



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 06, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
86 W CENTER ST., DOUGLAS MI**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor

2. ROLL CALL: By Clerk

PRESENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy North

Mayor Jerome Donovan

Councilmember Neal Seabert

Councilmember Robert Naumann

Councilmember John O'Malley

Councilmember Randy Walker

Councilmember Gregory Freeman

Also Present City Manager, Lisa Nocerini

City Clerk, Laura Kasper

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the Council Meeting Agenda for November 6, 2023

B. Approve the October 16, 2023 Council Regular Meeting Minutes

C. Approve invoices in the amount of \$77,316.60

D. Appointments - Reappoint Pattison to Douglas Harbor Authority

Motion by Seabert, seconded by Naumann, to approve the Consent Calendar of November 6, 2023 – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - VERBAL (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES): None

6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – WRITTEN:

A. Mike Widdes – Letter

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Friends of the Blue Star Trail Presentation – Richard Donovan, Chair of the Douglas Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee and Member of the Friends of the Blue Star Trail, led discussion on the

progress of the Blue Star Trail. He informed Councilmembers on the proposed timeline for the Wiley-to-M-89 Section and gave a breakdown of the three phases of the project.

- B. Douglas Saugatuck Pickleball Club Presentation – Club Board Members led a discussion about the background of the Pickleball Club and the agreement with the City. The Board Members present answered questions and addressed concerns from the City Councilmembers.
- C. Pickleball Club Agreement – With consideration of the prior discussion and presentation, Councilmembers agreed to renew the agreement with the amended term of one-year and the use of five courts by the Club, with no change to the scheduled times of usage.

Motion by North, seconded by Seabert, to approve the renewal of the agreement regarding use of pickleball courts at Schultz Park between the Douglas Saugatuck Pickleball Club and the City of the Village of Douglas, for a term of one-year and use of five courts. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

A. Commission/Committee/Boards

- 1. Planning Commission – Meets on Thursday for Master Plan workshop
- 2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer Water – Tri-Community and Laketown Township agreement meetings in progress with Baker Tilly
- 3. Downtown Development Authority – Positive feedback regarding new wayfinding signage
- 4. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority – No meeting
- 5. Douglas Harbor Authority – No meeting till April
- 6. Douglas Brownfield Authority – Meeting next week
- 7. Fire Board – No meeting
- 8. Community Recreation – No meeting
- 9. Playground Committee – Looking at National Fitness Court and grants

- B. Administrator Reports – City Manager, Nocerini introduced Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Torrez. She mentioned the joint Brownfield and Council meeting that will occur on November 20 at 5:00 pm, water rates will be set in place by resolution and sent to KLSWA for capture of funds, and continued issues with the brush pickup involving violations and costs have been increasingly difficult and is becoming not feasible to continue, so Council will need to look at alternative options. She added congratulations to Officer Reyes on his retirement, and thanked Councilmember Naumann for his support on City Council.

10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES): Douglas Saugatuck Pickleball Club Board Members asked for clarification on a few items with the approved agreement. City Manager Nocerini will follow up with them to sign the agreement. Paul, Douglas resident, voiced concern about dogs on the Douglas beach and signage.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS: O'Malley thanked Naumann for serving on Council. Walker mentioned the upcoming Douglas Light Night tree lighting event, future budget discussions regarding electric at Beery Field, and thanked Naumann. North thanked all the City staff for their efforts with the Halloween Parade, and thanked Naumann for his service. Seabert also thanked Naumann, and he thanked Council for allowing him to attend the MML conference, and the DPW and City staff for the hard work put into the Halloween Parade. Freeman thanked Naumann for serving on Council and City Manager Nocerini for her informative memos. Naumann stated honor in serving the City of Douglas, and thanked Councilmembers and City staff for their support.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS: Mayor Donovan acknowledged the efforts of staff for the Halloween Parade. He thanked Naumann for serving on City Council and presented Mr. Naumann with a certificate of recognition for his time serving the City of Douglas.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Seabert, seconded by North, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved on this 20th day of November, 2023

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Jerome Donovan, 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 regular meeting of the City Council of the City of the Village of Douglas held on November 6, 2023, I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Laura Kasper, City Clerk