**ESCANABA TOWNSIP PLANNING COMMISON MEETING MINUTES March 4, 2024, 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.

Roll Call. Nate Neumeier, Theresa Chenier, Scott Mitchell, Mitch Gagnon, Mitch Bunno DeJian Dean. All Members Present.

**Motion to approve February 5, 2024, minutes made by Theresa Chenier. Second by Mitch Bunno. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Public Comments. None

**Motion to approve agenda made by DeJian Dean. Second by Mitch Gagnon. All in Favor. Motion passed.**

No Zoning Administrator report.

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

* Township Meeting February 12th all members present
* Accounts settled
* Tom Barron spoke on shrubs on blacksmith road under public comment
* Fire Dept. had 3 calls
* Fire Dept applied for DNR grants
* Canine training at Besse hall changed from Sundays to Thursdays
* Audit will be done at the end of March
* Trustee Fluery gave update on Labombard and Bouchard blights
* Fire and road signs in process ( progress will be slow)
* Jake brake signs for M-35 are being worked on
* Kym Wycoff and Theresa Chenier approved to attend MTA Conference
* Can use the Daily press and Action Guide for notifications
* Colleen Maki gave a report
* ARPA renovations- Electrical to be inspected and drywall will continue after
* Supervisor Tom not able to contact about snow removal on township road
* Supervisor Tom requesting all letters for Blights to come to him first for approval and review
* Check brook for special assessment district
* Special assessment district, more lighting on the bluff
* Nate Neumeier gave a report for the Zoning and Planning Commission
* Budget amendments made and now compliant
* Discussed going to a wireless blinking light at the Township Hall
* Getting a cell phone and laptop for Blight Officer
* Board of Review ready and hours are listed
* Barron Farms lawsuit against the township
* Citizens ballot to restore local control
* Supervisor Tom requesting to look at getting a generator for the Fire Dept. doors
* Report for Delta Co. Commissioners given by Steve Viau – Opiate task force now has 8 members and looking at combining money from townships to open a facility

BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT

Trustee and Blight Officer Norm Fluery reported

* Court was last Tuesday for Labombard case
* Took over 200 pictures with member of Zoning and Planning Commission member
* Labombard was given 30 days extension to clean up property
* Steve Eagle coming to do a walk through
* Bouchard has until the 18th and they will look at options for moving forward after that date

OLD BUSINESS.

1. Blight ordinance

- Changes to Section 5 and 6

- Need policy steps and procedure for blight process

- Need to find a Hearings Officer

- Discussed time frames for inoperable vehicles ( 10 business days)

- Discussed who can file a blight complaint

1. Zoning Parcel Update

- Waiting for renovations to finish to continue

NEW BUSINESS – None

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – No meeting last month

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Gary Way, Fred Minor, Steve Viau

MEMBER COMMENT – Mitch Gagnon

**Motion to adjourn was made by Mitch Bunno Second Scott Mitchell. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm**

The next scheduled meeting for the Escanaba Township Planning Commission is April 1, 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