



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL - COUNCIL ORIENTATION WORK SESSION

Monday, December 16, 2024

6:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The December 16th, 2024 Village Council Special meeting was called to order by Stan Ford at 6:32 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

PRESENT

President Pro Tem Stan Ford
Council member Carl Cyrowski
Council member George Dandalides
Council member Alex Comparoni Jr

ABSENT

President Teresa Rutt
Council member Nancy Moshier
Council member Michael Lamb

STAFF PRESENT

Village Manager Darwin McClary
Village Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout
Police Chief Mark Amundson
DPW Director Wes Sanchez
DDA Executive Director Matt Gibb
Village Planning and Zoning Coordinator Gage Belko

PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING: The purpose of the Special Meeting of the Lake Orion Village Council is to conduct an orientation session for new Council members and to receive presentations from the Village Manager and department directors on Village operations.

4. Call to the Public

Brenda Byer spoke about her frustrations about her water/sewer bill and her phone number was recorded with the Clerk for Administration to respond to her concerns.

5. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski to approve the December 16, 2024, Village Council Special Meeting Agenda as presented.

VOTING YEA: Ford, Cyrowski, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb

MOTION: Carried

6. Presentations

A. Presentations from Village Manager and Department Directors

Village Manager McClary delivered a concise presentation on the structure of local governments, outlining the laws and government hierarchy within the village, as well as various processes and policies related to the Village Council.

Clerk/Treasurer Stout outlined the key responsibilities of the Clerk and Finance departments, highlighting their objectives and the challenges currently facing the department.

Director Sanchez of the Department of Public Works (DPW) provided an insightful overview of the department's role in serving the Village of Lake Orion. He highlighted the essential services the DPW delivers, outlined its core responsibilities, and shared key goals and strategic plans for the future to enhance the village's infrastructure and community well-being.

Police Chief Amundson delivered a concise presentation on the Police Department's background, highlighting its key responsibilities, current challenges, and strategic goals for the year ahead.

Planning and Zoning Coordinator Belko gave a concise presentation on zoning and planning, outlining the department's background, roles, and responsibilities. The presentation also covered current development projects and ongoing planning initiatives aimed at shaping the future of the Village of Lake Orion.

The DDA Executive Director Gibb provided an overview of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), offering insight into its mission and operations. The presentation included an explanation of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) plan and its role in supporting the DDA's initiatives to enhance the downtown area

7. Call to the Public

None.

8. Council Comments

Council member Comparoni Jr. thanked the village staff for presenting this evening.

Council member Dandalides thanked the village staff and felt the presentations were very valuable.

Council member Cyrowski thought this evening's presentations were very informative and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Pro Tem Ford stated he enjoyed that every department showed appreciation for their employees and thanked the staff and Village Manager.

Village Manager McClary commented on the idea of reducing costs, increasing revenues and how the general fund was doing for the audit.

9. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by Council member Dandalides to adjourn the December 16, 2024, Village Council Special Meeting.

VOTING YEA: Ford, Cyrowski, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb

MOTION: Carried

The December 16, 2024, Village Council Special meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Stan Ford
Pro Tem

Sonja Stout
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented January 13th, 2025.