

ESCANABA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 8, 2024

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

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Chair Nathan Neumeier called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm followed by 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.

DJ Dean made a motion, second by Mitch Gannon to approve the December 4, 2023 meeting minutes with corrections. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Participation. Ilsa Minor

T. Chenier made a motion, second by DJ Dean, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk Chenier presented the Board December 11, 2023 Liaison Report.

- Fire Department had 9 call outs. All trucks are scheduled for DOT required inspections. Zach Denome is meeting with the Gladstone School to inquire if they would be interested to build lockers for the fire fighters. Truck #1 is out on repairs. Truck#3 was involved in an accident. Replacement options are being looked into with cost of \$340-\$350K. / *AM RESPONDING* app was approved. Friends of the Fire Department are selling cups as a fund raiser.
- Blight concerns and Township Hall renovations were discussed. Mr. Fleury will continue as Blight Enforcer.
- Additional parking lot lighting is being considered for safety.
- The Besse Foundation donated funds to cover cost of tires for the Ladder Truck. This is greatly appreciated.

New Business. NONE

Old Business. Zoning Map issues from November 2010. Sub committee of Nate Neumeier, Theresa Chenier and Scott Mitchell. Chairperson Neumeier mentioned that the sub committee has spent several hours on this concern. They have located parcel information and names that are needed for notification. Mailings and notices are being worked on presently.

ZBA Meetings. No meetings held in December 2023.

Public Comments. NONE

Member Comments. Mr. Neumeier suggested a cost saving answer to the lighting concerns may be to install solar lights on poles. Possible cost would be a one time \$300 for two lights with no monthly billing costs. Neumeier will discuss this option further with Supervisor Rymkos.

Mitch Gannon said that Bay College is installing solar lighting on poles in their lots. He will obtain additional information on this to share at the next meeting.

Clerk Chenier encouraged training to continue for members and reminded them to turn in completed training information to her to keep on file in the office. Since the Zoning Ordinance needs work and the Master Plan needs a review, she suggests to do MTA webinars for education. MTA has a community link. She also suggested to members to research if there may be grants available to townships for any of these concerns. They will look at N.7 and N.3 Lane.

Mitch Bunno made a motion, second by Scott Mitchell to adjourn meeting at 7:53 pm. All in favor. Motion passed.

The next scheduled meeting of the Escanaba Township Planning Commission is February 5, 2024 7:30 pm Escanaba Township Hall 4618 Co 416 20th Rd Gladstone, MI 49837 906-786-6200. Please call if you require assistance to attend a meeting.

Minutes prepared by Cathy Culliton, Recording Secretary *Minutes approved as presented Feb 5, 2024*

