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Special Meeting
November 30, 2009

Special Meeting called to order at 9:10 A.M. in the Public Safety Building. Purpose of meeting is to appoint Planning Commission member, discuss rescue boat viability, discuss quotes for rescue truck, and any other issues that may come before the board. All Board members present. Chief Dodson, John DePuy, Dena Smith, and couple members of Department were present.

Supervisor Soderholm recommended John Pepler for Planning Commission contingent on resignation on Board of Appeals. Pepler will remain on the Planning Commission on the Board of Appeals, but in the capacity of Planning Commission member. Sue Nichols will resign from Board of Appeals. **Motion Kelly, second Thompson to accept Nichols resignation on Board of Appeals. Motion carried. Motion Thompson, second Gretzema to appoint John Pepler to Planning Commission and liaison to the Board of Appeals. Motion carried.**

Chief Dodson presented water rescue information. John DePuy Chairman of the task force formed in the summer to determine 1) need, 2) financial implications, and 3) technical specifications. The task force includes Stan Brubaker who has expertise in building fireboats (City of Detroit), Capt. Bob Smith, Jim Stevenson and Bruce Wagner, both citizen members who live on the lake.

Glen Arbor comprises 87.6 sq. miles of which 59 sq. miles is water (67%, much of which is the Manitou Passage out to the islands), Empire 42.8 sq. miles with 17% water. Measured shoreline covers 19 miles of Lake Michigan, 10 miles Big Glen, 6 miles of Little Glen (same as the City of Detroit). Recreational use is increasing and varied; kite boarding, sailing, etc. State of 813,000 registered watercraft in Michigan (5,910 in Leelanau County). In the last 5 years, 23 water related incidents, 19 just this year. No drowning this year. U.S. Coast Guard and Leelanau County have water rescue vehicles. Coast Guard operates out of Traverse City. Leelanau County boat is for law enforcement (Memorial Day to Labor Day) and not rescue. Jet skis work to get to people quickly, but not retrieval or additional rescue procedures. Glen Arbor used to have jet skis and Empire had a boat. Neither worked out and are no longer in use. Leelanau County's boat, stored at Crystal River, can't be used by Emergency Services. Coast Guard will not service the Glen Lakes and do not respond to fires on the water.

Board will seek donations for the purchase of the boat; it will not be paid for with taxpayer money. The projected cost to operate is \$4,000/yr. which is within the Emergency Services budget (fund balance). The estimated cost may be \$165,000.00. Dodson will seek grant money.

DePuy, chairman of task force, reports that the task force acknowledges a need for the rescue/fire boat. If the Board agrees, the task force will proceed with technical specifications. Dodson believes there could be Homeland Security grant money available.

Dodson reports that ESAC endorses the idea of a rescue/fire boat.

Motion Gretzema, second Kelly to acknowledge the need, endorse the procurement and move forward with technical specifications of a rescue/fire boat. Motion carried.

The rescue truck sealed bids were received in November. Three bids were received and have been reviewed: Spencer \$343,012.00, Pierce \$427,342.00, KME \$423,104.00. After a detailed review of the specifications and bids, Dodson recommends the Pierce bid within the \$404,000-\$422,000 range. Discounts were offered at differing timed payments. Only Pierce offered these discounts.

