



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 AT 4:00 PM  
86 W CENTER ST., DOUGLAS MI**

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**MINUTES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor North

**2. ROLL CALL:** By Clerk Kasper

PRESENT

Mayor Cathy North

Councilmember Jerome Donovan

Councilmember Neal Seabert

Councilmember John O'Malley

Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Walker

Councilmember Gregory Freeman

Also Present City Manager Lisa Nocerini

City Clerk Laura Kasper

Planning and Zoning Administrator Sean Homyen

ABSENT

Councilmember Matt Balmer

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Emergency Closure of Ferry Street - The City of Douglas discovered a sinkhole forming near the existing culvert underneath the low area of Ferry Street between Westshore Street and Campbell Road. Due to the concerns of this sinkhole, the age and material of this culvert, and the concerns of any additional failures occurring in this area, the City has requested to shutdown Ferry Street between Westshore Street and Campbell Road beginning Friday morning, August 2, 2024. Additionally, the schedule for the closure may change, and adjustments might be made as the situation develops. City Engineers with Prien and Newhof, along with DPW, police and fire discussed the situation with Councilmembers, outlining the need for immediate Council action.

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL:** Kerry Cunnion, Chair of the Visitors Bureau and owner of the Rosemont Inn mentioned taking extra consideration for additional signage with detouring traffic. Joy McClendon suggested the addition of a 3-way stop at Mcvay and Campbell Road.

**5. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

*Motion by Walker, second by Freeman, to approve the emergency closure of Ferry Street effective August 2<sup>nd</sup> or when deemed most appropriate by City consultants and engineers. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

6. **MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS:** Mayor North recognized the quick action taken by City Manager Nocerini and the surrounding communities, along with the DPW and Fire Department.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Walker, second by O'Malley, to adjourn the meeting.*

Approved on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cathy North, Mayor

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Laura Kasper, City Clerk

**Certification of Minutes**

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of the Village of Douglas held on July 24, 2024, I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Laura Kasper, City Clerk