



MINUTES
THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
DOUGLAS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
86 W. CENTER ST., DOUGLAS, MI 49406
October 21, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** – Present: Anderson, Harvath, North, Miller, Lion, Mooradian.
Also, Present: City Manager LaBombard, City Clerk Aalderink, City Treasurer Carpenter, City Planner Imus, and Dept. of Public Works Director Vogel.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Mayor Anderson
4. **Consent Calendar**
 - A. Agenda for October 21, 2019
 - B. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2019
 - C. Closed Session Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2019
 - D. Invoices dated October 7, 2019 in the amount of \$149,300.38Motion by Seabert, with support from Miller, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
5. **Public Communication**
 - A. Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes on agenda items only)

Susanne Dixon, Center St. resident and member of the Douglas Brownfield Authority requests an increase in BRA members, although she does not know why the Authority would need Council approval. She believes the last BRA meeting was a direct violation of the OMA and that the TCE'S and Arsenic are not being properly addressed at 200 Blue Star Hwy. The lack of attention to these two contaminants is a direct liability to the City.

Dan Urquhart, Chestnut Lane resident is concerned the US Post Office and the County do not show that Chestnut Lane exists, resulting in package delivery issues.

County Commissioner Dean reported on the State budget cuts and the effects on the County. The Emergency Management program presented the school with a two-way radio for emergency purposes. Commissioner Kappinga also addressed the Resource Recovery Program.
 - B. Written Communications
 1. Allegan County Health Department Re: Recycling
City Manager LaBombard made contact with the county to obtain information on the recycling program. Extra services such as bulk collection and hazardous waste can be

added through the county however the services are offered through Republic Waste Services.

2. Michigan Township Services Re: Permits
3. Interurban Minutes

6. Unfinished Business - None

7. New Business

A. AED For City Hall

Motion by North, with support from Miller, to authorize the City Manager to purchase two refurbished AED units, one for City Hall and one for the Department of Public Works Building. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Douglas Brownfield Authority Member Increase – Discussion Item

Anderson attended the last meeting of the Brownfield Authority where members were presented with a Legal Framework for 200 Blue Star Hwy. Redevelopment Project by City Attorney Erickson. Lion likes the idea of increasing the members of the Authority, stating it would open the membership to include more talent, she also is concerned with the arsenic.

8. Reports

A. Commission / Committee / Board Reports

1. Planning Commission – No report
2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water –

Urquhart reported that lift station #10 flooded on Sept. 29th, the main water sensor had been struck by an electrical surge. KLSWA has completed 20 samples of lead and copper for the State, of these samples .674 was the highest sample taken for copper and lead content was extremely low. KLSWA puts phosphate in the water, the lead and copper contents should not be an issue for the community. Homes prior to 1980 will probably have to replace the lead seals between the main and the home.

3. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority – North reported the meeting discussions were items that had been discussed for the last few meetings. No new reports.

4. Downtown Development Authority – DDA financials are well, it is noted that the DDA has fulfilled its duties with streetscape, overpayments were made in the amount of roughly \$2718.00. Holiday event planning has been proceeding well.

5. Douglas Harbor Authority – No Report

6. Douglas Brownfield Authority – Closed Session with City Attorney

7. Fire Board – Fire Board is growing and the department is considering expanding the building they are currently occupying. \$392,000 in Grants have been received in 5 years.

8. Community Recreation – None

B. Staff Reports

1. Community Development / Planning / Zoning – To date permits received from Michigan Township Services were reviewed.

2. Finance / Budget – Treasurer reported the city financials are in good shape. Taxes were taken in at a rate of 93.7% MI Class funds are working well.

3. Manager's Report / Comments – City Manager met with residents of the 66th St. property. Surrounding neighbors are concerned of lower property values after

the Dept. of Public works moves equipment in. They were assured that a portion of the property would only be used for storage.

4. Police Report – By Corporal Warson

9. Public Communications – Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes on general business of the City)
Brandy Erlandson addressed the crosswalk on Randolph St., children use this crosswalk and vehicles are not stopping for foot traffic in that area. She is concerned that someone will be hit. A request to add some form of crosswalk cone during the beginning and end of the school day.

10. Council Comments

Pat Lion expressed concern with the mention of arsenic on 200 Blue Star property and would like the city to remain on top of the issue. The 66th street property looks as if everything was placed far to the back of the property and buffered.

Mooradian addressed what she believed to be a pattern of behavior regarding the bike trail. A recent article in the paper regarding the passing of a resolution by a neighboring city causes her to believe the City of Douglas has been manipulated, all of the city's council favor the bike trail. Anderson responded stating the resolution presented in Saugatuck was not the resolution that was presented by the County and that Douglas agreed with. Anderson went on to state "Douglas is by no way a part of what was passed in Saugatuck."

Miller offered to draft a small paragraph regarding the article in the press for the City to post it on all social media and place in the press.

Seabert is working on Christmas trees, flower cut outs, and looking forward to the Halloween parade.

11. Mayor's Report / Comments – Mayor Anderson thanked Greg for filling in during her absence and thanked the city for allowing council to go to the MML conference.
12. Adjournment – Motion by Seabert, with support from Harvath, to close the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. (8:15 P.M.)