



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 AT 7:00 PM
86 W CENTER ST., DOUGLAS MI**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor North

2. **ROLL CALL:** By Clerk Kasper

PRESENT

Mayor Cathy North

Councilmember Neal Seabert

Councilmember John O'Malley

Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Walker

Councilmember Gregory Freeman

Councilmember Matt Balmer

Also Present City Manager Lisa Nocerini

City Clerk Laura Kasper

ABSENT Councilmember Jerome Donovan

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor North

4. **GOOD SAMARITAN AWARDS:**

Douglas Police Chief Steve Kent presented Austin Waalkes, Amie Shanahan, Maxwell Klemm, Michael O'Brien, Jason Lott, and Richard Beaudreault with awards recognizing their life saving efforts during an accident.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approve the Council Meeting Agenda for September 16, 2024

B. Approve the Council Regular Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2024

C. Approve Invoices in the Amount of \$47,307.01

Motion by Balmer, second by O'Malley, to approve the Consent Calendar of September 16, 2024 – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL:** No communication

7. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – WRITTEN:** No communication

8. **PRESENTATION**

A. Mark Killingsworth - Capital One Presentation – No action

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution No. 21-2024 - TAP Grant Support (L. Nocerini)

Motion by O'Malley, second by Balmer, to adopt resolution 21-2024, approving support of the Transportation Alternatives Grant Application for the Blue Star Highway Trail Extension. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- B. Resolution 22-2024 Master Plan Budget Amendment (S. Homyen)

Motion by Balmer, second by O'Malley, to adopt resolution 22-2024, amending the fiscal year 24/25 budget for the Master Plan contract from Williams & Works. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. REPORTS

- A. Commission/Committee/Boards

1. Planning Commission – continued work on master plan
2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer Water – met prior for regular business
3. Downtown Development Authority – meets next week
4. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority – no meeting
5. Douglas Harbor Authority – meets tomorrow
6. Douglas Brownfield Authority – no meeting
7. Fire Board – 22% increase in calls for August
8. Community Recreation – no meeting
9. Playground Committee – no meeting

B. Administration Report – City Manager Nocerini - Ferry Street: Met with EGLE along with the city engineers, and Allegan County to discuss the project and the permitting process. 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony: thanked the Douglas Police Department, the Saugatuck Township Fire Department, Deputy Chief Chris Mantels, the Douglas DPW, Pastor Jody Betten from UCC, Mayor North, Mayor Pro Tem Walker, Chief Kent, DC Mantels, Douglas Police Corporal Warsen, and Captain Chris Bernhardt from the STFD, along with Anna Ostap for helping to make the event a big success for our first annual. Tri Community Wildlife Committee: received confirmation that the Township and City of Saugatuck support the creation of the committee and anticipate a meeting in mid-October. Staff Luncheon: thanked the city council for organizing a staff appreciation luncheon last week. Businesses: thanked the community businesses for their commitment to the city.

12. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL:** Tina, representative with Surf Internet mentioned plans to bring fiber into the area. Demetrhea Terrien mentioned reconsideration with the sign ordinance limitations. Brad Lubbers discussed his campaign and background.

13. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Balmer thanked the good Samaritans and staff. O'Malley thanked the good Samaritans and staff. Freeman gave additional thanks to the staff and good Samaritans, attended the 9/11 event, and went on a ride along with code enforcement. Seabert was honored to have the good Samaritans there and would like to further discuss concerns with event costs at the next meeting. Walker appreciated the ceremony, thanked staff and City Manager Nocerini, mentioned upcoming MI Downtown Day on 9/28 and Blessing of the Animals on 10/6.

14. **MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS:** Mayor North thanked staff and City Manager Nocerini for going above and beyond for the community.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Balmer, second by Walker, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved on this 7th day of October 2024

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Cathy North, 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 September 16, 2024, I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Laura Kasper, City Clerk