

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP

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Regular Meeting

February 17, 2009

Minutes

Supervisor Soderholm called the regular meeting of the Glen Arbor Township Board to order at 7:30 P.M., in the Glen Arbor Town Hall Meeting Room. All Board members were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The agenda was presented, reviewed and amended by motion. Minutes of regular meeting on 01/20/2009 and special meeting of 2/3/2009 approved by motion.

Public Comment – none

Leelanau County Sheriff report – Rocky Carbonau presented written report with 2008 statistics. GA accounted for 5% of total crime events for the County.

Treasurer's Report 1/31/09. Total Cash on Hand \$2,685,686.56.

Bills – General Fund	\$ 48,349.46
Bills – Emergency Services	\$129,272.41

Motion Thompson, second Quick, to approve General Fund payables. Motion Gretzema, second Quick, to approve Emergency Services payables, both motions carried.

Emergency Services Advisory Commission report – Bill Batterson reviewed checks. He reported that Roy Pentilla, new member of ESAC, and also a CPA, did an internal audit and reconciled, without finding errors, the figures for the 2008-09 fiscal year through the end of year.

Dredging Committee report – Bill Freeman presented a list of 5 tasks for the Glen Lake Narrows project. First, a cut and channel bathymetry survey was completed October 2008, measuring depths of lakes. Second, a sediment textural analysis was completed November 2008, requiring a total phosphorous and grain size analysis. In process is Task 3, requesting bids from commercial companies and MDNR for dredging. Soderholm commented that the Board will be working in conjunction with dredging committee on this. Task 4, also in progress, deals with soil erosion and wetland permits. Task 5, oversight of dredging will happen when bridge is completed this fall. Empire pays for 50% of this project.

Salary and Wage Commission report – Sandra Miller. Additional members, Bruce Wagner and Joe Batteinger recommended a 3.7% increase in wages due to several factors.

Motion Quick, second Kelly to increase Supervisor salary according to Resolution #2-2009 \$18,900 + \$500.00 = \$19,400.00. Roll call vote Gretzema, Quick, Thompson, Kelly all aye. Soderholm abstain.

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Motion Gretzema, second Thompson to increase Clerk salary according to Resolution #3-2009 \$31,000.00 + \$500.00 = \$31,500.00. Roll call vote Soderholm, Gretzema, Quick, Thompson, and Kelly all ayes.

Motion Thompson, second Kelly to increase Treasurer Salary according to Resolution #4-2009 \$27,000.00 + \$500.00 = \$27,500.00. Roll call vote Soderholm, Quick, Thompson, Kelly all ayes. Gretzema abstain

Motion Gretzema, second Quick to increase the two Trustee salaries according to Resolution #5-2009 \$2,700 + \$100 = \$2,800. There are two trustees. Roll call vote Soderholm, Quick, Gretzema all ayes. Thompson, Kelly both abstain.

Total recommended annual salary increases: Base Increase \$3,100. No increase for meetings or benefits.

Fire Chief Operation's Report – Fire Chief, John Dodson. January '09 calls totaled 49. Empire purchased fire station supplies: washer and dryer, and chairs using Empire's Fire Fighter's Memorial Fund. Certificate of occupancy received, held up because of sprinkler system. Boiler in Glen Arbor has been giving trouble. Ambulance bid received. Budget line item adjustments made. There was a resignation of 1 fire fighter: part time personnel are covering the hours. Before opening the seal bid for ambulance, Dodson suggested that anything less than \$3,250 should be rejected since scrapping would bring more money. Bid was opened, \$2,250. **Motion Thompson, second Kelly to reject bid. Motion carried.**

ESAC Chairman Report – Bill Batterson. Concurred with all that the Fire Chief reported.

Motion Quick, second Gretzema to approve Budget Amendment #1-2009 for Emergency Services. Expense budget for North flight and Fire Training costs were adjusted, resulting in a \$0.00 amount change. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes.

No Zoning Administrator's report.

Jesse Karner for Glen Lake Association is applying for a \$150,000 Inland Fishery's grant to establish cold water fish habitat in the mill pond and Brook's Lake, with emphasis on connecting them to the Glen Lakes. He is asking both Empire and Glen Arbor Townships to give \$5,000.00 towards the \$75,000.00 required for match. A letter of support would help also. Karner brought engineering drawings. "Day" mill pond would need a road bridge 12 feet across, 4 feet tall, on M-109. An elevated boardwalk and kiosk for the mill pond area is proposed. They are looking for public money. Soderholm will place this on March's agenda.

Correspondence was reviewed.

1. John Rockwood for the Glen Lake Association – Thanked Board for support over the years and is looking for additional money in next year's budget.
2. Wm. MacLauchlan – regarding clear-cutting and Glen Lake Association's involvement. Also mentioned paving Cheney Road
3. Northwest Michigan Council of Governments Scenic Heritage Route
4. Northwest Michigan Council of Governments – Michigan Planning Enabling Act.
5. Hal Pendleton – MTA's local chapter's checking account is inactive.

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6. MTA Meeting Cleveland Township
7. Cinta's contract - considering dropping service.
8. Capitol Currents, Planning & Zoning News, Michigan Township News

Unfinished Business

1. Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. **Motion Gretzema, second Quick to accept Resolution #6-2009, the Township Board Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test to an amount of \$200,000 in real personal property. Roll Call Vote: all ayes. Motion Quick, second Thompson to accept Resolution #7-2009 to set the Board of Review Meeting Date and Time schedule. Roll call vote: all ayes.**
2. Budget review – March meeting will have a 3-column report
3. Glen Arbor Garden Fund Raising status – Gretzema reports \$38,000.00 in expenses. \$130,000 is in the fund. An endowment fund will be set up for \$25,000. February 28th will be closing date for the Foundation donations. Contributions after that will go in to the Township's money, earmarked for Garden expenditures, and will be tax deductible. Grand opening on Memorial Weekend is scheduled.
4. Telephone system – Board wants to identify specific needs. No action taken

Planning Commission Report – Kent Kelly summarized minutes of February's regular meeting.

Sign Committee Report – Gretzema reports on 2 initial meetings. The scope of project may be larger than originally anticipated. Net zero 'weigh signing', plus possible surveying the public are issues being discussed. Soderholm would like to expedite a resolution to off-site signage issues. Kelly says that weigh signs are to be uniform in appearance.

Public Comment – Bill Batterson would like to have a vacant area in front of walkway in to garden area.

Board member comments – Thompson asks about restriping roads and parking lines. Kelly suggests painting, masonry and other advertising signs should be removed from garden area. Quick recites crosswalk rules, where pedestrians have right-of-way. Also comments that a lower than cost of living increase, is actually a pay decrease.

General Meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M.
Dana Roman, Deputy Clerk