

**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, March 6, 2017  
DOUGLAS CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM  
86 W. CENTER STREET, DOUGLAS, MI  
7:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Wiley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – Members present: Anderson, Greenwood, Harvath, Lion, Mooradian, Seabert, Wiley  
Members absent/excused: None  
Also present: Manager LeFevere, Treasurer Drexler, City Clerk Neve.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor**
4. **Consent Calendar**
  - A. Approval of Agenda for March 6, 2017
  - B. Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2017

Motion by Greenwood with support from Harvath to approve the consent calendar as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
5. **Approval of Invoices**

Motion by Mooradian with support from Harvath to approve invoices dated March 6, 2017 in the revised amount of \$63,574.70.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
6. **Appointments/Resignations/Proclamations**
  - A. Motion by Greenwood with support from Harvath to appoint Councilperson Neal Seabert to the Saugatuck Public Schools Community Recreation Board (4-yr. term ending January 2021)  
Motion carried.
  - B. Motion by Greenwood with support from Anderson to appoint Wendy Colsen to serve on the Douglas Downtown Development Authority Board (term ending January 2021)  
Motion carried.
7. **Public Communications**
  - A. Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes on agenda items only)  
No comments were heard.
  - B. Written Communications  
None received.
8. **Unfinished Business**
  - A. CMAQ Grant Discussion – Engineer Brian Vilmont  
Blue Star Highway Improvements  
Vilmont presented sketches of six areas/intersections along Blue Star Highway that needed a decision on improvements before the grant application is finalized.
    - 1.) Curb islands at Center and Blue Star
    - 2.) St. Peters Drive intersection
    - 3.) Curb island at Chestnut Street
    - 4.) Delivery access driveway at Shell station
    - 5.) Relocate driveway to The Pines Motel
    - 6.) Trail termination at Main Street

**9. New Business**

- A. Motion by Seabert with support from Anderson to adopt Resolution No. 06-2017 authorizing actions to enforce settlement with Kalamazoo Ferry Company (dba Tower Marine and R.J. Peterson)  
Will authorize all actions that may be necessary to complete the relocation of the spoils material in accordance with Court Order File Number 13-52632-CZ.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- B. Motion by Mooradian with support from Seabert to adopt Resolution No. 07-2017 to proceed with submission of Trust Fund Grant application for the acquisition of Pont Pleasant Marina.  
Will approve the proposal from Edgewater Resources to perform the necessary work and submit the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant on behalf of the City.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- C. Motion by Mooradian with support from Seabert to adopt Resolution No. 05-2017 to participate in Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Redevelopment Ready Community Program.  
Will show the City support of the Redevelopment Ready Community program and the Intention to engage in the certification process to become a Certified Redevelopment Ready Community with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**10. Reports**

- A. **Commission / Committee / Board Reports**
1. Planning Commission - Imus  
Meeting on Wednesday, March 8th to consider a special land use permit for a Tatro Studio in Weathervane Mall.  
Annual report will be ready soon.  
Council members asked about any recommendations the Planning Commission had discussed regarding marijuana facilities.
  2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority-LeFevre  
Discussed metering sewer usage. New trucks ordered. Saw a presentation of GIS system. Still considering agreement for sharing information.
  3. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority – Schmidt  
Election of officers was held with Trester as Chair, Burroughs as Vice-Chair and Greenwood as Treasurer. New members Starring and Phillips welcomed. Starring may head up the Harbor Safety Subcommittee to educate watercraft users on navigation/safety concerns. Discussed why PCP/arsenic studies need to be done before dredging. Placement of buoys will be done by each individual municipality.
  4. Downtown Development Authority – Wiley  
Discussed the proposed Craft Beer Festival and Half Marathon Run. DDA has agreed to apply for and obtain the liquor license.  
Tabitha Lohr has been officially hired. Next meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup>.
  5. Police Commission – Harvath, Anderson  
No meeting.

6. Fire District Board – Mooradian, Christiansen  
No meeting.
7. Community Recreation – Seabert

**B. Staff Reports**

1. **Community Development / Planning / Zoning** - Imus  
Community Recreation would like to install some new fencing at Beery Field. They will pay for 8-ft fencing to replace the 4-ft from the backstop to the dugouts as well as a section at the corner of Main and Fremont.
2. **Finance / Budget** – Drexler  
RFP's for Auditors went out to five firms this week.
3. **Manager's Report / Comments** - LeFevere  
Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority holds dredge permits for all areas except the one needed for the basin.  
Continuing to work with contractors and Drain Commissioner on redesign of the Beach to Bayou Trail. Need to get bids out and finish up the work this year.

**11. Public Communications - Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes on general business of the City)**  
No comments were heard.

**12. Council Comments**

- Harvath: Appreciates all the work Engineer Vilmont has done on the Blue Star Highway improvement project.  
The City contract term with Chef Container is coming up giving us some options to negotiate.
- Greenwood: Thanks to Wendy Colsen for being willing to serve on the DDA.
- Anderson: Feels like much has been accomplished tonight.
- Seabert: Very pleased with the bike path. Hopes to see the Beach to Bayou Trail completed this year.  
Thanks for the appointment to the Community Recreation Committee.  
Would like to have a look into budgeting to have sound system in Center Street.  
Suggestions: Bike repair station maintained on trail..  
Community garden planted on our 16-acre property.  
Thanks to Wendy Colsen.
- Lion: A bike repair station is being considered at "Just Add Water".  
Tabitha is working well with Lisa and will be talking with business owners.  
Questions on the budget process and when it begins.
- Mooradian: Considering sending letter to newspaper regarding the bike trail Asks that others also write. Don't give up, keep fighting.

**13. Mayor's Report / Comments**

Please turn in manager evaluation forms if you have not already done so.  
Will be out of town the next two meetings.  
Lots of good discussion tonight.

**14. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
James I. Wiley, 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 March 6, 2017. 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