



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 06, 2026 AT 6:00 PM
415 WEST WILEY RD, SUITE 103, DOUGLAS, MI
49406**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor North
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Clerk Kasper
PRESENT
Mayor Cathy North
Councilmember Neal Seabert
Councilmember John O'Malley
Councilmember Matt Balmer
Councilmember Jeff West
Also Present City Manager Lisa Nocerini
City Clerk Laura Kasper
ABSENT Excused - Councilmember Gregory Freeman, Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Walker
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor North
4. **MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Mr. Celestino Reyes (Father of Officer Tino Reyes)
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. Approve the Council Meeting Agenda for April 6, 2026
 - B. Approve the Council Workshop & Regular Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2026
 - C. Approve Invoices in the Amount of \$85,553.33

Motion by Seabert, second by Balmer, to approve the Consent Calendar of April 6, 2026 – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL:** None
7. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – WRITTEN:** None
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Cemetery Agreement with Saugatuck Township (L. Nocerini)

Motion by West, second by Balmer, to approve the Cemetery Services Agreement between Saugatuck Township and the City of the Village of Douglas for a term of three years (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029) – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- B. Resolution 07-2026 Opposing Proposed State House Bills 5529-5532 and 5581-5585 (L. Nocerini)

Motion by Balmer, second by Seabert, to adopt resolution 07-2026, opposing Michigan House Bills

5529-5532 and 5581-5585 as an overreach of State authority and an erosion of local control. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

C. Special Event - July 3rd Fireworks

Motion by Balmer, second by Seabert, to approve the special event request from Saugatuck-Douglas CVB for the July 3rd, 2026, fireworks event. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

D. Special Event - Venetian Fireworks

Motion by Balmer, second by Seabert, to approve the special event request from the Saugatuck Douglas Rotary Club for the Venetian Fireworks July 25, 2026, Fireworks event. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

E. Special Event - Oktoberfest 2026

Motion by O'Malley, second by West, to approve the special event request from Community Pride for the October 10, 2026, Douglas Oktoberfest event. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

F. Special Event - Mt. Baldhead Challenge

Motion by West, second by Seabert, to approve the special event request from Saugatuck Douglas Rotary Club for the September 12, 2026, Mt. Baldhead Challenge event. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

G. Special Event - Community Pride Festival

Motion by West, second by O'Malley, to approve the special event request from Community Pride for the June 6, 2026, Pride in the Park event. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. REPORTS

A. Commission/Committee/Boards

1. Planning Commission
2. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer Water
3. Downtown Development Authority
4. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority
5. Douglas Harbor Authority
6. Douglas Brownfield Authority
7. Fire Board
8. Community Recreation
9. Road Committee

B. Administration Report – Updates provided from City Manager Nocerini, City Clerk Kasper, Douglas Police Chief Kent, and Public Works Director Salinas.

11. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL: Public comments were received.

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmembers provided final comments.

13. MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS: Mayor North provided final comments.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Seabert, second by West, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved on this 20th day of April 2026

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Cathy North, Mayor

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Laura Kasper, 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 April 6, 2026, I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Laura Kasper, City Clerk