



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, AUGUST 04, 2025 AT 6:00 PM  
86 W CENTER ST., DOUGLAS MI**

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**MINUTES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor North

**2. ROLL CALL:** By Clerk Kasper

PRESENT

Mayor Cathy North

Councilmember Jerome Donovan

Councilmember Neal Seabert

Councilmember John O'Malley

Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Walker

Also Present City Manager Lisa Nocerini

City Clerk Laura Kasper

ABSENT

Councilmember Gregory Freeman

Councilmember Matt Balmer

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor North

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approve the Council Meeting Agenda for August 4, 2025 – *Amended; Gallery Stroll Event and Manager Merit pulled from Consent Calendar for further discussion under New Business.*

B. Approve the Council Regular Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2025

C. Approve Invoices in the Amount of \$704,306.17

D. Special Events - DES Walkathon

*Motion by Seabert, second by Walker, to approve the Consent Calendar of August 4, 2025, as amended – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL:** None

**6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – WRITTEN:** None

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Interurban Update - Presentation (Becky Carten-Crandell)

B. Resolution 23-2025 - State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant (L. Nocerini)

*Motion by O'Malley, second by Seabert, to adopt resolution 23-2025, the State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

C. Union Street Boat Launch Replacement Dock Purchase (L. Nocerini)

*Motion by Donovan, second by O'Malley, to approve awarding Camp & Cruise the Union Street Boat Launch Replacement Dock Purchase for the amount of \$38,882. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

D. Flywheel Agreement (L. Nocerini)

*Motion by Walker, second by Seabert, to approve a professional services agreement with Flywheel Community Development Services to support the strategic development of the 17-acre municipal parcel located at 6825 Wiley Road. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

E. Republic Services Agreement (L. Nocerini)

*Motion by O'Malley, second by Seabert, to approve the two (2) year extension of the Republic Refuse and Recycling Collection and Disposal Services Agreement with a 6% rate increase for 2026 and a additional 5% rate increase for 2027. – Motion carried by majority roll call vote. Voting Yea: Donovan, North, O'Malley, Seabert. Voting Nay: Walker*

F. Gallery Stroll Event

*Motion by Walker, to approve the Gallery Stroll Event application. - Motion failed to receive a second. Due to lack of support the motion was not brought to a vote.*

G. City Manager Merit Increase \$5,000 - Discussion Item

**9. 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. Playground Committee
10. Tri-Community Wildlife Committee

B. Administration Report – No report

**10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL:** Public comments were received.

**11. COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Councilmembers provided comments.

**12. MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS:** Mayor North provided comment.

**13. CLOSED SESSION (Council action will occur in the regular session)**

*Motion by Seabert, second by Donovan, to enter closed session per Sections 8(1)(e) and (h) of the Open*

*Meetings Act, to consider advice of counsel and material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute rules, and regulations. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

*Motion by Seabert, second by Donovan, to exit from closed session and enter back into the regular session of the City Council. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. **(regular session of meeting commenced)***

*Motion by Donovan, second by Seabert, to approve Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP (“Taft”), as counsel for the City of the Village of Douglas (the “City”), is authorized to engage in continued settlement discussions with Paramount Global (including any related entities, including but not limited to Skydance Media, LLC) (collectively, “Paramount”) with regards to the contamination at and emanating from 200 Blue Star Highway, Douglas, MI (the “Property”). Taft is authorized to share any information it has collected and compiled related to 200 Blue Star Highway, including but not limited to the history of ownership and operations at the Property, corporate research, environmental reports, and past and future costs related to the investigation and remediation of the Property. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

*Motion by Donovan, second by O’Malley, to approve Taft authorization to proceed with filing a lawsuit against Paramount on behalf of the City if, in its best judgment as counsel for the City, Taft believes it is necessary to pursue or preserve claims related to the Property. – Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Seabert, second by Walker, to adjourn the meeting*

Approved on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025

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 August 4, 2025, I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Kasper, City Clerk