



**MINUTES**  
**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS REGULAR**  
**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**86 W. CENTER ST. – DOUGLAS, MI**  
**OCTOBER 3, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order:** Mayor Donovan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call:** Present – North, Seabert, Toepper, Donovan  
Absent – Naumann, Miller, Van Loon  
Also present – City Manager LaBombard, City Clerk Alderink

**3. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Mayor**

**4. Consent Calendar:**

- A. Agenda for October 3, 2022
- B. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2022
- C. Approval of the invoices in the amount of \$106,647.97
- D. Appointments/Resignations /Proclamations
  - i. Resignation of Paul Florian from Planning
  - ii. Appointment of Planning Commission Members Balmer and Freeman
  - iii. Appointment of November 8, 2022, Election Inspectors

*Motion by North, with support from Toepper, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Tabled agenda item 4Dii. Motion carried by roll call vote.*

**5. Public Communication:**

- A. Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes on agenda items only)
- B. Written – Three letters requesting support for the Wild Hearts of Saugatuck

**6. Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business

**7. New Business:**

- A. Resolution 33-2022 Establishing an Absentee Counting Board for the November 8, 2022, General Election.

*Motion by Seabert, with support from Toepper, to adopt Resolution 33-2022 Establishing an Absentee Counting Board for the November 8, 2022, General Election. Motion carried by roll call vote.*

- B. Real Estate Donation Pride Memorial Garden 147 Center Street

Gammons reported that he would maintain the gardens as long as he lives, however the City would pay the electric, water, and insurance on the garden. The amount of funding to cover the upkeep is not a guarantee due to the markets.

*Motion by Seabert with support from Toepper, to accept the real estate sale/donation contract for 147 Center Street, Douglas, Michigan, commonly known as the "Pride Celebration Garden" from the Lawrence W. Gammons and Carl I. Jennings Trust and reimburse Mr. Gammons for concrete work as requested. Motion carried by roll call vote.*

C. Resolution 34-2022 Increase Kayak Storage Rack Fee

*Motion by Seabert, with support from Toepper, to accept the Douglas Harbor Authority recommendation and adopt Resolution 34-3033 increasing the annual kayak storage space rental fee to \$175. Motion carried by roll call vote.*

D. City Hall Exterior Painting Change Order

*Motion by Seabert, with support from Toepper, to approve the Vork Brothers of Zeeland change order (#1) in the amount of \$2,000 for additional work to City Hall building. Motion carried by roll call vote.*

E. 2021 Road & Drainage Improvement Project – Guardrail Replacement discussion item.

*Memo received from Nate Williams regarding the guardrails and the original bid. Council questioned why they needed to be replaced. The replacement was part of the original bid.*

F. Knight of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

*Motion by Toepper, with support from Seabert, to allow the Knights of Columbus to hold their Annual Tootsie Roll Drive on October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried by roll call vote.*

**8. Reports:**

A. Commission/Committee/Boards

- i. Planning Commission – Held three (3) Public Hearings. The next meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. Downtown Development Authority – Awarded \$5,000 to Coastal Society for repairs and improvements. Discussed Blue Star signage, and heard a presentation on the charging station and coupons for those who charge their vehicles.
- iii. Douglas Harbor Authority – Still waiting on test results.

**9. Public Communication:**

A. Verbal (Limit of 3 minutes)

- i. Suzanne Dixon, addressed the need for Douglas to support Wings of Saugatuck. The tri-community plan does not agree with what is proposed at the mouth of the river.
- ii. Dan Urquhart, is aware of the Miro history and the project proposed years ago that was stopped due to the arsenic.

**10. Council Comments**

Toepper	Very thankful for the Pride Garden donation.
North	Also pleased with the donation.
Seabert	This weekend is Oktoberfest. Pleased with the Pride Garden donation.
Mayor Donovan	Honored to have the donation.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion by North, with support from Toepper, to close the meeting. Meeting closed at 7:45 pm

Approved this 3rd day of October,  
  
THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerome Donovan, City Mayor

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pamela Aalderink, City Clerk