



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, September 14, 2026

6:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The September 14, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Rutt at 6:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

PRESENT

President Teresa Rutt

President Pro Tem Stan Ford

Council Member Nancy Moshier (arrived at 6:37 PM)

Council Member Michael Lamb

Council Member George Dandalides

Council Member Eric Papacek

ABSENT

Council Member Alex Comparoni Jr

STAFF PRESENT

Village Manager Darwin McClary

Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout

Chief of Police Mark Amundson

DPW Interim Director Sam Hicks

Village Attorney John Clark (GMH)

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to excuse Council Member Comparoni, Jr from the September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier, Comparoni Jr

MOTION: Carried

4. Presentations

A. Presentation of Donation Check to Village for Swiss Village Park Playground Border - Sons of the American Legion

Lloyd Coe, Junior Vice Chair of the Sons of the American Legion, presented a \$500 donation to Parks and Recreation Chair Rosemary Ford and Board Member Erin Rohlfing for improvements to Swiss Village Park.

5. Call to the Public

Harry Stephen expressed concerns regarding the absence of a disincorporation proposal on the ballot and the pace of the Ehman Center project.

Rosemary Ford recognized Matt and Tracy of the DDA for their efforts with the Hydradragons and their participation in a recent downtown event.

6. Approval of Agenda

By order of the President/Chair, no matters will be discussed after 9:30 PM, unless the Council votes to continue the meeting.

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to approve the September 14, 2026 agenda with the removal of Item 10.F., 96 Park Island Road – Rezoning Request, as the matter must be addressed by ordinance.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Comparoni Jr

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 Lamb to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the following items for further discussion:

- Item J. *Receive and File of Investment Report for July 2026*
- Item M. *Receive and File August 2026 Police Department Activity Report*
- Item O. *Downtown Development Authority Board Reappointments*

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Comparoni Jr

MOTION: Carried

A. Approval of Special Event – Witches Night

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to adopt Resolution No. 2026-032 approving the “Witches Night” Special Event Permit Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority, represented by Tracy Woodrum, for the event to be held on October 24, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Comparoni Jr

MOTION: Carried

B. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb To approve the Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2026, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Comparoni Jr

MOTION: Carried

C. Receive and File of Joint Board of Ethics and Village Council Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file the Joint Board of Ethics and Village Council Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2026, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Comparoni Jr

MOTION: Carried

D. Receive and File of Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file the Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2026, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Comparoni Jr

MOTION: Carried

E. Receive and File of Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file of Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2026, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Carried

F. Receive and File Board of Zoning Appeals Regular Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file the Board of Zoning Appeals Regular Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2026, as presented.

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

G. Receive and File of the Correspondence from Linda Crane

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb To receive and file the correspondence from Linda Crane dated August 24, 2026, combining the DDA & Planning Commission.

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

H. Receive and File of Financial Statements for August 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file the Financial Reports for August 2026.

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

I. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for September 15, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file the bills in the amount of \$ 458,386.29 of which \$ 95,791.50 are DDA bills for a net total of \$ 362,594.79 and to receive and file the DDA bills.

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

J. Receive and File of Investment Report for July 2026

Removed for further discussion.

K. Receive and File of Water Resources Commissioner Sewage Disposal System Report

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file the Water Resources Commissioner Sewage Disposal System Report for Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026), as presented.

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

L. Receive and File of July and August 2026 Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file the July and August 2026 Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna, as presented.

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

M. Receive and File August 2026 Police Department Activity Report

Removed for further discussion.

N. Update Authorized Bank Signers-Removal of Sonja Stout

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to adopt Resolution No. 2026-031, authorizing the removal of Sonja Stout, Clerk/Treasurer, as an authorized signer on the Village of Lake Orion's Oxford Bank and Comerica Bank accounts and adding Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynsey Blough as an authorized signer; and to authorize Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynsey Blough to execute the appropriate certifications and documentation required by each depository, effective immediately.

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

O. Downtown Development Authority Board Reappointments

Removed for further discussion.

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

J. Receive and File of Investment Report for July 2026

Council Member Papacek inquired about transferring DDA funds to an interest-bearing account. Clerk/Treasurer Stout stated that the DDA agenda for September 15, 2026, included an item to increase an expenditure line to potentially expend additional project funds, which may affect the transfer of funds. Stout noted that clarification would be needed from the DDA Executive Director.

MOTION made by Council Member Papacek, seconded by Council Member Lamb, to receive and file the July 2026 Investment Report and direct Administration to provide the DDA Executive Director with a written investment recommendation and report back to Council.

VOTING YEA: Ford, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek, Moshier
VOTING NAY: Rutt

ABSENT: Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Carried

M. Receive and File August 2026 Police Department Activity Report

Council Member Papacek inquired about summarizing the report. Police Chief Amundson stated that a summary is currently included and indicated he would follow Council's direction regarding the report format. Council Member Dandalides expressed concern about creating unnecessary additional work for staff. Council discussed making the report more accessible to residents and agreed that the summary should be placed near the beginning of the report.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the August 2026 Police Department Activity Report.

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

O. Downtown Development Authority Board Reappointments

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Papacek to not approve the reappointment of Alaina Campbell and Todd Garris to the Downtown Development Authority Board, with terms expiring October 31, 2030 but to seek out and solicit applications for those in the vacant position.

Council Member Lamb thanked Lloyd Coe for his years of service and expressed concern regarding the process for filling board appointments, stating that repeated reappointments may limit opportunities for other residents to serve. Council Member Dandalides also thanked Coe and noted that Garris is a new appointment, Campbell is active in the community, and the Charter establishes specific requirements for board composition. President Rutt thanked Coe and agreed with Council Member Dandalides. Council Member Lamb stated that Village Manager McClary should make appointments in accordance with the recently amended ordinance once adopted. Council Member Moshier agreed that the change should be implemented.

Council Member Lamb **AMENDED** the motion to postpone action until the October 12, 2026 meeting.

Council Member Dandalides inquired whether any new applications had been received. Clerk/Treasurer Stout stated that there were no new applicants since the previous board appointments. President Rutt asked Village Manager McClary whether he supported the current appointments, and the Village Manager stated that he supported President Rutt's decisions.

Francesco Komendera stated that Council Members should promote vacant board positions to their constituents.

DDA Executive Director Gibb stated that the DDA has been distributing applications and reviewed the current board appointment requirements.

VOTING YEA: Lamb, Papacek, Moshier
VOTING NAY: Dandalides, Rutt, Ford
ABSENT: Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Failed (no action taken)

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to approve the reappointment of Alaina Campbell and Todd Garris to the Downtown Development Authority Board, with terms expiring October 31, 2030.

VOTING YEA: Dandalides, Rutt, Ford
VOTING NAY: Lamb, Papacek, Moshier
ABSENT: Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Failed (no action taken)

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. Approval of 2026-2029 Collective Bargaining Agreements - AFSCME and POAM

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the 2026-2029 collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and AFSCME and authorize the Village Manager and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the 2026-2029 collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and POAM and authorize the Village Manager and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village with clarification on health insurance contingent upon article #49 as discussed in closed session.

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

B. FY 2026-27 Non-Union Salary Ranges and Pay Rates

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to adopt the resolution as presented setting the FY 2026-27 pay ranges and pay rates of administrative

officers and non-union employees of the Village of Lake Orion pursuant to Section 3.10 of the Village Charter, with said pay ranges to be adjusted by 2.7% for the minimum and maximum rates and the pay rates to be adjusted by 3.5% for each employee.

VOTING YE: Rutt, Ford, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek, Moshier

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Comparoni Jr

MOTION: Carried

C. Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 30 – Downtown Development Authority

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to return the amendment revision(s) of Chapter 30 of the Village of Lake Orion Code of Ordinances- Downtown Development Authority to the Village Attorney with direction to revise per the following:

- Designate either the Village President or the Village Manager to serve as a voting member of the DDA Board for a two-year term
- The two-year term to be coincident with the biennial term of the Village President
- This appointment would be coincident with the biennial election of the Village President and would be made per the recommendation of the newly elected Village President with the approval of council.
- The duties of the Village representative on the DDA Board (either the village President or the Village Manager) for the two-year term would be as currently defined under Ordinance 30.02 Organization

Council Member Lamb stated that he preferred to follow the Village Manager protocol outlined in the proposed motion. President Pro Tem Ford expressed concern that returning the amendment for revision could delay the process. Council Members Papacek and President Rutt expressed support for a fresh perspective, while Council Member Moshier stated that she believed the Village Manager would be the more appropriate choice.

Francesco Komendera expressed concern that the proposed change would add responsibilities to the Village Manager and stated that the Village Manager already exercises some control over the DDA Board.

VOTING YE: Dandalides, Rutt, Ford

VOTING NAY: Papacek, Moshier, Lamb

ABSENT: Comparoni Jr

MOTION: Failed (no action taken)

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Papacek to introduce and give first reading to an ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Village of Lake Orion Code of Ordinances – Downtown Development Authority – to designate the Village Manager as the chief executive officer of the Village pursuant to Sections 201(h) and 204(1) of the Michigan Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act, Public Act 57 of 2018, as amended, for purposes of serving on the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority and appointing members of the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors subject to Council approval; to direct the

Village Clerk to publish the required notice; and to schedule the ordinance for second reading and consideration for adoption at Village Council's October 12, 2026, regular meeting.

VOTING YEA: Ford, Lamb, Moshier, Papacek
VOTING NAY: Dandalides, Rutt
ABSENT: Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Carried

D. Contract for Temporary Professional Accounting Services

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to approve Budget Amendment BA-2027-101-253-01 to provide a supplement appropriation of \$30,000 to Account #101-253-801-000 Contractual Services for temporary professional accounting, financial management assistance, consultation, and training during the Village Administration's staffing transition.

Council Member Papacek inquired whether the motion should specify a maximum expenditure of \$30,000 and a 90-day time limit. The Village Manager stated that he did not anticipate using the full amount and that the timeframe was uncertain.

Harry Stephen stated that he did not believe a CPA license was necessary and noted that local firms could provide assistance if requested.

Francesco Komendera expressed concern that involving a professional could identify additional issues.

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

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to authorize the Village Manager to engage the services of Plante Moran to perform temporary professional accounting, financial management assistance, consultation, and training services for the Village in accordance with the firm's proposal dated September 2, 2026, in such amount and to such extent as the Village Manager determines to be necessary to provide for the proper and complete transition of staffing in the administrative offices .

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

E. Review Building Permit Process

Council Members Lamb and Dandalides noted coordination issues between the Village and Township regarding the building permit process and stated that the process may require further action to work through those current challenges.

No action was taken.

F. 96 Park Island Road- Rezoning Request

Removed from agenda.

G. Approval of Cost Participation Agreement – Oakland County Local Road Improvement Program

MOTION made by Council Member Papacek, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to approve the Cost Participation Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for the Local Road Improvement Program, Board Project No. 2026-16, and authorize the Village Manager to execute the agreement and submit the required invoice for reimbursement not to exceed \$7,837.00.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Comparoni Jr

MOTION: Carried

11. Call to the Public

Matt Phillips of 96 Park Island Drive inquired about the removal of the rezoning request from the agenda. Village Manager McClary explained that the request must proceed through the ordinance amendment process. Phillips expressed disappointment with the process.

Harry Stephen commented on the combination of the Clerk and Treasurer positions and suggested they be separated. He also discussed the 60th anniversary of the Village Charter and the need to update the Charter to include provisions for disincorporation.

Rosemary Ford expressed appreciation to Clerk/Treasurer Stout for her years of service.

Jack Lovett spoke in support of the reappointments of Todd and Alaina to the DDA and expressed concern that the discussion could make them feel unappreciated.

Francesco Komendera commented on the identity of the Village.

Police Chief Mark Amundson announced that a public safety exercise would take place in the Village the following day and that an increased presence of emergency vehicles was expected in the area.

12. DDA Executive Director Comments

DDA Executive Director Gibb expressed appreciation for Clerk/Treasurer Stout and recognized her professionalism during her tenure with the Village. He also discussed the Hydradragons volunteer group and its participation in community landscaping efforts. Gibb noted that extensive budgeting for the Lumberyard would be discussed at the following day's DDA meeting, reported that the DDA was being considered for two national awards, and discussed DTE rate increases and their impact on the DDA's budget.

13. Council Comments

Council Member Papacek commented on the volume of agenda items addressed by Council and thanked those involved in preparing the agendas.

Council Member Lamb discussed the disincorporation process and the anticipated ballot question for the November election.

Council Member Moshier thanked the public and Police Chief Amundson for the update regarding the training exercise and expressed appreciation for Clerk/Treasurer Stout.

President Pro Tem Ford thanked the Sons of the American Legion for their donation to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Council Member Dandalides reported attending Dragon on the Lake and volunteering at a triathlon. He also expressed appreciation to Clerk/Treasurer Stout.

President Rutt commented on the Dragon on the Lake event, requested an update on Atwater basketball park, and directed residents seeking information regarding disincorporation to the County website, including an attorney's opinion.

14. Village Manager Comments

Village Manager McClary thanked Sonja Stout and Cherie Hedrick for their service to the Village. He stated that he would provide Council with an update on the Atwater basketball court project. He also reported that Administration would conduct interviews during the week for the Clerk/Treasurer and part-time Administrative Assistant positions. McClary announced the promotion of Kirsten Barber to a full-time position and congratulated the DDA on its national awards.

Council Member Dandalides inquired about the upcoming Clerk/Treasurer contract and stated that he would provide the Village Manager with any recommended changes.

15. Closed Session Items

16. Business From Closed Session

17. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to adjourn the September 14, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Comparoni Jr

MOTION: Carried

The September 14, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

President Rutt
President

Sonja Stout, MiCPT
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on September 28, 2026