

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP

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Regular Meeting
April 20, 2010
Minutes (Meeting Tape Recorded)

Supervisor John Soderholm called the board to order at 7:30 PM in the Glen Arbor Township hall meeting room. All board members were present except Trustee Kelly. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was presented, reviewed and accepted as amended.

Motion Gretzema, second Thompson to approve regular meeting minutes of 3/16/10. Motion Gretzema, second Thompson to approve special meeting minutes of 3/27/10. Motions carried.

Public Comment – Amy Hubbell Leelanau Enterprise present.

Treasurer's Report - Total cash on hand as of 3/31/2010, \$2,362,283.47. Traverse City State Bank's rating dropped and so Treasurer moved funds into another bank. A \$5,000 donation was made, anonymously, to the Glen Arbor Garden endowment. Balance is currently at \$33,000. An annual savings of \$3,559.44 can be realized by Township if we process the tax bills and assessment notices with Kent Communications Inc. (KCI) rather than with Leelanau County. In addition, \$2,732.25 will be saved by not sending out tax receipts. Gretzema is finalizing decision.

Bills – General Fund - \$ 25,116.88
Emergency Services - \$ 341,085.40

Motion Thompson, second Quick, to approve payment of the General Fund bills. Motion carried. Motion Thompson, second Quick to approve payment of ESAC bills. Motions carried.

Emergency Services Advisory Commission Report – Andy DuPont. The commission met on April 14, 2010. All bill payments reviewed and approved by commission members. The first payment for the rescue truck came out of the joint Empire/Glen Arbor funds. Going forward, the share for each township's capital expense is being reviewed. The proposed rescue boat's beam will be increased to 10 feet, rather than 8. Cost will now be approximately \$235,000. Funding for boat is still expected from private donations.

Fire Chief Operations report – John Dodson. ISO protection class summary reports came back and Dodson reviewed and subsequently wrote a 4 page position paper to appeal some issues. Supervisor Soderholm will review Dodson's work. The 501-C3 Glen Arbor Fire Association is receiving donations as a result of ISO savings being realized by the public. The pumper truck sold for \$66,000 and will be picked up in May. Purchaser is from Alabama. Increased size of proposed rescue boat's beam was due to considerations for Lake Michigan rescue attempts. The boat is for the Glen Lake Fire service area, not just Glen Arbor. Rescue truck delivery sometime in July or August. Dodson participated in a mock tornado touchdown emergency. Consumers Energy will finally resolve the \$13,000 costs recovery issue and will write the Township a check. Every 5 years, the Board enters an agreement of "Memorandum of Understanding" with National Park Service. Controlled burn at Port Oneida is scheduled by National Park Service. Steve Yoncho (Chief of Natural Resources) and Dan Morford (Indiana Dunes) answered questions. They discussed the NPS's long term plans and prescribed fires to reduce hazardous fuel build ups. Planning process is extensive; a 30 page written plan is submitted with emphasis on education and cooperation with community. **Motion Gretzema, second Thompson to authorize Supervisor Soderholm to sign the MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) with the park service. Dodson and Soderholm will look over the agreement and determine if significant changes are made and would then be reevaluated by the Board, otherwise they will sign the agreement. Motion carried.**

Zoning Administrators Report – 0- Land Use Permits.

Assessors - Report handed out. They have a new client but it will not affect the time they are working with Glen Arbor.

Correspondence was reviewed and accepted as presented

1. Rehmann re: Future plans on remaining funds in garden project

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2. Leelanau County Road Commission annual report
3. Leelanau County Planning annual joint session 4/21/2010
4. Leelanau Scenic Heritage Route Committee Agenda 4/26/2010
5. Michigan Liquor Control commission, 15 day notice, SDM license to permit sale of beer and wine off premises. MC Fun Venture 1, LLC. (On the Narrows Marina)
6. Par-Plan news, Planning & Zoning News, Michigan Township News.

Unfinished Business

1. Walking/way finding signs – Gretzema, along with committee members Wiesen and Peterson, have specified a walking map placed at four locations. Peterson is putting together renderings of the four Pods. Rather than \$650 initial costs from sponsors, Gretzema proposes that an annual sponsorship should be set up. Having a dynamic/ annual rental sponsorship could cover upkeep and maintenance of the Pods. Gretzema also thinks that the steep upfront costs may prohibit sponsorships. Following discussion, the annual/rental sponsorship was squelched and the full upfront commitment is to be required.
2. Boat Ramp policy – Gretzema recommends shifting responsibility of issuing passes and collecting money to the Township Treasurer rather than a private citizen. Ramp committee will meet with commercial captains.
3. Tower – Soderholm has agreed to a layout footprint on tower with Verizon. Soderholm asked for \$150/month rent, 50% of gross rent (\$9,000 annually), and a free location on the tower for the Emergency Services antenna. Dodson said that there is a \$1,000 materials costs coming out of the Emergency Service's budget.
4. Soderholm reports - cement curb repair put in by boat ramp for \$100
5. Road Striping - Soderholm has a quote for \$1,500 for road striping and parking lots

New Business - none

Planning Commission Report – Kent Kelly absent.

Public comment – none.

Board Comments –

Supervisor Comments – none

Regular Board Meeting Adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Dana Roman

Glen Arbor Township Deputy Clerk