



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL - FY 2026-2027 GOAL SETTING

Monday, February 09, 2026

5:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The February 9, 2026 Village Council Special Meeting was called to order by President Rutt at 5:30 PM.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

PRESENT

President Teresa Rutt

President Pro Tem Stan Ford

Council Member Nancy Moshier

Council Member Michael Lamb

Council Member George Dandalides

Council Member Alex Comparoni Jr

Council Member Eric Papacek

STAFF PRESENT

Village Manager Darwin McClary

Police Chief Mark Amundson

Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout

DPW Director Wes Sanchez

PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING: The purpose of this meeting is to hold a work session focused on FY 2026–2027 Village Council goal setting and to receive public input.

3. Call to the Public

None.

4. Other Items

A. Goal Setting and Objectives for FY 2026-27

Council went over the current goals and objectives from January 26, 2026 from both the Special Meeting and Regular Meeting and wanted to clean up the current goals and objectives.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- **Goal 1: Promote Sound and Prudent Financial Management**
 - **Objective 1.1: Investigate and Debate Paid Parking-** (would like a presentation to council by June 30, 2026
 - **Objective 1.2: Establish a revised process for budget development-** establish preset expenditure targets
 - **Objective 1.3: Form a committee to investigate and report cityhood/Township consolidation**
 - **Objective 1.4: Water Usage and Sewer Discharge Analysis**

Council discussed whether a 10% budget reduction would be a measurable and feasible option, and whether such a reduction was attainable. Village Manager McClary clarified the Village's budget process, noting that once the budget is presented to Council, they may provide direction on next steps. Other Council members suggested identifying and reducing surplus or non-essential portions of the budget.

- **Goal 2: Management of CIP**
 - **Objective 2.1: Analyze 75/25 Infrastructure Funding-** Goal end date of June 30, 2026
 - **Objective 2.2: Investigate Alternative Funding Strategies-** eliminate funding and operational redundancies and establish new revenue sources or cost reductions

Council discussed establishing objectives focused on road improvements, water and sewer, and other CIP projects, while omitting the prior objectives 2.1 (Review water rates and billing practices) and 2.2 (Conduct a review of Village water rates and billing). Discussion also addressed the 75/25 infrastructure funding and its role in financing upcoming water and sewer projects. Village Manager McClary noted that the CIP plan is flexible and can be adjusted by Council as needed.

- **Goal 3: Promote Quality Recreation Services and Environment Stewardship**
 - **Objective 3.1: Children's Park Bridge and Bank Stabilization**
 - **Objective 3.2: Investigate and Plan for the water drawdown structure repair**
 - **Objective 3.3: Promote and support increased funding for Parks and Recreation Programs-**consider Parks and Recreation funding requests during budget sessions.
- **Goal 4: Promote Efficient and Effective Municipal Operations**
 - **Objective 4.1: Positive collaborative relationships with the DDA and Township**
 - **Objective 4.2: Approachability and Transparency**
 - **Objective 4.3: Enhance and support DPW, Police, and DDA**
 - **Objective 4.4: Complete Ordinance Codification**
 - **Objective 4.5: Finalize Engineering Standards, ordinance revisions, and operations protocol by June 30, 2026.**
 - **Objective 4.6: Continue to Enhance Code Enforcement efforts**

- **Objective 4.7: Finish identifying, classifying, and determining use of all Village-Owned Properties**

Council discussed that the “clean” version of the goals and objectives would be included on the agenda for the next Council meeting. Once approved, Council expressed a desire to review the goals and objectives quarterly to ensure timely progress and completion of each goal.

5. Call to the Public

None.

6. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to adjourn the February 9, 2026, Village Council Special Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The February 9, 2026, Village Council Special Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on February 23, 2026