



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, April 14, 2025

7:30 PM

Village Hall – 21 East Church Street, Lake Orion, MI 48362

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The April 14, 2025, Village Council Regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Rutt.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

PRESENT

President Teresa Rutt

President Pro Tem Stan Ford

Council member Carl Cyrowski

Council member Nancy Moshier

Council member Michael Lamb

Council member George Dandalides

Council member Alex Comparoni Jr

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Mark Amundson

DPW Director Wes Sanchez

Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout

Village Planning and Zoning Coordinator Gage Belko

4. Presentations

A. Lake Orion Police Department (LOPD) and Lake Orion Lake Association (LOLA) Training funds check presentation for Marine Officer Training School.

Police Chief Amundson provided a brief presentation on the importance of establishing a fully trained Marine Division to serve Lake Orion. He expressed appreciation to the Lake Orion Lake Association (LOLA) for their generous contribution of \$1,300 to support Marine Officer training for two officers. Dan Nelson, representing LOLA, emphasized the significance of protecting the

lake as one of the community's most valuable assets and commended Chief Amundson for his efforts in advancing the training initiative. A ceremonial check was presented to Chief Amundson, followed by a group photo with LOLA members.

5. Call to the Public

Donald Kindred addressed the Council regarding the recent protests that took place on the previous Saturday, expressing his concerns about the events. He also shared his ongoing concerns related to parking lot issues.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski to approve the April 14, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting Agenda, as presented.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

7. Consent Agenda

All items on the Consent Agenda are approved by one vote.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of items C. Correspondence from Council Member George Dandalides regarding audit report feedback and item D. Correspondence from Council Member George Dandalides regarding LOLA input-Planning Commission April 7, 2025 Meeting Agenda 8.A Master Plan Amendment #3-Strategic Action Plan Draft #2 for further discussion.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

A. Receive Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget and Schedule Budget Work Sessions and Public Hearing

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to receive the Village Manager's Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget and to schedule Village Council budget work sessions to review the proposed budget for 6:30 PM on the following dates: Wednesday, April 16, 2025; Monday, April 21, 2025; Tuesday, April 22, 2025; and Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to schedule the public hearing on the Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget and proposed millage rates for Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7:30 PM.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

B. GM on Main Street Grant

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to receive and file the GM on Main Street Grant, submitted by the Downtown Development Authority, as presented.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

C. Correspondence from Council Member George Dandalides regarding audit report feedback

Removed for further discussion.

D. Correspondence from Council Member George Dandalides regarding LOLA Input - Planning Commission April 7, 2025 Meeting Agenda 8.A Master Plan Amendment #3 - Strategic Action Plan Draft #2

Removed for further discussion.

E. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to approve the March 24, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

F. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to approve the March 24, 2025, Village Council Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

G. Receive and File of Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to receive and file the Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2025, as presented.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

H. Approval of Special Event: Downtown Lake Orion Cornhole League

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to adopt Resolution 2025-010 to approve Downtown Lake Orion Cornhole League Special Event Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Lloyd Coe of the American Legion and the Sons of American Legion for the use of various Village properties scheduled every Thursday night, beginning June 5, 2025, until September 4, 2025, between 7:00PM and 9:00PM, and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

I. Approval of Special Event – Orion Veterans Memorial Day Run/Walk

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to adopt Resolution 2025-009 to approve the Orion Veterans Memorial Day Run/Walk Special Event Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Jenny Bhatti of the Charter Township of Orion and Orion Veterans Memorial for the use of various Village properties on May 26, 2025, and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

J. Receive and File of Financial Statements for March 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to receive and file the financial reports for March 2025.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

K. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for April 15, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to receive and file the bills in the amount of \$302,753.89 of which \$30,940.70 are DDA bills for a net total of \$271,813.19 and to receive and file the DDA bills.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

L. Receive and File of Police Department Activity Report for March 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to receive and file the March 2025 Police Department Activity Report.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

C. Correspondence from Council Member George Dandalides regarding audit report feedback

Council Member Dandalides discussed the recent audit feedback report, noting that it effectively addressed the concerns raised in last year's audit and provided identified solutions. He suggested that a brief review of the report at an upcoming council meeting would be beneficial for both the public and council, especially in response to questions from residents and council members. He also recommended publishing the report on the Finance and Treasury Audit Reports page to ensure transparency and follow-through. Council Member Lamb expressed agreement, adding that the audit findings report should be included annually.

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Lamb to request a brief review of the report in an upcoming council meeting, and to post the report on the Finance and Treasury, Audit Reports page of the Village's website.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

D. Correspondence from Council Member George Dandalides regarding LOLA Input - Planning Commission April 7, 2025 Meeting Agenda 8.A Master Plan Amendment #3 - Strategic Action Plan Draft #2

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Lamb to create a council subcommittee to review the top priority issues presented by LOLA, other residents, and consistent with the Village Master Plan, and come back to council with recommended solutions to address those issues. The subcommittee would be comprised of three council members, as well as the Village Manager and the Police Chief.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: Ford

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

Council members engaged in a discussion that included several concerns regarding the formation of a subcommittee. Topics raised included the Township's potential involvement, the importance of respecting residents' rights, possible legal implications, and whether a subcommittee is the

appropriate approach—especially given that council meetings are televised while subcommittee meetings are not. Additional concerns were expressed about public safety and the possibility of consulting with the Village’s attorney.

Dan Nelson, representing the Lake Orion Lake Association (LOLA), shared that he has had previous conversations with the Township and indicated there is a willingness on their part to collaborate with the Village on this matter.

Rosemary Ford expressed concerns regarding public access and questioned whether state-managed public boat launches should be included in the scope of the subcommittee's discussions.

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Lamb to **AMEND** the previous motion to create a council subcommittee to review the top priority issues presented by LOLA, other residents, and consistent with the Village Master Plan, and come back to council with recommended solutions to address those issues. The subcommittee would be comprised of **Council Member Dandalides, Council Member Lamb, and Council Member Comparoni**, as well as the Village Manager and the Police Chief **and to include a representative from the Township. Committee to report back to Council no later than the July 28 2025 council meeting.**

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: Ford

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. Parks and Recreation Committee Term Appointments and Vacancy

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to re-appoint Rosemary Ford, to a two-year term, on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee with the term to expire on March 31, 2027.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to appoint Erin Rohlfing to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee with the term to expire on March 31, 2026.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

Council Member Lamb encouraged Jody Hand to consider applying for other boards and commissions that currently have open positions available.

B. Master Plan Amendment #3 – Strategic Action Plan Draft #2

Council Member Lamb suggested formatting changes to the Draft Strategic Action Plan, including using black text, removing images, and adding the legend to each page. He supports the document but noted formatting issues. Council Member Moshier agreed on using black and white and raised concerns about the survey demographics. President Rutt suggested increasing engagement through the website, and Council Member Lamb recommended including future surveys in newsletters. President Pro Tem Ford acknowledged the small survey sample, and Council Member Dandalides noted the survey closed on April 4.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve distribution of the Draft Strategic Action Plan (Master Plan Amendment #3), as presented, for the required 42-day public review period.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

11. Call to the Public

Dan Nelson spoke about various access points on the lake, raising concerns about keyholing and overall safety. He also expressed frustration with forming subcommittees that result in no action.

Jim Barry addressed issues of overcrowding on the lake and potential legal concerns, emphasizing that local authorities have the ability to manage these matters. He stressed that safety remains the top priority for the lake.

12. Council Comments

Council Member Dandalides had no comments.

President Pro Tem Ford acknowledged the weekend protests, expressed appreciation that Parks and Recreation activities continued, and thanked LOLA for their donation to the Police Department. He noted the importance of Township involvement in addressing lake-related issues.

Council Member Moshier thanked residents for attending, congratulated Rosemary Ford on her term extension, and shared a brief update on the wood ducks near her home.

Council Member Comparoni, Jr. noted the progress made on lake issues and expressed hope that the subcommittee will develop effective solutions.

Council Member Cyrowski shared a complaint from local businesses regarding the weekend protest and asked about the type of information available in advance of such events.

Council Member Lamb shared data on lakefront property growth and taxable values. He also commented on the DDA budget format, requesting consistency with other departments, and voiced concerns about the lake.

President Rutt reviewed the public comment policy, reminding residents that Council cannot respond during public comment to maintain order. She also addressed the weekend protest, noting that while such events can be disruptive, the right to protest must be respected.

13. Village Manager Comments

Chief Amundson informed Council that the Village Manager's Report would be emailed to them following the meeting. He briefly addressed the weekend protests and noted that, moving forward, the DDA Executive Director would be included in communications about such events to keep business owners informed. He also provided brief comments on the marina ordinance and keyholing issues on the lake

14. Closed Session Items

15. Business From Closed Session

16. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by Council member Lamb to adjourn the April 14, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The April 14, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on April 28, 2025.