

**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2011  
DOUGLAS CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM  
86 W. CENTER STREET, DOUGLAS, MI  
7:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Waddell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – Members present: Greenwood, Harvath, Hoexter, Mayer, Smith, Wiley, and Waddell.  
Members absent/excused: None  
Also present: William LeFevere, City Manager; Bob Drexler, Treasurer and Jean E. Neve, City Clerk
3. **Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor**
4. **Consent Calendar**
  - A. Approval of Agenda for February 21, 2011
  - B. Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2011
  - C. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2011
  - D. Approval of Invoices dated 2/7/2011 in the amount of \$46,310.70
  - E. Approval of Appointment of Matt Balmer to the City of Douglas Planning Commission with a Term to Expire April 30, 2014

Motion by Hoexter, with support from Harvath, to approve the Consent Calendar removing Item 4B for discussion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Hoexter asked that wording in the C.O.W. meeting minutes be amended. Motion by Harvath with support from Smith to approve Item 4B as amended. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. **Public Communications**
  - A. Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes pertaining to agenda items only)
    1. Matt Balmer, Mixer Street, thanked council for the appointment to the Planning Commission noting it was with heavy heart that he would fill the seat of Chris Nern.
    2. Terry Burns, Allegan County Commissioner, spoke about:
      - a. the 211 phone number to help people with utilities, food, and housing.
      - b. ordinance for medical marijuana
      - c. budget cuts, abolishing personal property tax and Act 312
  - B. Written Communications
    1. Saugatuck Township Fire Board Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2011 and Workshop Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2011
    2. Curbside Recycling 2010 Weight Report
    3. Interurban Transit Authority Monthly Meeting Report from February 16, 2011

Written Communications noted as received and filed.

6. **Unfinished Business**
  - A. Motion by Hoexter with support from Greenwood to Approve Resolution No. 04-2011 Authorizing and Approving the Adoption of the City of the Village of Douglas Public Art Policy. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- B. Motion by Smith with support from Hoexter to Approve Resolution No. 06-2011 Authorizing and Approving Proposal from Edgewater Resources to Submit Swing Bridge Property Grant Application.  
Discussion on the likelihood that the Swing Bridge property would ever become available.  
Motion carried 6 to 1 by roll call vote with Harvath casting a “no” vote..

**7. New Business**

- A. Motion by Hoexter with support from Smith to Approve Resolution No. 05-2011 Authorizing Taxpayers to File Their Protests Before the Assessing Board of Review by Letter, Fax or Email, Without Personal Appearance by Taxpayer or Agent. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**8. Reports**

**A. Commission / Committee / Board Reports**

1. Planning Commission  
The February 9<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission was cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority  
Wiley reported on the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. A leak was successfully repaired at Blue Star Hwy and Center Street. There has been continued work on the Iron Removal Plant. A rate increase of \$4.90 per month is in place. Meeting time for KLSWA Board has changed to 9:00 a.m.
3. Kalamazoo Harbor Master Plan Committee  
Greenwood related she missed the last meeting and asked Manager LeFevere to report.  
LeFevere reported there has been no action from the Township on financial participation with the Harbor Master Plan Committee. A letter was received from R.J. Peterson regarding improvements to the harbor.
4. Joint Planning Committee  
Mayer reported on the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. It has been time consuming and difficult going through every page of the Tri-Community Plan. There are irrelevant sections of the plan that may be removed. There has been discussion of each community having its own chapter for issues specific to each.
5. Community Recreation Advisory Board  
Smith related he missed last weeks' meeting.
6. Downtown Development Authority  
The new website may be up and running in April.  
Mike Hurley is creating an opportunity to break a Guinness World Record by gathering to sing “Oh Danny Boy” on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Beery Field.
7. Police Commission  
No meeting.
8. Douglas Advisory Committee  
No report.

9. Friends of the Barrel  
Smith reported the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society has been asked to help with fundraising for determining what is needed to deal with the lead paint situation.

**B. Staff Reports**

1. **Community Development / Planning / Zoning – Kilpatrick**  
No report.
2. **Finance / Budget**
  - a. Revenue/Expenditure Summary Report for the Period of 7/1/2010 to 1/31/2011
  - b. Wire Transfer/ACH Payment Summary for the Month Ended 1/31//2011  
Treasurer Drexler discussed state revenue sharing cuts and the proposed elimination of personal property tax.

**C. Manager LeFevere's Report / Comments**

1. Praise for the great job by the Department of Public Works on clearing roads.
2. Information received from the Committee for Consolidation.

9. **Public Communications** - Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes on general business of the City  
None

**10. Council Comments**

Council added their thanks to the DPW for the excellent care given to the roads during winter storms.

**11. Mayor Waddell's Report / Comments**

Waddell reported Manager LeFevere and Councilperson Hoexter accompanied her to the reception for Senator Patty Birkholz on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

12. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jean E. Neve, CMC  
City of the Village of Douglas Clerk

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Renee Waddell, Mayor

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 February 21, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

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Jean E. Neve, City Clerk

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Date