



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023 AT 5:30 PM  
86 W CENTER ST., DOUGLAS MI**

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**MINUTES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER - By Mayor**

**2. ROLL CALL - By Clerk**

PRESENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy North

Mayor Jerome Donovan

Councilmember Neal Seabert

Councilmember Robert Naumann

Councilmember John OMalley

Councilmember Randy Walker

Councilmember Gregory Freeman

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of the March 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the March 6, 2023 Workshop Meeting Minutes

C. Approval of the Invoices in the amount of \$60,975.85

Motion by Seabert, with support from Naumann, to approve the Consent Calendar for March 20, 2023.  
Motion carried by roll call vote.

**5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION/VERBAL – No communication**

**6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION/WRITTEN – Ronna Alexander letter dated Feb. 23, 2023. Mayor acknowledged receipt of this letter.**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No business to attend to**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Presentation – Playground Status by Anna Greg

The group has brought in around \$40,000 to date, new equipment has been purchased and delivered, just waiting on the installation date. The attempt now is to market for the Adult space as the group did not receive the SPARK Grant.

**B. Special Event – National MS Society, Michigan Chapter**

Motion by North, with support from Seabert, to approve the Special Event request for the Bike MS Great Lakes West Michigan Breakaway Ride. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**C. Special Event Permit – Ocktoberfest 2023**

Motion by Walker, with support from Seabert, to approve the Special Event Permit request for Oktoberfest 2023, contingent upon the applicant meeting with Chief of Police and Public Works Director at least twice prior to the event for the purpose of discussing how the event is proceeding. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**D. Resolution 04-2023 Appoint Ricky Zoet to Director of Public Works**

Motion by Freeman, with support from Naumann, to adopt Resolution 04-2023 appointing Mr. Ricky Zoet to the position of Director of Public Works for the City of the Village of Douglas. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**E. Resolution 08-2023 Resolution to Continue the Social District**

Motion by Seabert, with support from O'Malley, to approve Resolution 08-2023 as resolution to continue the Social District. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**F. DDA Holiday Lighting on Structures**

Motion by Seabert, with support from Walker, to allow holiday lighting to remain in place on municipal structures pursuant to the DDA's proposal and request City Council consider paying the added cost of electric incurred by the times lighting display at the gazebo and gateway sign. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## **9. REPORTS**

**A. Commission / Committee / Boards**

1. Planning Commission – The April meeting will be by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Planning looked at zoning for Forrest Gate and requested a 3<sup>rd</sup> party look over the traffic study and environmental information submitted. The Commission also reviewed the Sign Ordinance.

2. Douglas Harbor Authority – Conducted their organizational meeting, discussed the open slip at Point Pleasant, and recommended City Council approve the invasive treatment contract for the year 2023.

3. Fire Board – CPR training will resume with Wendy Bale. Discussion took place regarding the MDOT Bridge work plans and a preliminary Ad Hoc group was formed to look over Ambulance service.

**B. Staff Written Reports**

1. City Manager – MDOT Bridge meeting at the end of the month, Manager will run a mock of the detour to determine if any changes may be needed. Need someone to sit on the Park & Rec Team (Seabert volunteered)

10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES) – None received

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Walker	Gave an update on the Erin Go Bark Parade.
Naumann	Attended the Parade, cold but fun
Seabert	Would it be possible to get someone from the library board to give an update, and would like to add banners to the budget workshop.
North	Congratulation to Ricky Zoet, Douglas is lucky to have him.

12. MAYOR’S REPORT / COMMENTS – None

13. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by North, with support from O’Malley, to meet in closed session under Sect. 8(d) of the Open Meeting Act to consider the purchase of real property up to the time an option to purchase real property is obtained. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion to enter from closed session made at the end of the closed session (minutes of closed session reflect this move)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by gavel of the Mayor.

Approved on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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

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