



**City of the Village of Douglas Administration Review
Weeks of January 29th- February 2nd, 2024 & February 5th- February 9th, 2024**

200 Blue Star Highway- City Council/Douglas Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Joint Meeting: The City Council and Douglas Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meeting on Monday, February 5th, 2024, regarding the 200 Blue Star Highway survey and public input results was incredibly productive and a great step forward for the City and community.

A total of 467 responses were analyzed by the Williams & Works engineering and planning team, with the highest percentage of responses from individuals living inside the City of the Village of Douglas. Three concepts were generated, utilizing the thorough response data from the survey to create concepts for the public input session discussion. Out of the three concepts, one received the highest favorability with 41%, which included options for specialized commercial, mixed use, and small-scale apartments. For more information or to see the preliminary concepts, please visit <https://douglas-mi.municodemeetings.com/>.

415 Wiley Road: The City Council turned down the proposal presented by ABM Building Solutions, LLC for the buildout of the 415 Wiley Road property for City Hall, Police, and Public Works.

The decision not to move forward with the rehabilitation project was reached after thorough consideration of numerous factors, with cost being a significant concern. While the proposal presented by ABM Building Solutions, LLC highlighted potential benefits, including the consolidation of municipal services into a single location, the associated financial requirements were deemed prohibitive at this time. Furthermore, the City is currently facing pressing capital needs across multiple areas, necessitating a strategic allocation of resources. We must prioritize projects that directly address critical infrastructure and service delivery demands to ensure the well-being and safety of our residents.

In light of these considerations, the City Council has opted to convene a workshop on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. to explore alternative options for the site. This workshop will provide an opportunity for the council to collaboratively evaluate potential solutions that align with our community's needs and financial realities.

The City would like to emphasize that the decision not to proceed with the proposed rehabilitation project does not diminish Douglas's commitment to enhancing our municipal facilities and services. We remain dedicated to finding innovative and cost-effective solutions that best serve the interests of our residents and contribute to the overall prosperity of our City.

Thank you once again to ABM Building Solutions, LLC for their involvement in the process, and we look forward to engaging with the community and stakeholders as we work towards a viable path forward for the site.



Election Information: The Presidential Primary Election for Michigan is February 27, 2024. In November 2022, voters passed Proposal 2 which amended the State Constitution to include additional voting rights and protections and created additional options for Michigan voters to vote. Michigan voters now have three ways to vote: Early Voting, Absentee Ballot, and Election Day. To check voter registration, request a ballot, and access all voter information resources visit - <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Home/Index>

All registered voters within the City of the Village of Douglas cast their ballots at – Douglas City Hall, 86 W. Center Street, Douglas, MI 49406

Election questions may be directed to the City Clerk at – 269-857-1438, or by email – clerk@douglasmi.gov and please visit - <https://douglasmi.gov/elections/> for helpful links and additional information.

Job Opening: Deputy Clerk – Level 1/Office Assistant Full-Time Starting Salary \$19.00 per hour - The City of the Village of Douglas is seeking a full-time person to serve as Deputy Clerk – Level 1/Office Assistant. This is an administrative office position that assists department heads and the City Manager. In the absence of the City Clerk, the individual will be responsible for fulfilling the City Clerk functions presently prescribed in applicable State, City Charter, and City Ordinances. This person is the first contact with the public whether via phone or in person and handles clerical/administrative functions, including Planning and Zoning, Treasurer, Clerk, Assessor, Department of Public Works, and City Manager. As Deputy Clerk this individual will assist the City Clerk with elections, election inspectors, and any employees assigned to help with Clerk functions. The candidate should be a positive problem solver with excellent communication and computer skills. Michigan State QVF certification along with associate degree or higher preferred. For a complete list of essential job functions and requirements, visit www.douglasmi.gov. Interested parties can submit their resume to - Laura Kasper, Douglas City Clerk, by March 7, 2024, or until the position is filled. Please call 269-857-1438 ext. 106 with questions.

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City Offices Closure: In observance of President's Day, Douglas City offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th, 2024, Therefore, the City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., with the 415 Wiley Road Workshop discussion at 5:30 p.m., prior to.



Upcoming City Meetings:

Monday, February 19th, 2024: City Offices Closed for President's Day

Tuesday, February 20th, 2024: City Council Workshop at 5:30 p.m. regarding 415 Wiley Road

Tuesday, February 20th, 2024: City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

City of the Village of Douglas City Council:

Cathy North, Mayor

Randy Walker, Mayor Pro-Tem

Neal Seabert, Councilmember

Jerry Donovan, Councilmember

John O'Malley, Councilmember

Greg Freeman, Councilmember

Fran Ray, Councilmember

City of the Village of Douglas Contact Information:

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Department of Public Works: 269-857-2763

Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority: 269-857-2709

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