

**GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP**

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**GLFD Public Budget Hearing**

9/9/2026

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Laureto at 7:00 PM at the Glen Arbor Township 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 member Sue Church, Chief Ferguson and Lt. Lienard.

Public Comment: None

Supervisor Laureto thanked people for attending and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed fiscal year 2028 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 presented the proposed budget to both the Empire and Glen Arbor Township Boards. Ferguson indicated that the proposed FY 28 budget shows an increase over last year's budget which is primarily due to the increased costs of personnel and benefit. Employees now have an additional 72 hours of leave time to cover the requirement in Michigan's Earned Sick Time Act. In addition, the new radios are required to be purchased this year and the County will be requiring a 40% - 50% match. Ferguson stated that ESAC members recommended that the Township Board approve the proposed budget at their September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chief Ferguson took questions on the proposed budget.

Public Comment: None

Board Member Comments: T. Laureto commended the Fire Department stating that he regularly receives complementary public comments about the Department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Laureto  
Glen Arbor Township Clerk