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Regular Meeting

July 21, 2009

Minutes

(Meeting Recorded)

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 present: Soderholm, Gretzema, Quick, Kelly, and Thompson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Changes were made and approved to agenda.

Motion by Thompson, support Kelly to approve regular meeting minutes 06/16/2009.

Motion carried. Motion by Gretzema, support Quick to approve the minutes of the special meeting 06/29/2009. Motion carried 4 to 0 with Thompson abstaining.

Public Comment – none.

Leelanau County Sheriff report – none

Treasurer's Report 06/30/2009. Total Cash on Hand \$2,193,543.27.

Bills – General Fund \$ 60,372.24

Bills – Emergency Services \$ 95,391.35

Motion Thompson, second Kelly to pay General Fund bills. Gretzema reports that several checks coming out of General Fund, pertaining to Glen Arbor Garden, will be reimbursed from Garden's Foundation account. **Motion carried. Motion Quick, second Gretzema to pay Emergency Services bills. Motion carried.**

Fire Chief Operations Report – John Dodson reports success of Pancake Breakfast. A \$6,200 anonymous donation received by the Glen Arbor Fire Association for airbags was received. Fire Department open house will be on Saturday. This is the first time for the Empire facility. A 150 page report for setting ISO ratings was submitted. Boiler has been removed. **Motion Thompson, second Gretzema for Chief Dodson to list old boiler on E-bay/Craig's List for sale. Motion carried.** Dodson provided response to NPS overlook 9 and 10 modification proposals. Elevated boardwalk and tunnel options will make rescues very difficult. There was an erroneous report in newspaper reporting that only 3 or 4 rescues a year are needed at these areas. Dodson corrects this number and says that there have been as many as 4 in a day already this year and he estimates 24 rescues YTD. However, combined responses to both NPS and Homestead are less than 10 percent of total emergency services responses in the Glen Lake area. Rescue calls deemed "Treatment No Transport" are billed at \$350 per incident. The dry hydrant is built and ready for installation at the intersection of Co. Rd. 675 and M-22 on the Crystal River. State of Michigan is holding it up due to permits for river impact issues. Indigo Bluffs Campground outside of Empire is interested in installing a dry hydrant. Capital budget was designed for replacing capital assets. Three bids for thermal imaging camera. **Motion Quick, second Kelly to purchase camera for \$10,800.00 from Time Emergency. Motion carried.** Other bids were \$13,200 and \$11,400. There is an increasing number of water-related incidents. Shoreline is doubled with merger with Empire with a total of 45 miles of shoreline. A commission to help with water rescue issues and fire suppression is being formed with Jim Stevenson, John DePuy, Stan Brubaker and Bob Smith. The boat with fire pump will be between

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19' and 24'. The Commission will first determine need and if needed will proceed with looking for donations. There have been 13 water related rescues YTD.

Emergency Services Advisory Commission Report – Chairman, Bill Batterson reports two new hires: Meek and Comoux. Since this is Bill's last meeting (since Jan 2006) as Chairman he summarized some of the accomplishments during his tenure: Chief DePuy retired and Dodson hired, developed recruitment and hiring plan, capital account and replacement plan, acquired several fire trucks and important capital equipment, and conducted successful merger with Empire. Andy DuPont will take over as Chairman. **Motion Thompson, second Kelly to appoint Bill Batterson as Vice Chairman of ESACS effective August 1, 2009. Motion carried.** John Dodson commends Batterson and the rest of the ESACS members and reminds the Board that they put in a considerable amount of time and it is done without compensation.

Zoning Administrators Report – Bob Hawley – 6 - land use permits.

Correspondence was reviewed and accepted as presented.

1. Planning Commission minutes 7/2/09
2. Mrs. Clean restroom report
3. Traverse Legal re: The River
4. Ltr. Hawley to Mike Sutherland, The River Re: Leelanau County Construction Code violations.
5. Leelanau County Construction Code Authority re: violations, River Game Preserve LLC. Forty-six violations cited.
6. Citizens for Access to the Lakeshore
7. State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission re: C of C beer tent 9/19/09, 5 day notice dated 6/25/09 received 6/25/09, no response required.
8. M-DEQ – Glen Arbor Application Correction Request Fisher Channel
9. Charter Communications re: Restructuring
10. Michigan Township news, planning & Zoning News

Unfinished Business

1. Park Pavilion – 3 change orders: pea-gravel, permit process pre-paid, extend sidewalk (per suggestion of Park Commission).
2. M-DEQ - 3 dredging applications: Bridge, Fisher 'maintenance' and Big/Little Fisher Lakes. A riparian on Fisher Lake is not signing permission due to reluctance to allow jet ski use.
3. The River- LCCC Authority says that considerable progress has been made and, with continued monitoring, can remain in operation. Several of the violations required engineering support. The LCCC did not inspect the premises, Mike Sutherland went to their office to discuss his progress. A strategy to regulate and enforce future zoning administration issues is being sent to legal counsel; change of use and new builds.

New Business

1. BS & A new and upgraded program proposal for Assessor and Treasurer- to be presented at a later meeting by the Assessor and Treasurer.
2. Wind Energy Resource Zone – Kelly believes that Glen Arbor is not suitable for windmills due to land descriptions, tourism, amount of land (65%) in NPS and other considerations. Areas within 1 mile of lakes and other exclusions make areas in Glen Arbor Township not suitable for windmills. Soderholm will draft a response.
3. Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan – Kelly says that a special committee is not required. Planning will take care of it. ESACS has reviewed and believe that Glen Arbor is covered

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with proper services. Quick and Kelly will draft a letter (with a resolution) in response.

Motion to support a resolution to support Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: All Ayes.

4. Public restrooms – **Motion Gretzema, second Thompson to set new hours for restrooms from 9-9 daily. Motion carried.** Soderholm will call plumber. Maintenance has been called several additional times because the toilets don't flush completely.

Planning Commission Report – Kelly reports commission's last meeting dealt with hazard mitigation and wind power. They passed a revision to ordinance regarding vehicle signage.

Public Comment – none

Board member comments – Kelly says speed on M-109 is a problem. He will call Sheriff department. Violations of current sign ordinance continue. He asks if we are going to pursue with enforcement. Gretzema will write a letter regarding NPS tunnel proposal. **Motion Quick, second Gretzema, for Gretzema to write a letter to NPS regarding Overlook 9 and 10. It will support enforcement of climbing restriction, monitored if necessary. Due to safety considerations, it does not support elevated boardwalk or tunnel option. Additional letters will be sent to our elected officials. Motion carried.**

Supervisor comments – none

General Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Dana Roman, Deputy Clerk

awaiting approval