



MINUTES  
THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
86 W. Center St. – Douglas, MI  
October 18, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Lion called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present – Donovan, Miller, Mooradian, North, Seabert, Lion  
Van Loon joined by zoom.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Lion
4. Consent Calendar:
  - A. Approve Agenda for October 18, 2021
  - B. Approve Council Minutes for October 4, 2021
  - C. Approve Invoices in the amount of \$209,151.69 – Mooradian requested the following statement be entered into the record – The Douglas Park Project funds will be reimbursed.
  - D. Resignations / Appointments / Proclamations

*Motion by Seabert, with support from North, to approve the October 18, 2021, Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of those members present.*

5. Public Communication:
  - A. Verbal (Limit of 3 minutes)
  - B. Written
    1. Point Pleasant Park Initial Concept Review Session  
Mayor invited the public to join the review session at city hall on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 pm.
    2. Lydia Frens email regarding Bike Trail safety issues.  
City Manager LaBombard responded to Frens concerns regarding the safety of crossing on the Blue Star Hwy.
6. Unfinished Business – None
7. New Business
  - A. Recommendation to Award Campbell Road Improvements  
The project is in cooperation with the City of Saugatuck and Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering of Grand Rapids. The work is to replace the water main and lead and galvanized water service lines, and then resurface and widen Campbell Road between Ferry Street and McVea Drive. The following bids were received:

1.	Southwest Transport Company of Hartford	\$ 730,263.75
2.	Georgetown Construction of Georgetown	\$1,088,345.00
3.	Montgomery Excavating of Ionia	\$1,312,420.00
4.	Northern Construction of Niles	\$1,350,279.00

*Motion by Seabert, with support from Miller, to award Southwest Transport of Hartford the Campbell Road improvements project for \$411,140 and amend the budget by \$198,140. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

- B. 2021 Allegan County Reapportionment Commission Presentation – Glenda DeJong  
The counties are going through reapportionment and the concern is that our area will not be heard while our representative is given additional areas to cover. Council is urged to write a letter discouraging the proposed reapportionment.

- C. Wades Bayou Monochromatic Painting

Miller would like to wait until the Wayfinding is established so that this can tie into that.

*Motion by Mooradian, with support from North, to allow Kathleen Tubergen to continue painting the Wades Bayou building with a monochromatic line drawing. Votes cast were Miller – No, Seabert – No, Donovan – Yes, North – Yes, Mooradian – Yes, Van Loon – Yes, Lion – No. Motion carried by a 4-3 roll call vote.*

## 8. Reports

### A. Commission/Committee/Boards

1. Planning Commission – Center Street work done without permits, PUD discussion, hope to see Centre development, discussed Tree Ordinance, environmental protection.
2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer & Water - No report
3. Downtown Douglas Authority - No report
4. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority - No report
5. Douglas Harbor Authority – No report
6. Douglas Brownfield Authority – No report
7. Fire board – Department received FEMA grant for PPE, Chief Janik awarded President’s Award, hired additional firefighter
8. Community Recreation – No report
9. Tri-Community Recycle Committee – No report
10. Tri-Community Bike Trail Group – No report
11. Playground Committee – No report
12. Tree Board – Approved three trees removed and one replaced

### B. Staff Report

1. Police Department – September Activity Report: 158 complaints which is up three complaints compared to last year. Working on 7 open felony cases. Started hiring process for one regular part-time officer. 15 times other communities have assisted us this year
2. Department of Public Works is currently working on the playground, streetlights,

outlets for the flowerbeds, and transitioning the equipment for fall work.

3. Planning has four upcoming Public Hearings, one of these will be for the Master Plan open house. The Downtown District Authority will be holding an October 27<sup>th</sup> workshop.
4. Treasurer went over the cash balances, has collected the bulk of the taxes, spoke with the auditors who will do the audit the first week in November. The first round of ARPA funds have been received, the second round should arrive sometime next year.
5. City Clerk reviewed the election information for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election.
6. Manager reported the new traffic light at Center and Blue Star has been installed, the playground looks wonderful, the large tree at Point Pleasant has been lost, will be walking with the Engineers on paving projects.

9. Public Communication

Randy, chair of the Downtown District Authority announced the DDA has approved updates to the the Douglas bathrooms, these updates will include heating and open rooms during the winter season. There is a possibility of installing a concession window, a new water fountain, a possible mural on Demond's building, and approved sidewalk.

10. Council Comments

Donovan was not pleased the sidewalk along Union St. may be pushed off. He believes more money is put into projects not related to public safety.

Seabert attended the Christian Neighbor Open House and ribbon playground ribbon cutting ceremony.

Miller is pleased there will be a candidate forum and would hope one would be held again next year.

11. Closed Session

Motion by Seabert, with support from North, to enter closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to review legal opinion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion to enter back into regular session occurred during closed session.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Seabert, with support from Donovan, to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Approved on

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia Lion, Mayor

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

Certification of Minutes

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of the Village of Douglas held on ----- . I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Date