



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, February 24, 2025

7:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The February 24, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Pro Tem Ford.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

PRESENT

President Pro Tem Stan Ford

Council member Carl Cyrowski

Council member Nancy Moshier

Council member Michael Lamb

Council member Alex Comparoni Jr

ABSENT

President Teresa Rutt

Council member George Dandalides

STAFF PRESENT

Acting Village Manager/Police Chief Mark Amundson

DPW Director Wes Sanchez

DDA Executive Director Matthew Gibb

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynsey Blough

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr, to excuse Council member Dandalides and President Rutt from the February 24, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Dandalides, Rutt

MOTION: Carried

4. Presentations

None.

5. Call to the Public

None.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council member Cyrowski, Seconded by Council member Lamb, to approve the February 24, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Agenda, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Dandalides, Rutt

MOTION: Carried

7. Consent Agenda

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

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Dandalides, Rutt

MOTION: Carried

A. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to approve the January 27, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Dandalides, Rutt

MOTION: Carried

B. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to approve the February 10, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Dandalides, Rutt

MOTION: Carried

C. Approval of Special Event – Children’s Easter Egg Hunt

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to adopt Resolution 2025-004 to approve the Children’s Easter Egg Hunt Special Event Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Robert Gritzinger of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #233 for the use of Children’s Park on April 19, 2025, and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Dandalides, Rutt

MOTION: Carried

D. Receive and File of DDA Regular Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to receive and file the January 21, 2025 Downtown Development Authority Board Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Dandalides, Rutt

MOTION: Carried

E. Receive and File DDA Special Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to receive and file the February 3, 2025 Downtown Development Authority Board Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Dandalides, Rutt

MOTION: Carried

F. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for February 25, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to receive and file the bills in the amount of \$83,950.96 of which \$7,395.53 are DDA bills for a net total of \$76,555.43 and to receive and file the DDA bills.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Dandalides, Rutt

MOTION: Carried

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. Sidewalk Improvement Program District #1 – Acceptance of Cost Estimates

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr, to accept the report from Administration detailing the estimated costs for Sidewalk Improvement Program (SWIP) District #1 showing the number of square feet of sidewalk required to be built or rebuilt adjacent to each lot or parcel or parcels of land that will be subject to special assessment; and to direct the Village Manager to prepare bid specifications and contract documents and to proceed to competitively bid the District #1 sidewalk improvement project, with bid results to be presented to Council for consideration for further action.

The discussion began with Council member Moshier asking DPW Director Sanchez about the meaning of “Detectable Warning.” Sanchez explained that it might refer to the bumps designed for people with sight issues but will check with the Village Engineers for a more precise definition.

Council member Lamb then commented that he found the estimates prepared by the Village Engineers to be reasonable. He also expressed skepticism about the \$328,000 on Hauxwell Drive, which he considered a long stretch of sidewalk. Council member Lamb asked DPW Director Sanchez to provide a one-page map showing the cost and specific sections of the sidewalks before their upcoming meeting on February 27th.

Council member Moshier also inquired whether homeowners had been notified of the preliminary estimates. Sanchez responded that notices with estimates would be sent to residents after the Village Council approves them.

Council member Cyrowski then asked if a public hearing had already been held, and DPW Director Sanchez confirmed that a public hearing for District #1 had taken place. He added that next year, the next district would be reviewed. This led to further discussions on the best way to notify property owners.

Council member Moshier brought up whether the Village had communicated with the United States Postal Service about potentially relocating mailboxes from the road to a house-mounted position. DPW Director Sanchez clarified that this matter, along with other topics like irrigation, would be discussed in a special assessment public hearing scheduled for April.

President Pro Tem Ford asked about accessing data through the provided links. DPW Director Sanchez said he would assist in resetting the necessary passwords after the meeting. President Pro Tem Ford expressed his desire to anticipate any potential questions from citizens regarding the discussion.

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

VOTING NAY:	None
ABSENT:	Dandalides, Rutt
MOTION:	Carried

11. Call to the Public

None.

12. Council Comments

Council member Cyrowski suggested inviting Jerry Fisher, the attorney who helped Clarkston transition from a village to a city, to have an open conversation about the pros and cons of such a move. He proposed that this topic be added to a future agenda for discussion.

Council member Moshier expressed concerns about the financial burden on residents who would be required to pay for sidewalks, though she acknowledged that the end result would be wonderful once the project is completed. She also reminded everyone about the upcoming "Spring Forward" event and shared that she had recently gone ice-skating.

Council member Lamb spoke about the new tax assessments and voiced his frustrations with DDA Chairperson Burgess. He was concerned about DDA Chairperson Burgess's lack of understanding of basic finance and also upset by a threat to stop paying the Village for services it provides to the DDA. Council member Lamb made it clear that he would not mind discontinuing services to the DDA since he didn't feel there was a spirit of cooperation. He thanked President Rutt for her strong support of the Village and cautioned the DDA about what they said, reminding them that the Village Council could easily change the DDA's tax increment finance plan.

Council member Comparoni reiterated his support for the Police Department, emphasizing the increased population expected in Lake Orion over the next few years, which would lead to a greater need for police services. He encouraged residents to be kinder to the police officers in the community.

President Pro Tem Ford echoed the support for the Police Department, adding that one of the advantages of a smaller community is the ability to get to know local officers and DPW staff, which he believes is important.

13. Village Manager Comments

Acting Village Manager/Police Chief Amundson provided updates on the Water Service Line Break and the 2025 Ad Hoc Village Council/DDA Public Infrastructure Fund Committee Meeting. In addition, he talked about the return of the Village Manager and shared some important upcoming dates for the community.

14. Closed Session Items

15. Business From Closed Session

16. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council member Cyrowski, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to adjourn the February 24, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Dandalides, Rutt

MOTION: Carried

The February 24, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Stan Ford
President Pro Tem

Lynsey Blough
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Sonja Stout Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on March 10, 2025.