



# **MEMORANDUM**

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

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**TO: City Council**

**FROM: City Manager LaBombard**

**DATE: June 5, 2023**

**SUBJECT: Resolution 18-2023, Marine Special Event Application – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks**

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The City of Douglas has received a Marine Special Event Application from Chad Kostrzewa of Night Magic Displays of LaPorte, Indiana and the City of Saugatuck for 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. The proposed event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 4 at dusk over Kalamazoo Lake for approximately 20 minutes. The applicant, Chad Kostrzewa, of Night Magic Displays is requesting approval by City Council for liability purposes, the intent is to cover the event in the case one of the shells lands on property located within city limits. Liability for the display has been provided with the City of Douglas listed as additional insured.

The applicant is proposing for Night Magic Displays to use the vacant private land at Safe Harbor Tower Marine to load the uncharged fireworks material onto a barge. Once loaded, the barge is positioned in the Kalamazoo Lake per instruction from the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Saugatuck Township Fire Department. Night Magic charges the fireworks material on the barge in preparation for the event and Allegan County Marine Patrol, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Saugatuck Township Fire Department maintain a safe perimeter zone around the barge. Based on the positioning, the barge may or may not be located within the Douglas City limits.

A donation of \$1,000 from Douglas has been budgeted for the event. The donation will be provided to the City of Saugatuck as the organizer of the event.

**Sample Motion: I recommend adoption of Resolution 18-2023, to approve the Marine Special Event Application from Night Magic Displays for the 4th of July Fireworks display and financial support in the amount of \$1,000 for the City of Saugatuck.**