



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 12, 2022**

The City Council met for Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall  
102 Butler St., Saugatuck, MI 49453.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lewis at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Present: Mayor Lewis, Mayor Pro-Tem Dean, Councilmembers Gardner, Leo & Stanton.

Absent: Councilmembers Bekken and Trester were excused.

Others Present: City Manager Heise, Superintendent Herbert & Clerk Wolters.

**Consent Agenda:**

**A.** Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2022.

**B.** Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,714,695.12.

*Motion by Leo, second by Stanton, to approve the consent agenda as presented.*

*Upon roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.*

**Staff Reports:**

City Manager, Treasurer, DPW Superintendent, Engineer and Police submitted status reports of current activities since the last Council meeting on August 22nd, 2022, for their respective departments. Lt. Ensfield was on-line for questions from Council.

**Agenda Change:** None

**Guest Speakers:**

Jeff Slayer, Commodore of Cow Hill Yacht Club- Mr. Slayer presented Council with a check for proceeds from the Venetian Festival.

Ryan Cummins, Director of Planning, Zoning & Project Management- Introduced himself to Council and the public.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:**

Dan Fox, City of Saugatuck Resident and STFD City of Saugatuck representative-  
Presented a Fire Board meeting recap from their August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Introduction of Ordinances:** None

**Public Hearings:** None

**New Business:**

**A. Special Event- Glow In The Park:**

Hystopolis Productions has submitted a special event form for Glow in the Park to be held on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

*Motion by Stanton, second by Dean, to approve the special event application Glow in the Park sponsored by Hystopolis Productions to be held on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, contingent on staff approval after safety meeting is conducted. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0.*

**B. Special Event- Mt. Baldhead 24 Hour Climb-A-Thon:**

Michigami Collective, LLC has submitted a special event form for Mt. Baldhead 24 Hour Climb-A-Thon to be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

*Motion by Dean, second by Leo, to table the special event application Mount Baldhead 24-hour Climb-A-Thon sponsored by Michigami Collective, LLC to be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0.*

Gini Cooper- President of the Friends of the Saugatuck/Douglas District Library and organizer of Fall Fundraising Dinner- She presented and offered to answer any questions on the Special Event Application she submitted for the Fall Fundraising Dinner.

**C. Special Event- Fall Fundraising Dinner:**

Friends of the Saugatuck/Douglas District Library has submitted a special event form for the Fall Fundraising Dinner to be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

*Motion by Dean, second by Leo, to approve the special event application Fall Fundraising Dinner sponsored by Friends of the Saugatuck/Douglas Library to be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, contingent on staff approval after safety meeting is conducted. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0.*

**D. SHPO Mt. Baldhead:**

Letter of support for Saugatuck Gap-Filler Rada Station National Register of Historic Places nomination.

*Motion by Gardner, second by Stanton, to approve the letter of support to the Michigan State Historic Preservation Board to add the Saugatuck Gap-Filler Radar Station to the National Register of Historic Places. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5-0.*

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence:**

- Consumers energy proposed land purchase letter from Saugatuck Township Manager Daniel DeFranco.

**Boards, Commissions & Committees Reports:**

- Councilmember Leo- Tri-Community Non-Motorized Trail Committee has received verbal conditional commitment from MDOT of the receipt of the \$1.2 Million grant. She thanked the Douglas City Manager, City of Saugatuck Manager and Saugatuck Township Manager for working together.
- Councilmember Stanton- Historic District Commission had three applicants. They approved two applicants and tabled one.
- Councilmember Gardner- Planning Commission is scheduled for the following Thursday and will most likely be canceled. The chair of the Planning Commission has resigned.
- Councilmember Dean- The new Public and Parks Committee will meet this month.
- Mayor Lewis- Recycling committee has a meeting Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Styrofoam collection event is scheduled for Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> at the DPW garage. The committee will be wrapping up as they have met their goals.

**Council Comments:**

- Councilmember Leo- None
- Councilmember Stanton- Congratulated Councilmember Bekken and family on being honored as Saugatuck Public Schools sports boosters of the year. Welcomed new hires Ryan and Sara. Noted the Pure Michigan commercial has been shooting in town all week.
- Councilmember Gardner- Asked City Manager for an update on the total spent on legal fees for Dune Ridge Project. He found two items interesting in the DPW report, Mt. Baldhead fence and also that Scott promoted Cody Hardy to Assistant Superintendent. Engineering also noted on the Water Street sidewalk-asked if there could be a crosswalk put in for the people walking east, on the east side walking across Water Street. He also wanted to note that Council had consensus on having Special Event Safety meetings before they are presented to Council.
- Councilmember Dean- Welcome to Ryan and Scott to the team. Congratulations to the Rotary Club for a very successful Mt. Baldhead Challenge this past Saturday. Congratulations to Councilmember Leo for her leadership on the Blue Star Trail project.

**Adjournment:** *Motion by Garner, second by Dean to adjourn, Mayor Lewis adjourned at 7:38 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jamie Wolters, City Clerk