



MEMORANDUM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 2, 2024

TO: The City of the Village of Douglas City Council

FROM: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager

SUBJECT: Taft Agreement Extension - Budget Amendment

In June of 2022, the City of the Village of Douglas retained the services of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, LLP to investigate the environmental contamination at 200 Blue Star Highway, and determine which former owners of the property may be responsible for said contamination. Several potentially responsible parties were identified, and therefore the city asked the legal firm to initiate dialogue with any of the viable responsible parties to explore the possibility of their contributing to the remediation of the property whether voluntarily or by court order/litigation.

The site at 200 Blue Star Highway is currently impacted by hazardous substance contamination, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The City of the Village of Douglas aims to identify the costs associated with further environmental investigation and remedial actions necessary to achieve compliance with Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) requirements for regulatory closure. Taft suggests that the city continue to move forward and continue the dialogue with the identified responsible parties and continue to develop facts and details regarding their potential liability.

The funds will be allocated from the current FY2024/2025 Brownfield fund (#243-000).

Recommended Motion: Motion to approve an amendment to the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget under the Brownfield fund (243-000.000-802.243) for \$14,000 to continue legal work for the cost to closure analysis at the 200 Blue Star Highway property.