



COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: April 20, 2026

TOPIC: Establish Council Subcommittee to Investigate and Report on Village/Township Consolidation (2026/27 Objective 1.3)

BACKGROUND BRIEF: During the 2026/27 council goal setting sessions, consolidation of the Village and Township was discussed. The intent was to evaluate the potential benefits and drawbacks of consolidation for taxpayers. Similar to the investigation into cityhood that was done last year, this subcommittee would examine what process steps would be required, as well as the pros and cons of perusing this type of consolidation. The timeframe set for completion was June 30, 2026.

SUMMARY OF POREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: At the April 13, 2026 special meeting, council agreed to Objective 1.3 "Form a committee to investigate and report on Village/Township consolidation by June 30, 2026".

This would establish that committee in execution and completion of that goal.

FINACIAL IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

1. Motion to establish a council subcommittee to investigate and report on Village/Township consolidation by June 30, 2026 in support of 2026/27 village council Objective 1.3. Sub committee would include three (3) council members and the Village Manager.
2. Motion to appoint council members _____, _____, and _____ to serve on the Village/Township consolidation subcommittee.



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, April 13, 2026

5:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The April 13, 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

3. Call to the Public

Frank Komendera shared his support for the Village of Lake Orion.

4. Other Items

A. Finalize FY 2026-27 Village Council Goals and Objectives

President Rutt stated that Council should review the items flagged by the Village Manager, which included the following objectives requiring additional clarity: Objectives 1.2, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.2, 4.1 through 4.3, and 4.6. President Rutt noted that Council could review any other goals or objectives as desired but should prioritize the items identified.

Objective 1.2 – Establish a revised process for budget development, including pre-set expenditure targets.

Council decided to eliminate this objective.

Objective 1.3 – Form a committee to investigate and report on Cityhood/Township consolidation.

Council Member Comparoni, Jr. expressed concern that the topic could present an ethical issue. President Rutt and Council Member Dandalides clarified that the intent was to evaluate the potential benefits and drawbacks of consolidation for taxpayers. President Rutt suggested establishing a timeframe for the work, and Council Member Dandalides indicated that the review could be completed through a subcommittee. Chief Amundson emphasized the importance of addressing the matter promptly, noting concerns that ongoing rumors could negatively affect staffing and morale. Council Member Dandalides also requested obtaining a legal opinion. Council Member Lamb discussed the general process for consolidating the Village with the Township.

Council modified the objective to read: *Form a committee to investigate and report on Village/Township consolidation by June 30, 2026.*

Objective 1.4 – Water Usage and Sewer Discharge Analysis.

Council modified the objective to read: *Investigate the imbalance between purchased water usage and sewer discharge and determine and quantify sources of discrepancy by December 31, 2026.*

Objective 2.1 – Analyze 75/25 Infrastructure Funding by June 30, 2026.

The Village Manager inquired whether the goal was to determine how the funds should be spent. President Rutt clarified that the intent was to identify potential projects and align them with the CIP Plan. Council Member Dandalides stated that revenues should be matched with the CIP Plan for the fiscal year. Council Member Dandalides also raised the question of timing relative to CIP planning meetings. The Village Manager explained that CIP discussions typically occur in May or June, and that discussions regarding 75/25 infrastructure funding should occur prior to those meetings.

Objective 2.2 – Investigate Alternative Funding Strategies.

Council discussed whether this objective should remain, noting that evaluating funding strategies is typically an annual process and could potentially fall under the mission, core values, or vision. Council ultimately determined to leave the objective as written.

Objective 3.1 – Children’s Park Bridge and Bank Stabilization.

Council determined that these should be separated into two objectives. Objective 3.1 was modified to *Replace Children’s Park Bridge.*

Objective 3.2 was modified to *Bank stabilization, prioritizing the most critical areas and identifying the most efficient method to address them.*

Objective 3.3 – Investigate and Plan for the Water Drawdown Structure Repair.

Council discussed revising the wording. The modified objective will read: *Investigate and plan for the Lake drawdown structure repair, including the development of a formal policy and implementation plan.*