

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 – The General Fund bills from June 17 – July 21, 2026, totaled \$33,081.42 and the June payroll was \$22,677.29. **Motion B. Hawley, support J. DePuy, to approve the payment of the General Fund bills and payroll. Motion carried unanimously.**

Emergency Services bills from June 10 – July 14, 2026, totaled \$347,872.62 and the June payroll was \$116,785.12. **Motion B. Hawley, support J. DePuy, to approve the payment of the Emergency Services bills and payroll. Motion carried unanimously.**

Fire Chief Operation Report – There were 62 calls in June. Pete Stern had his 30 year anniversary with the Department and Jay Morse his 18th year. Station 1 renovations will resume next week. There was a preconstruction meeting for the new ambulance which will be housed in Empire. Construction on the Mini Pumper has begun and the Ladder Truck construction will be starting soon. The Station 1 Open House is scheduled for July 25th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The Union Contract is almost completed. The new Heart monitors are installed on the ambulances and are working well. The new turnout gear washer and dryer and the SCBA (equipment) washer has been installed. The SCBA washer is the 1st in the area.

Monthly Zoning Administrators Report – no report was submitted

Monthly Assessors Report – Submitted in writing

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

New Business

1. None

Unfinished Business

1. The Board revisited the placement of a Naloxone Distribution Box. Placement of a box was agreed upon over a year ago but the box was never delivered. **Motion P. Laureto, support B. Hawley, to place the box on Lake Street near the public restroom/garden facility. Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Potential Property Purchase – Supervisor Laureto informed the Board that the Martin's did not accept our Buy/Sell agreement. He distributed to Board Members a copy of an email from our Realtor, Bob Ihme, outlining the Martin's discission. B. Hawley recommended that the Board consider a ballot proposal to create a sinking fund to help with future maintenance issues.

Planning Commission Report: B. Hawley said that the Planning Commission did not meet in July. He read from the Michigan Townships magazine a list of proposed legislation that would preempt local zoning.

Public Comment: A member of the public said it was a blessing that the Martin's rejected the Buy/Sell agreement. He also said that creating a sinking fund would be a good use of money.

Board Member Comments: J. DePuy said he agreed with the email received regarding the Township Park. B. Hawley informed board members that former County Commissioner Dave Gill had passed away.

Supervisor Comments: T. Laureto discussed issues raised that the recent County-wide Supervisor's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Laureto
Township Clerk