

Glen Arbor Township  
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Special Town Board Meeting  
May 24, 2010  
Rescue Boat

Special Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Township Meeting Room. Purpose of meeting was to discuss technical features and funding options of proposed fire/rescue boat. All Glen Arbor board members were present except for Treasurer Gretzema. Empire Supervisor Bill Bolton also in attendance along with Carl Noonan, Roy and Elaine Pentilla and Phil Deering from Empire. Also present were John DePuy, Stan Brubaker, Bruce Wagner, Andy DuPont, Bill Stege and Lance Roman. Chief John Dodson made a presentation. Proposed is a marine grade aluminum boat, 28' long and 10' wide, with 2 @ 225HP outboard motors with a useful life of 50 years. Approximate cost is \$236,000.00. Supervisor Bolton is concerned with costs of rescue boat and questions why we don't rely on the U.S. Coast Guard's services. Dodson reports that the Coast Guard will not respond to inland lake issues and that their response time for big lake incidences is a minimum of 30 minutes. The Sheriff's office has marine patrol but can not respond to fire or rescue calls. Annual operating costs estimated at \$4,000.00 a year with Empire responsible for 47%. There will be initial training costs. Both capital and maintenance costs to be covered with donations via setup of a foundation or endowment. Bolton questions manpower needs. Start up costs will be more than the \$4,000 annual costs. Dodson would like to write a grant. To get the project going, the Board would like to raise an amount greater than \$236,000.00. Funds will come from grants, and private donations. Further meetings to engage the public will be scheduled. **Motion Kelly, second Thompson to raise \$250,000 for the purchase of a fire/rescue boat. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M. Copies of the minutes are available on our web site [www.glenarbortownship.com](http://www.glenarbortownship.com) or from the clerk.  
Dana Roman