



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, September 14, 2026

5:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING: The purpose of the special meeting of the Lake Orion Village Council is to convene into closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining strategy and negotiation connected with the POAM and AFSCME collective bargaining agreements and to consult with the Village Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy connected with pending litigation.

1. Call to Order

The September 14, 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 Michael Lamb
Council Member George Dandalides
Council Member Eric Papacek

ABSENT

Council Member Nancy Moshier
Council Member Alex Comparoni Jr

STAFF PRESENT

Village Manager Darwin McClary
Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout
Police Chief 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, and Council Member Moshier from the September 14, 2026 Village Council Special Meeting.

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

3. Call to the Public

Francesco Komendera spoke regarding the importance of Council members following their convictions and using their judgment when making decisions.

4. Closed Session Items

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides To convene into closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, MCL 15.268(1)(c), to discuss strategy or negotiation sessions connected with the 2026–2029 AFSCME and POAM collective bargaining agreements; and pursuant to Section 8(1)(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, MCL 15.268(1)(e), to consult with the Village Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, Verbrugghe v. Lake Orion BZA.

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

Council entered closed session at 5:32 PM.

- A. Closed Session for 2026-2029 AFSCME and POAM Collective Bargaining Strategy or Negotiation Session – MCL 15.268(1)(c)
- B. Consult with Village Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation - Verbrugghe v. Lake Orion BZA - MCL 15.268(1)(e)

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to reconvene into open session.

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

Council reconvened into open session at 6:25 PM.

5. Business From Closed Session

6. Adjournment

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to adjourn the September 14, 2026 Village Council Special Meeting.

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

The September 14, 2026, Village Council Special Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

President Rutt
President

Sonja Stout, MICPT
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on September 28, 2026