

**GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP**  
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Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2009  
Minutes (Meeting Tape Recorded)

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

The agenda was presented, reviewed and accepted as amended.

Public Comment – Amy Peterson asks if a public hearing will take place before sign ordinance changes. Kelly said that any change in ordinance will necessitate a public hearing. Becky Thatcher asks if non-conforming businesses could pay a special tax: i.e.: big foot. Ken Thatcher says that special consideration of signage during the summer months may be appropriate. He mentioned the tragedy of over signage as in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Stan Brubaker reflects that GA tourists are here to enjoy the small town experience and boilerplate type signs are not representative of a small town.

Leelanau County Sheriff report – Rocky Cadieux – 2 complaints in April.

Treasurer's Report - Total cash on hand as of 4/30/09, \$2,258,913.48. Final tax distribution is complete.

Bills – General Fund - \$ 30,155.00  
Emergency Services - \$106,215.93

**Motion Kelly, second Gretzema, to approve paying the General Fund bills. Motion carried.**  
**Motion Gretzema, second Quick to approve paying the ESAC bills. Motion carried.**

Fire Chief Operations report – John Dodson. Interviewing continues. Closed bids for boiler replacement or fix are due by June 2. Open on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.at 10 A.M. There have been four applicants for Operations Officer (Lieutenant) of Emergency Services Department. Testing and subsequent interviews will culminate in a June 29<sup>th</sup> final interview and selection. County regionalization is still hot topic: requests attendance at the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at the Courthouse. Glen Arbor and Empire will probably not receive any cost benefits. Quick and Soderholm commend Dodson on how he has brought the Department up to its current standard, which is far ahead of the rest of the county.

Emergency Services Advisory Commission. Stan Brubaker reports that ESACS reviewed checks. The commission discussed finding another service to replace North flight due to their proposed costs increases (they play an administrative role), however, after discussions with John Soderholm the administrative fees were significantly reduced.

Zoning Administrators Report – 0 Land Use Permits.

Correspondence was reviewed and accepted as presented

1. Glen Arbor Park Commission meeting minutes 5/5/09
2. Glen Arbor Assessing Report
3. Glen Arbor Garden Correspondence re: recycling
  - a. Carol Mead
  - b. Betsy Johnson
  - c. Sharon Oriel
4. Simen, Figura Atty. Re: Sutherland law suit
5. Groebbel Environmental & Planning Assoc. authorization letter for dredging permit for Fisher Lakes area. 15,000 cu. yards of sand will be taken from Bridge dredging. Possible distribution of sand to nearby beaches is being looked into since trucking of sand is cost prohibitive. Wet transport is being investigated.
6. North Flight, Inc. re: Revised 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment – Personnel Agreement
7. Charter Communications, Inc. re: bankruptcy

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8. Leelanau County Fire/EMS Study Group meeting 5/28/09, 7 P.M. Attendance by Board is encouraged.
9. Leelanau County Planning re: Land Bank Conference
10. Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department re: Sutherland Septic System
11. Northwest Michigan Council of Governments re: Scenic Heritage Route Mtg.
12. Par Plan News, Planning & Zoning News, Michigan Township News, Capitol Currents

Unfinished Business

1. Sewer Committee Report – nothing to report
2. Glen Arbor Garden Report – Saturday at 2:00 p.m. is the Grand Opening. Building is painted, trees planted, blacktopping and signs ordered and to be installed.

New Business

1. Recommendation by John Soderholm to appoint Bill Freeman to Board of Appeals. **Motion Kelly, second Gretzema to appoint Bill Freeman to a 4 year term. Motion carried. Recommendation by Soderholm to reappoint Bonnie Quick to a 4 year term on the Board of Appeals. Motion Gretzema, second Kelly to appoint Quick. Motion carried.**
2. Bids for Restroom Maintenance – Five bids received. Soderholm and Quick opened the bids to summarize them. **Motion Quick, second Gretzema to hire Mrs. Clean, Linda Turner, for restroom maintenance, \$4,160 plus supplies. Call backs for a 2nd cleaning on any given day to be charged at \$35.00 per hour. Motion carried.**
3. Bids for Garden Maintenance - **Motion Quick, second Kelly to hire Traverse Outdoor for garden maintenance, \$1,250 for monthly gardening June thru October. Motion carried.**
4. Red flag rules resolution – will be discussed next month.
5. M-22 Parking – Ed Williams and neighbors, request no parking on M-22 from the canoe livery pick up spot to the canoe drop off. M-DOT has been contacted since it affects a state trunk line. The Township does not have a parking ordinance for that area.

Zoning & Planning Commission Report – Kelly reported on May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Sutherland's The River public restrooms are under construction. The Commission gave them a punch-list of things needed for approval: property boundaries, dimensioning of parking and buildings, detail of parking places on road, use of parking for boat trailer loading and horse cart loading, storage area for kayaks/canoes, septic boundaries, split containment between primary and reserve septic areas, approval by fire chief, DNR and DEQ permits. There was a public hearing for review of the following changes: uses permitted in Residential 1, professionals and consultants, requirements for submission of minor changes to drawings, parcel combination, scales of drawings, proof of non-conforming lots, and off street parking minimums. **Motion Kelly, second Quick to approve Zoning Ordinance revisions (from 4.2 to 4.3) as recommend by the Planning Commission with a few changes that will be published. Motion carried.**

Supervisor Comments – Park Pavilion request for proposal, due 5/29/09. He also attended the Heritage Trail Committee meeting. Dedication of Glen Arbor Garden this Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 2 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting Adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Dana Roman  
Glen Arbor Township Deputy Clerk