

ESCANABNA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 2023

7:30 PM ESCANABA TOWNSHIP HALL 4618 COUNTY 416 20TH RD GLADSTONE, MI 49837

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The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by Chairperson Nathan Neumeier followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Verbal Roll Call. Present are Chairperson Nathan Neumeier, Vice Chair Mitch Bunno, Mitch Gannon, Scott Mitchell, Theresas Chenier. Absent excused Secretary DJ Dean. Quorum is fulfilled.

M.Bunno made a motion to approve the October 2, 2023 minutes as written. Second by S.Mitchell. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Participation. NONE

T.Chenier requested addition to agenda under New Business: *2024 meeting dates*. **T. Chenier made a motion to approve agenda with addition. Second by M. Gannon. All in favor. Motion passed.**

T.Chenier gave the Board Liaison report:

- The Fire Department obtained some needed supplies through the annual volunteer fire department equipment sale held this year at the Gulliver Fire Department.
- New tires were installed on the Ladder Truck. The Besse Foundation has contributed to the expense.
- Mr. Andy Jacques, Principal of Gladstone High School, gave an informational presentation on the school millage bond request.
- The State audit of years 2019 and 2021 are completed. They will start on year 2023.
- LaBumbard case, while in court, was granted 30 days additional to obtain council.
- The Board approved to receive sealed bids on Township Hall renovations, blacktopping of parking lot, installation of gutters and roof repairs.
- The required documentation has been submitted for a \$10,000 grant for the Fire Department.
- The Board passed a resolution for street light assessment in the Lake Bluff Community.
- Fire sign project for Escanaba Township is continuing. Several addresses had errors that needed to be corrected.
- A rezoning request by Barron Farms LLC was denied.
- A resolution was approved to submit a letter 10-23-C *opposition to legislation to preempt local control for the siting and permitting of utility-scale renewable facilities including solar, wind and large-scale battery storage facilities*. Letters were submitted to Senator Ed McBroom, Representative Jack Bergman and Representative David Prestin.
- N.3 resident Mr. Tardiff was referred to the Delta County Road Commission for ditch maintenance.

New Business.

M. Gannon made a motion to table discussion on the Blight and the Dangerous Building ordinances. Second by M. Bunno. All in favor. Motion passed. S. Mitchell, M. Gannon and Chairperson Neumeier agreed to conduct additional research and present information at next meeting.

Motion to approve dates for year 2024 was made by M. Gannon. Second by S. Mitchell. All in favor. Motion passed.

2024 ESCANABA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

All Meetings Scheduled for 7:30pm EST at the Escanaba Township Hall 4618 Co. 416 20th Rd Gladstone

January 8, 2024	May 6, 2024	September 9, 2024
February 5, 2024	June 3, 2024	October 7, 2024
March 4, 2024	July 8, 2024	November 4, 2024
April 8, 2024	August 5, 2024	December 2, 2024

Old Business.

The Zoning Map issues of 2010 were discussed. CUPPAD assisted with a DRAFT map that was provided for members to review. T. Chenier, S. Mitchell and Chairperson Neumeier will complete a final review of corrections then present findings to the commission.

No ZBA meetings were held in October 2023.

Public Comments. NONE

Member Comments. NONE

T.Chenier made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm. Second by M.Gannon. All in favor.

The next scheduled meeting of the Escanaba Township Planning Commission is December 4, 2023 at the Escanaba Township Hall 4618 Co 416 20th Rd Gladstone, MI at 7:30 pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Cathy Culliton, Recording Secretary.

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