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To: The city of the Village of Douglas City Council

From: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager

RE: Approve a contract with Bendzinski & Co. Municipal Finance Advisors

Date: September 3rd, 2024

Andy Campbell, who was previously with Baker Tilly, and working with the City of Douglas on water and sewer contract negotiations with Kalamazoo Lake Sewer & Water Authority (KLSWA), started in a new position with Bendzinski & Co. Municipal Finance Advisors. Baker Tilly has allowed the City of Douglas to sever the agreement with them, without any cost or billings, understanding that Andy brings a wealth of experience to the table as it pertains to these negotiations.

The attached contract outlines the work that will be necessary to complete the contract negotiations, and the fees are the same as they were with Baker Tilly, which is \$13,500.00. It is important to note that this fee does not include rate studies, or the drafting of legal documents, and is intended to serve purely as a governance engagement to reach consensus and agreement on water and sewer agreements between the entities of the KLSWA, Saugatuck Township, and the City of Saugatuck, who will be responsible for their fees.

I am requesting council's approval to re-engage Andy Campbell, by approving the attached contract with Bendzinski & Co. Municipal Finance Advisors, so that we can continue the work necessary to complete the contracts with the KLSWA.

Recommended Motion: Motion to approve a contract with Bendzinski & Company Municipal Advisors in the amount of \$13,500.00 to assist with ongoing contract negotiations with the KLSWA with \$6750.00 coming from the water account and \$6750.00 coming from the sewer account.

(Water: 450-536.000-974.000/Sewer 450-537-974.000)