



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022 AT 7:00 PM  
86 W CENTER ST., DOUGLAS MI**

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**MINUTES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Aaron Miller  
Cathy North  
Jerome Donovan  
Mike Van Loon  
Neal Seabert  
Robert Naumann

**ABSENT**

Phil Toepper

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approve the October 17, 2022, Meeting Agenda.
- B. Approve the October 3, 2022, Meeting Minutes
- C. Approve Invoices in the amount of \$68,818.90
- D. Resignations/Appointments/Proclamations

*Motion made by North, Seconded by Miller, to approve the Consent Calendar with amended October 3, 2023 meeting minutes.*

*Voting Yea: Miller, North, Donovan, Van Loon, Seabert, Naumann*

*Motion carried.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - VERBAL (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES)**

Kathy Sarkisian addressed her property with the Pods on it. The vehicle has been removed. She would like additional time to take care of the Pods.

Tim Kettlehut was present to speak on the AED proposal he submitted.

Dean Kapinga addressed the County survey and Scott Corbin with Emergency Management. Also reported was the recent announcement from Consumers Power regarding the consideration to remove the Calkin Dam.

**6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - WRITTEN**

**A. Wild Hearts of Saugatuck**

Request how Council would like to proceed. Council does not feel action should be taken without the City's legal review. No action taken.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Automatic External Defibrillator - Chief Janik [Informational Item]**

Chief Janik, Saugatuck Township Fire, gives his support for an AED installation at Schultz Park. He was approached by the Pickleball Club who would like to see one near the courts. No Council action taken.

**B. 3077 May Ave. Storage Pods - Kathy Sarkisian**

City Planner Anderson updated Council on the current situation with 3077 May Ave. Storage Pods. The Pods, a vehicle, and junk have been there for some time now. Two violation letters have been sent to the occupant. The Ordinances need updates to address "junk" "Pods/Outdoor Storage" and what is temporary.

Council discussed the need for Ordinance updates pertaining to trash and Pods, also to better define "temporary". City Planner Anderson stated if Pods are not removed after the time Council designated a Civil Infraction would be given to the home owner.

*Motion by Van Loon, supported by Miller, to grant a 30 day extension on the trash clearing, the smaller Pod must be removed by December 31, 2023, and the large Pod must be removed by January 31, 2023.*

*Voting Yea: Miller, North, Donovan, Van Loon, Seabert, Naumann*

*Motion carried.*

**C. Resolution 35-2022 Amendment #1 - Saugatuck Douglas History Center Letter of Agreement**

*Motion by Seabert, Seconded by Naumann to approve Resolution 35-2022 Amendment #1 - Saugatuck Douglas History Center Letter of Agreement.*

*Voting Yea: Miller, North, Donovan, Van Loon, Seabert, Naumann*  
*Motion carried.*

D. Resolution 36-2022 1st Root Beer Barrel Agreement Amendment

*Motion by Van Loon, supported by Seabert, to approve Resolution 36-2022 1st Amendment to Contract for the Root Beer Barrel and extend the contract for one (1) year at \$5,000.*

*Voting Yea: Miller, North, Donovan, Van Loon, Seabert, Naumann*  
*Motion carried*

E. Purchase of 2022 Truck Bed Replacement on Current 2016 Plow Truck

*Motion by Seabert, supported by Miller, to approve the purchase of the 2022 truck bed replacement for \$69,820.00 from Versalift Midwest of Shelby Township, MI.*

*Voting Yea: Miller, North, Donovan, Van Loon, Seabert, Naumann*  
*Motion carried*

F. Refuse Collection and Disposal Services Recommendation

*Motion by Donovan, supported by Miller, to award Republic Services of Jenison Refuse Collection and Disposal Services for the City of Douglas which would include weekly trash service, bi-weekly recycling, yearly hazardous waste collection, and a resident's option of yard waste.*

*Voting Yea: Miller, North, Donovan, Van Loon, Seabert, Naumann*  
*Motion carried*

## 9. REPORTS

A. Commission/Committee/Boards

1. Planning Commission- Planning Commission will have the next meeting on October 19th.

2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer Water- Kalamazoo Lake Sewer Water has sent in the required monthly EGLE reports. Monthly monitoring and maintenance of Lift Stations and Well Structures performed. Sanitary Survey 2020 open items are the separate sewer and water agreements that KLSWA are working on.

3. Downtown Development Authority

4. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority- Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority next meeting on October 18th

5. Douglas Harbor Authority- Douglas Harbor Authority next meeting on October 18th

6. Douglas Brownfield Authority

7. Fire Board- Fire Board the State formed a 3-year strategic plan to reduce fire fatalities across our State. Inspections found 40 plus % of homes did not have fire detectors.

8. Community Recreation

9. Recycle Committee

10. Tri-Community Bike Trail Group

11. Playground Committee

B. Manager Staff Reports

City Manager LaBombard addressed the Master list of project before Council, many of these have been done.

**10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES)**

**11. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Van Loon appreciates the staff written reports. and heard Octoberfest went well.

North agreed with his remarks and also asked about the flags on the bridge.

Naumann also agreed the Octoberfest went well.

Seabert addressed the great turnout for the Candidate Forum. Thanked the Department of Public Works, Police, and Fire Dept for all of their assistance.

**12. MAYOR’S REPORT/COMMENTS**

Nice job on the Octoberfest, a lot of fun for everyone. Department of Public Works and Police were in the paper for a job well done on the parades.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the October 17, 2022 City Council meeting

Motion made by North, Seconded by Seabert.

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