



MINUTES
THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
REGULAR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
86 W. CENTER ST., DOUGLAS, MI 49406
MONDAY, November 18, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

1. Swearing in newly elected Council Members by City Clerk, Jerry Donovan, Kathryn Mooradian, Cathy North.
2. Organizational Meeting (Per Section 3.6 of the City Charter)
Motion by Lion, with support from Seabert, to nominate Linda Anderson as Mayor.
Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
Meeting turned over to City Mayor Anderson.
Motion by North, with support from Mooradian, to nominate Pat Lion as Mayor Pro Temp.
Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
3. Committee Assignments: Lion appointed to Tree Board; Donovan appointed to Douglas Brownfield Authority.

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1. Call to Order: Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor
3. Roll Call: Present – Anderson, Donovan, Lion, Miller, Mooradian, North, Seabert
Absent - None
4. Consent Calendar
 - i. Approval of Agenda November 18, 2019
 - ii. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2019
 - iii. Approval of invoices in the amount of \$114,779.60
 - iv. Appointments, Resignations
Appoint Robert Kenny to the Zoning Board of Appeals
Appoint Tarue Pullen to the Saugatuck Township Fire Board
Motion by Seabert, with support from Lion, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
5. Public Communication

A. Verbal (Limit of (3) minutes)

John Adams, 222 Lakeshore Dr. addressed the Blue Star Trail Resolution. A request not to approve the Resolution was presented by Mr. Adams, who proceeded to remind everyone that the \$200,000 donation for the Blue Star Trail will expire on 12/31/19 if an approved route for the trail has not been presented.

B. Written

- i. FEMA Open House Invitation
- ii. Comcast Channel Organization

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Charge Point Fees and Website

City Manager LaBombard presented a brief introduction of the charging stations available in the area. The site informs drivers where stations are located, when they are available, and if there is a charge or if charging is free. The City of Douglas will have to decide what the charging fee will be for the new station being installed at Beery Field.

B. SAW Grant Work: Nate Williams, Prein & Newhof

Mr. Williams presented a summary of the work accomplished with the grant funding. First goals were set, an asset inventory was completed and rated as to what the critical factor would be in the event of a failure. The Department of Public works will be using iPads equipped with GIS, this will assist them in the field documenting the City storm drain system. Mr. Williams gave the city a rating of 3 out of 5.

7. New Business:

A. Resolution: Blue Star Trail

Members discussed working as a joint committee with the other municipalities to discuss how best the bike trail could be completed.

Motion by Miller, with support from Lion, to table the Joint Blue Star Bike Trail Resolution until a time frame is available for further discussion. The City of the Village of Douglas is in support of the Bike Trail and willing to work with the City of Saugatuck and Saugatuck Township in a result focused joint committee in which a physical route of the Blue Star Trail is established. Even if a joint committee is not formed the City of Douglas will still work with the City of Saugatuck. The City of Douglas has designated two (2) councilmembers, Mooradian and Donovan, as well as the City Manager to sit on the joint committee if formed.

8. Commission/Committee/ Board Reports:

- A. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer Water Authority – LeFevere reported the KLSWA had received a legal invoice for the building on Enterprise Dr., would the City like to include the invoice in it's recoup fund? Other things the Authority are working on are meter replacements, possible software and hardware upgrades, and costs to the improvements. KLSWA is currently working with Badger Meters on the updates.
- B. DDA – Lion reminded all present that Santa and Mrs. Clause with the reindeer will be in town for the Saturday event.
- C. Fire Board – Mooradian thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

B. Staff Reports:

- i. Imus thanked those who attended the workshop for Planning and Zoning. It was a wonderful turnout. She reported 14 site plans were received in the office for approval, 9 were rejected.
- ii. Carpenter provided council with the revenue expenditure report, also a graph dollar bill which shows residents with 100 percent homestead how taxes are distributed.
- iii. Chief Kent reported the Police Department answered 100 complains, which included personal contacts, felony arrests, stolen vehicle, and one apprehended individual in a corn field.
- iv. City Manager LaBombard introduced Nick Wikar who will be assisting in the Planning and Zoning Department. Wikar will be working as a intern employee.

9. Public Comments:

John Adams, Thanked Council for tabling the Resolution for the Bike Trail.

10. Council Comments:

Miller would like to see the trail continue without dragging the City of Douglas into it.

Lion welcomed Wikar and Donovan. A thank you to Mooradian for her service on the Fire Board was extended.

Mooradian welcomed Donovan, thanked Imus for her conference, and expressed a sincere want for some form of collaboration on the bike trail.

Seabert welcomed Wikar and Donovan, reminded everyone of the holiday event this weekend, and will be hanging the ornaments make by elementary students in front of City Hall.

North announced the Poet Laurette who represents the City of Douglas has been published in the New York Times.

Donovan thanked all who supported him in the most recent election.

11. Mayor:

Anderson thanked all for re-appointing her as City Mayor, it is a job she especially enjoys.

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Seabert, with support from Donovan, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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