**ESCANABA TOWNSIP PLANNING COMMISON MEETING MINUTES February 5, 2023, 7:30 PM**

**ESCANABA TOWNSHIP HALL 4618 CO 416 20TH RD GLADSTONE MI 49837**

**Website: escanabatownshipmi.gov**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairperson Nate Neumeier followed by recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Verbal Roll Call. Chairperson Nate Neumeier, Clerk Theresa Chenier, Scott Mitchell, Vice-Chairperson Mitch Bunno, Secretary DeJian Dean. Mitch Gannon absent.

**Motion to approve January 8th, 2024, minutes made by Mitch Bunno. Second by Theresa Chenier. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Public Participation. None

**Motion to approve agenda made by Scott Mitchell. Second by Mitch Bunno. All in Favor. Motion passed.**

No Zoning Administrator report.

Clerk Theresa Chenier presented the liaison report for the Township Board. Items Discussed:

* January 15th  Financial reports broken down into individual funds in accordance with audit
* Fire Dept. Approved for $970 Lights, tools, Approval of graphics and logos
* ARPA Town Hall upgrades were approved
* Township Road Supervisor will be following up on plowing for this year
* Trustee Fluery gave an update on the Labombard court case canceled due to an illness. Will not be held until February 27th
* Bouchard sent letter from attorney
* Fire and Road signs in progress
* Waiting to hear back on grant for Fire Dept.
* Raising the cost amount for dump passes. Staying at $30 for now
* Wanting signs for no Jake Braking on M-35
* Parking Lot Lights. Looking at doing Solar Lights. Still discussing placement
* Blight Officer Hours- First Monday of the month 12pm-5pm
* Discussed MTA Education
* AV drop box and security cameras ordered and installed

New Business. NONE

Old Business

1. Review of the Blight Ordinance

- Discussed the Sale and transfer of non-conforming properties

- Time Frames for Disabled Vehicles

- The need for more review of this ordinance

1. Review of Dangerous Building Ordinance

- Need more review on this ordinance

1. Zoning parcels update.

- Discussed putting the parcels into groups to facilitate the number of people coming at once. - Decided to hold off the public hearing until renovations on the Township Hall are finished ( Tentatively May meeting)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. ZBA needs a meeting to be scheduled.

Public Comments (3 mins) Steven Viau, Regina Bates

Member Comments

Mr. Neumeier stated that he had spoken with the Township Supervisor about visibility issues on the shoulders of the roads and the need for them to be opened up.

Clerk Chenier stated that she found an old Zoning Amendment Article from the local paper, and it was included in the packet for the Commission.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Thereasa Chenier. Second Scott Mitchell. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm**

The next scheduled meeting for the Escanaba Township Planning Commission is March 4th, 2024, at 7:30 pm Escanaba Township Hall 4618 C0 416 20th Rd Gladstone MI 49837. Contact 906-280-6182 if you need assistance attending a meeting.

Minutes Prepared by DeJian Dean, Secretery