

**ESCANABA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2023**  
**7:30 PM ESCANABA TOWNSHIP HALL 4618 CO 416 20<sup>TH</sup> RD GLADSTONE MI 49837 906-786-6200**  
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Chairperson Nathan Neumeier called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm followed by the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Verbal Roll Call. Present: Chairperson Nathan Neumeier, Vice-Chairperson Mitchell Bunno, Secretary DJ Dean, Clerk Theresa Chenier, Scott Mitchell, Mitchell Gannon. Six- member quorum.

**M.Gannon made a motion, second by S. Mitchell to approve the November 6, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**Public Participation. None**

**M. Bunno made a motion, second by T. Chenier, to approve the agendas presented. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Board Liaison Report given by T. Chenier of Board 11/13/2023 meeting.

- The Fire Department's ladder truck **past** **\*\* PASSED\*\*** inspection. The fire fighters are inquiring about installation of a shower at the Besse Hall. The Fire Trucks were approved to participate in the Escanaba Christmas parade and the annual "CAN"dy Cane Drive. Interim-Chief, Zach DeNome is following up on call outs to be settled on account.
- The 2023 State Audit is in process.
- Blight concerns addressed: LaBumbard has Jan 2024 court date. Bouchard's attended meeting and agreed to terms set for following the Blight Ordinance. They agreed to clean.
- Sealed bids were opened for estimates to blacktop parking lot at the Township Hall and Flat Rock Fire Hall. Decision was made to review again next year.
- Board passed a contract with Delta County for the 9 day early voting at Wells Township Hall.
- The bid received for the Township Hall renovations, is being reviewed.
- Agreed to have ADS Seamless Gutters install 6 inch gutters at the Township Hall.
- 2024 Board meeting dates were approved.
- Discussed options for snow removal on the township road
- Insurance Audit is requiring descriptions of township jobs
- Board approved Nathan Neumeier to a 3 year term on Escanaba Township Planning Comm
- Board approved Mitchel Bunno to a 3 year term on the Escanaba Township Planning Comm
- Board approved a professional assistance contract with Reva Kleiman Tax & Books

New Business. NONE

Old Business. Chair Neumeier stated several hours have been spent going over the zoning map of 2010 that was found to have errors. T. Chenier said there were 14 changes brought to CUPPAD. Also, section #s were added in. This is not a re-zoning issue. These are needed corrections. Some changes had made it on the map of 2010 and some did not. Notifications will be sent and published along with holding a public hearing. Neumeier added the township needs an accurate map. He feels they are about half completed with the task.

T. Chenier explained that there have been inquiries regarding the Fire Department using existing abandoned structures as training. They can NOT.

Chair Neumeier said no discussion tonight on Blight and Dangerous Building Ordinances. They will continue to those after the Zoning Map is corrected.

The members, using visual CUPPAD GIS, the printed Draft Map and previous meeting minutes, to verify actual zoning of properties and simultaneously match it to the zoning displayed on the map.

T. Chenier encouraged everyone with any knowledge of what appears to be an error of the map, please let them know. Resident, Fred Minor spoke, saying that ~~15~~\* people by the Escanaba River. N.7 and N.3 Lanes, were given permits that should not have. He added houses are not allowed on Industrial zoned property.

The Commission continued to work on verification process.

There were no ZBA Meetings held in November 2023

Public Comments. NONE

Member Comments. Delta County Commissioner, Steve Viau announced that tomorrow, Tuesday Dec 5, 2023, they will have on their agenda the Cornell Forest Property. They will address issues of gates and road blockages.

He wished everyone a “*Merry Christmas*”

DJ Dean made a motion, Second by M.Gannon to adjourn at 8:45 pm. All in favor. Motion passed.

The next scheduled meeting of the Escanaba Township Planning Commission is January 8, 2024  
7:30 pm Escanaba Township Hall 4618 Co 416 20<sup>th</sup> Rd Gladstone, MI 49837 906-786-6200.  
Please call if you require assistance to attend a meeting.

