



## City of the Village of Douglas Administration Report March 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Ferry Street Project Update: Ferry Street Culvert Project Update:** As of the week ending March 21, 2025, significant progress has been made on the Ferry Street Culvert Project. The bracing of the coffer dam has been completed, the remnants of the old culvert have been removed, and the bulk of the water main installation has been finished.

Looking ahead to the week ending March 28, 2025, the newly installed water main will undergo pressure testing, likely on Monday. Once completed, the contractor will coordinate with KLSWA to begin the chlorination and sampling process, which is expected to take approximately five days. During this time, construction on the new culvert will begin.

In the coming weeks, after receiving passing water sample results, the contractor will schedule the tie-in, requiring coordination and advance notice for affected residents. Following this, the old water main will be abandoned, and restoration work will commence. **\*\***(Letters were sent in February to the homeowners/businesses that will be impacted by this project, which outlined this process.) **\*\***

The contractor anticipates that the project remains on schedule. However, despite recent spring-like weather, Michigan's unpredictable climate may still impact progress with minor delays.



**200 Blue Star Highway Dirt/Rock Piles:** We have received questions regarding the dirt and rock piles located at 200 Blue Star Highway. Please be advised that these materials are being used for the Ferry Street Culvert project.

To facilitate the project and avoid complications with road weight restrictions during the frost law season, the contractor was permitted to store the materials at this location temporarily. We appreciate your understanding and patience as this important infrastructure improvement moves forward.

**Short-Term Rentals:** If you have a short-term rental, and you have not registered with the City of Douglas or had an inspection completed by the fire department, you could be in violation of the city ordinance and fire code. Please make sure to contact City Hall if you need to register or the fire department (numbers are listed below) if you need an inspection or have any questions. Both are required.

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025: Tri-Community Wildlife Committee at 6:00 p.m. at Douglas City Hall

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Douglas City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Douglas City Hall

Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Douglas City Hall

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Douglas Harbor Authority meeting at 4:30 p.m. at Douglas City Hall

Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025: Douglas City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Douglas 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

Matthew Balmer, 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  
Saugatuck-Douglas District Library: 269-857-8241

\*For emergencies, please call 911\*

City Hall Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.