



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022 AT 7:00 PM  
86 W CENTER ST., DOUGLAS MI**

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**MINUTES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order by Mayor at 7:00 PM

**2. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy North

Mayor Jerome Donovan

Councilmember Neal Seabert

Councilmember Phil Toepper

Councilmember Robert Naumann

Councilmember John OMalley

Councilmember Randy Walker

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approve the December 19, 2022 Agenda

B. Approval of December 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes

C. Approve the December 5, 2022 Closed Session Minutes

D. Approve Invoices in the amount of \$125,861.03

E. Resignation of Councilperson Phil Toepper

F. Gregory Freeman Appointment to Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority

Motion to approve the December 19, 2022 Consent Calendar. - roll call vote

Motion made by Councilmember Seabert, Seconded by Councilmember Naumann.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem North, Mayor Donovan, Councilmember Seabert, Councilmember Toepper, Councilmember Naumann, Councilmember OMalley, Councilmember Walker

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

David Swan - Thanked council for placing the Coastal Alliance on the agenda.

Dawn Schumann - Douglas resident has served on many Douglas committees and has also worked on the Tri-Community Master Plan. Those who worked on the plan went over every aspect of what happens one place happens in another.

Bobby Gaunt - Saugatuck resident feels as if she lives in all three tri communities, the marina is contrary to public interest.

Russ Gardner - Family has lived here since 1880's, visitors see no difference between the cities, please support the Coastal Alliance.

Scott Boscraft - Land owner of North Shores of Saugatuck. The project has obtained approval from the Saugatuck Township, EGLE, US Army Corp of Engineers, and all other pertinent state divisions necessary. Believes the Coastal Alliances has chosen specific phrases from the master plan to make their case.

**6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - WRITTEN**

Late letter received by Suzanne Dixon and Rob Joon. Letters were sent to Army Corp Engineers.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

A. January 2, 2023 City Council Meeting Date Change

Motion to move the Monday, January 2, 2023 City Council Meeting to Tuesday, January 3, 2023 due to the Holiday. - roll call vote

Motion made by Councilmember Seabert, Seconded by Councilmember Walker.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem North, Mayor Donovan, Councilmember Seabert, Councilmember Toepper, Councilmember Naumann, Councilmember OMalley, Councilmember Walker

B. Resolution 42-2022 Personnel Policy & Benefit Manual Amended 2022

Motion to adopt Resolution 42-2022 and adopt the Personnel Policy and Benefits Manual as amended, to take effect on January 1, 2023. - roll call vote

Motion made by Councilmember Naumann, Seconded by Councilmember OMalley.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem North, Mayor Donovan, Councilmember Seabert, Councilmember Toepper, Councilmember Naumann, Councilmember OMalley, Councilmember Walker

C. Resolution 44-2022 Public Art Donation Kirov Pyramid

Motion to adopt Resolution 44-2022 and accept the proposed donation of a sculpture by artist Rado Kirov titled "Pyramid" to be located at 47 W Center Street with minimal cost to the City. - roll call vote

The art work will cost the city the price of the cement pad and will be placed at the Police Station.

Motion made by Councilmember Seabert, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem North.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem North, Mayor Donovan, Councilmember Seabert, Councilmember Toepper, Councilmember Naumann, Councilmember OMalley, Councilmember Walker

D. Northshore of Saugatuck Proposed Marina Basin - Discussion Item

Discussion agenda item. Mayor stated there are a lot of unknowns with this request. Naumann asked how the marina, which was for private use, would benefit the community. Several council stated they were for the preservation. Mayor stated this is for discussion, all state permission has been given, the property is not in Douglas jurisdiction.

This will appear again on the agenda after the first of the year, perhaps in a workshop or closed session.

## 9. REPORTS

A. Commission/Committee/Boards

1. Planning Commission
2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer Water
3. Downtown Development Authority
4. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority
5. Douglas Harbor Authority

6. Douglas Brownfield Authority
7. Fire Board
8. Community Recreation
9. Tree Committee
10. Playground Committee

Planning has reviewed 2 site plans, both approved and will be appearing before the council. Also discussed was the Mi Ro property.

DDA has one open seat. Interested public should fill out a board application found on the city website.

Fire Board met with Chief Janik and took a tour. She was impressed.

Playground committee has submitted the Spark grant.

B. Staff Written Reports

1. City Manager

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

**11. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**12. MAYOR’S REPORT/COMMENTS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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