MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, July 13, 2026

6:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. **Call to Order**

   The July 13, 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
   Council Member Nancy Moshier
   Council Member Michael Lamb
   Council Member George Dandalides
   Council Member Eric Papacek

   ABSENT
   President Pro Tem Stan Ford
   Council Member Alex Comparoni Jr

   STAFF PRESENT
   Village Manager Darwin McClary
   Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout

   MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to excuse President Pro Tem Ford and Council Member Comparoni Jr, from the July 13, 2026 Regular Meeting.
   VOTING YEA: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
   VOTING NAY: None
   ABSENT: Ford, Comparoni Jr
   MOTION: Carried

4. **Presentations**

   None.

5. Call to the Public

Resident spoke regarding discussions about dissolving the Village and suggested obtaining a third-party opinion for Council's consideration. The resident commented that certain services could potentially be consolidated, while others could not.

Debbie Burgess, DDA Chair, offered a prayer to the Village Council.

Brenda Byer displayed her water bill to the Village Council and Administration and expressed concerns regarding water rate increases, stating that she had left the previous meeting in June with the understanding that rates would not be increased. She also referenced newspaper articles and commented on transparency within the Village Council, particularly regarding water and sewer rates.

Harry Stephen inquired about the building permit process, specifically asking whether the Village conducts inspections and approves both exterior and interior construction.

Kathryn Levandowski commented on two items included on the Consent Agenda and requested additional information regarding the monthly zoning report and the Planning Commission meeting minutes.

Donald Kindred commented on an accusation involving a Lake Orion Police Department officer and also spoke about water flow beneath the apartments within the Village.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt to approve the agenda for the July 13, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting with the removal of item 10.B *License Agreement for Use of Village Property-Clover and Creek, 197 S. Broadway* and the addition of item 10.K *Confirmation of Village Manager's Appointment of acting Public Works Director* (added to the agenda later in the day, available on the current online agenda).

VOTING YEA:	Rutt, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY:	None
ABSENT:	Ford, 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 for the July 13, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting with the removal of the following items for further discussion:

- Removal of Item A. *Receive and File Email Correspondence from Michael DeLuca dated June 22, 2026, regarding Seeking an exception to the noxious weeds ordinance*
- Removal of Item B. *Receive and File of June 2026 Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna*

- Removal of Item K. *Receive and File of Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2026*
  VOTING YEA: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
  VOTING NAY: None
  ABSENT: Ford, Comparoni Jr
  MOTION: Carried

A. Receive and File Email Correspondence from Michael DeLuca dated June 22, 2026, regarding Seeking An Exception to the Noxious Weeds Ordinance

Pulled for further discussion.

B. Receive and File of June 2026 Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna

Pulled for further discussion.

C. Approval from "Tie Michigan Teal" Campaign to Tie Ribbons Throughout the Village for National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to approve the request from the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance to permit its volunteers to tie and display teal ribbons on public lamp posts and benches within the downtown area of the Village from September 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, with the condition that all such ribbons shall be removed by the organization by October 1, 2026; and to authorize the Village Manager to execute the letter of approval on behalf of the Village.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Ford, Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Carried

D. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to approve the June 18, 2026 Village Council Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Ford, Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Carried

E. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to approve the Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026, as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Ford, Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Carried

F. **Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026**

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to approve the Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026, as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Ford, Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Carried

G. **Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2026**

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to approve the Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2026, as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Ford, Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Carried

H. **Approval of Village Council/Joint Board of Ethics Special Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2026**

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to approve the Village Council/Joint Board of Ethics Special Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2026.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Ford, Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Carried

I. **Receive and File of Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2026**

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file of Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2026 as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Ford, Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Carried

J. **Receive and File of Board of Zoning Appeals Regular Meeting of May 7, 2026**

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file the Board of Zoning Appeals Regular Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2026, as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Ford, Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Carried

K. **Receive and File of Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2026**

Pulled for further discussion.

L. Receive and file Invoice Distribution Report for July 14, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to Receive and file the Invoice Distribution Report in the amount of $170,761.52 of which $22,964.32 are DDA bills for a net total of $147,797.20.

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

M. Receive and File Financial Statements- June 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file the financial reports for June 2026.

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

N. Receive and File Investment Report- May 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file the Investment report for May 2026.

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

O. 2026 Election of the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Board of Trustees

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to authorize the Village Clerk, Sonja Stout, to cast the Village of Lake Orion's 2026 Official Ballot for the election of the three (3) nominated Trustees to the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Board of Trustees.

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

P. Receive and File June 2026 Police Department Activity Report

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file the June 2026 Police Department Activity Report.

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

Q. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program PY 2027-2029 Cooperation Agreement

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-027 authorizing the Village of Lake Orion's continued participation in the Oakland County Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Program Years 2027, 2028, and 2029, and authorizing automatic renewal for successive three-year qualification periods unless terminated by action of the Village Council.

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

R. Resolution Authorizing Application for State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb Motion to adopt the attached Resolution Authorizing Application for a State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant and authorize the Chief of Police/Emergency Manager to execute all documents necessary to submit the application for financial assistance to the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division.

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

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

A. Receive and File Email Correspondence from Michael DeLuca dated June 22, 2026, regarding Seeking An Exception to the Noxious Weeds Ordinance

Council Member Dandalides inquired about the status of the proposed "No Mow May" initiative discussed at a previous meeting. Village Manager McClary responded that the item would be placed on the agenda for the next regular Council meeting.

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to Receive and File Email Correspondence from Michael DeLuca dated June 22, 2026, regarding Seeking An Exception to the Noxious Weeds Ordinance.

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

B. Receive and File of June 2026 Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna

Council Member Lamb responded to a question raised during public comment, explaining that the agenda item was informational in nature and that no additional action was being requested of the Village Council.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to receive and file the June 2026 Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna, as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Ford, Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Carried

K. Receive and File of Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2026

Council Member Lamb responded to a question raised during public comment, explaining that the agenda item documented the actions taken by the Planning Commission.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed generator ordinance. It was explained that, following the Village Attorney's review, the next step would be the first reading of the ordinance before the Village Council.

Kathryn Levandowski inquired about noticing requirements. Village Manager McClary explained that certain zoning approvals require notice to nearby property owners, while others do not. He also noted that she could attend the Village Council meeting when the proposed ordinance is scheduled for its first reading.

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to receive and file the Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2026, as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Ford, Comparoni Jr
MOTION: Carried

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. Request for Permanent Easement – 347 N. Broadway – Greg Barron

Council Member Lamb inquired whether approval of the item would result in a financial benefit to the property owners. Village Manager McClary responded that the matter would require discussion between Administration and the Village Attorney. He noted that the proposed easement agreement could add value to the property.

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt to authorize the Village Manager and Village Attorney to negotiate with Greg Barron, property owner of 347 North Broadway Street, for the possible drafting, execution, and recording of an appropriate easement agreement across a portion of Village property located at 330 North Lapeer Street (the southeast 158 Section 10, Item A. corner of North Lapeer Street and West Elizabeth Street), Parcel ID No. OL-09-02-433-001, for driveway access to the rear portion of Mr. Barron's property located at 347 North Broadway Street, subject to the following conditions: (1) the property owner reimburses the Village for all costs associated with the possible drafting, execution, and recording of the easement agreement; and (2) the property owner pays reasonable compensation to the Village for the easement. The proposed easement agreement shall be submitted to Village Council for final approval prior to execution.

Council Member Dandalides inquired about responsibility for any future water or sewer repairs within the easement area. Discussion followed among the Village Council regarding the Village's ability to sell the property in question and the potential disadvantages of doing so. Village Manager McClary stated that, under the Village Charter, the property could not be disposed of because it is designated as park land unless approved by a vote of the electorate.

Donald Kindred commented regarding the potential sale of the property and referenced the property located on Elizabeth Street.

Council Member Lamb withdrew the motion.

MOTION made by President Rutt to authorize the Village Manager and Village Attorney to negotiate with Greg Barron, property owner of 347 North Broadway Street, for the drafting, execution, and recording of an appropriate easement agreement across a portion of Village property located at 330 North Lapeer Street (the southeast 158 Section 10, Item A. corner of North Lapeer Street and West Elizabeth Street), Parcel ID No. OL-09-02-433-001, for driveway access to the rear portion of Mr. Barron's property located at 347 North Broadway Street, subject to the following conditions: (1) the property owner reimburses the Village for all costs associated with the drafting, execution, and recording of the easement agreement; and (2) the property owner pays reasonable compensation to the Village for the easement. The proposed easement agreement shall be submitted to Village Council for final approval prior to execution. *Motion failed from lack of support.*

Village Manager McClary stated that the property owner had approached the Village with the request and that Administration was attempting to accommodate the property owner's needs in a manner that would not result at a minimal cost to the Village. He further stated that there was no benefit to the Village in acquiring the property.

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to direct the Administration to do more research on the property that includes the impact of the property which includes granting the easement, what happens to the rest of it, and information about title and ownership and use of the property and what happens to the property with the granting of the easement come back to the council.

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

B. License Agreement for Use of Village Property – Clover & Creek, 197 S. Broadway

Removed.

C. Approval of Interlocal Agreement – CLEMIS Authority Participation Agreement

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to approve the resolution authorizing the Village to enter into the CLEMIS Authority Participation Agreement and CLEMIS Main Services Agreement and authorizing the Village Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate participation in the CLEMIS Authority.

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

D. Approval to Participate in Oakland County CDBG Program for Program Years 2027 through 2029

Village Manager McClary stated that President Rutt had already signed and executed the agreement. He further explained that if the Village Council chose not to participate, the Village could withdraw from the program.

Discussion followed between Council Member Lamb and Village Manager McClary regarding the types of projects eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to authorize the Village of Lake Orion to continue its participation in the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Program Years 2027 through 2029 and to authorize the Village President, Village Manager, and Village Clerk to execute all necessary documents relating to the Village's participation.

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

E. Second Reading and Adoption – Amendments to Chapter 53 – Outdoor Irrigation Metering

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to give second reading to, and adopt, an ordinance amending Chapter 53 – Water to permit the metering of outdoor irrigation and the adjustment of sanitary sewer bills accordingly; and to direct the Village Clerk to publish the required notice of the same.

Council Member Dandalides inquired whether a fixed base rate would be required for a second water meter. Village Manager McClary clarified that the proposed ordinance would not require an additional base rate for a second meter, as the base rate is assessed per structure rather than per meter.

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

F. Introduction of Village of Lake Orion 2026-29 Pavement Asset Management Plan

President Rutt asked whether the engineers could attend the next meeting, and Village Manager McClary confirmed they would be present.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to receive the proposed Village of Lake Orion 2026-2029 Pavement Asset Management Plan (PAMP) and to schedule the proposed plan for consideration for adoption at the Village Council's July 27, 2026, regular meeting.

Council Members Papacek and Lamb expressed support for receiving both the funding allocation information and an update on the condition of the roads.

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

G. Review of Village Hall Hours of Operation

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to approve a change in Village Hall administrative hours of operations from the current Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM, to a new schedule of Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM, effective Monday, August 3, 2026.

President Rutt stated that she did not support a five-day work week. Council Member Dandalides expressed support for a five-day schedule and recommended that staff work five eight-hour days, while also suggesting that additional data be provided to inform the discussion. Council Member Lamb noted his support for Council Member Dandalides' previous motion but acknowledged the Village's current staffing shortages. Council Member Papacek commented that potential cost savings could benefit the Village's infrastructure needs. Council Member Moshier stated that financial considerations should be part of the discussion and also noted the Village's staffing challenges.

Brenda Byers expressed support for closing Village offices on Wednesdays rather than providing staff with a three-day weekend.

Harry Stephen recommended aligning the Village's operating hours with Orion Township by maintaining a five-day work week with shorter daily hours.

Donald Kindred expressed support for Mr. Stephen's comments.

Council Member Lamb left the meeting at 7:51 p.m. and returned at 7:52 p.m.

Council Member Dandalides stated that Council should review approximately 90 days of operational data before authorizing funding for additional personnel. He also suggested that, if a new position were added, the employee could perform additional duties, such as grant writing.

Village Manager McClary explained that Council's previous action increased public service hours by 10 hours per week, resulting in 50 hours of weekly operations. He noted that a prior part-time position had been eliminated when the Village transitioned to a four-day work week and stated that, based on staff observations, Fridays typically average one to five visitors. He added that the proposal was presented as a potential cost-saving measure in response to Council's ongoing discussions regarding reducing expenses. Council Member Dandalides reiterated his expectation that operational data be provided to support any decision.

Dave Otto stated that serving even one resident on a Friday provides value to the public and also supported Mr. Stephen's recommendation.

President Rutt stated that Fridays are generally the least busy day, noted that the Village's salary levels are not the highest, and commented that the four-day work week serves as a cost-effective employee benefit. She also clarified that the decision to expand operations to 50 hours per week was made by the Council rather than the administration.

Tracy Woodrum expressed agreement with Council Member Dandalides' suggestion of a five-day, eight-hour work schedule.

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

Council Member Lamb pointed out that the employees retirement was at the end of August and really there was 6 weeks to verify data.

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides asking administration to do an evaluation and come back in three months with data and specifics and what has worked and what doesn't work. *Motion failed due to lack of support*.

H. Review of Public Works Operations and Structure

MOTION made by Council Member Papacek, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to request that the Village Manager review the operations and structure of the Department of Public Works, including the option of contracting some or all functions of the department to an independent entity, including Orion Township, if cost savings can be achieved, and to provide his finding and recommendations on options to Council not later than the Village Council's September 14, 2026 regular meeting.

Council Member Papacek clarified that the intent of the motion was not to outsource the Department of Public Works, but to evaluate available service options while ensuring current service levels are maintained. Council Member Lamb expressed support for the proposal, stating that reviewing the available data would be beneficial. Council Member Dandalides also supported exploring the options but questioned whether the motion was too broad. He offered to serve as a liaison between the Village and Orion Township during the process based off of the relationships he has built with Orion Township.

President Rutt noted that similar options had been explored previously and that some DPW functions may not be suitable for outsourcing. She stated that she believed the motion, as presented, was appropriate.

Harry Stephen suggested that the Village determine the full cost of DPW operations, noting that expenses are allocated across multiple departments, and encouraged the Village to identify which services it intends to continue providing.

Donald Kindred commented on the petition regarding the Village's future and expressed support for consolidation with Orion Township.

Dave Otto suggested that any cost savings realized from DPW operations be reserved for future water infrastructure improvements.

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

I. Cell Phones for Council Members (Request from Council Member Lamb)

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb to Direct the Village Manager to seek proposals to provide Cell Phones to the Village Council or to provide an allowance that they may obtain a separate Cell Phone on their own. *Motion failed due to lack of support*.

J. Resolution of Intent to Amend DDA District Boundaries (Request from Council Member Lamb)

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to pass the resolution of intent to amend the boundaries of the Downtown Development District (DDA) and to set a public hearing in conformance with Act 57 of the Public Acts of Michigan.

Council Member Papacek stated that a more thorough analysis of the proposal would be beneficial. Council Member Dandalides noted that the topic had previously been presented to Council and questioned why it was being reconsidered with substantially the same Council membership. He stated that, based on his own analysis, reducing the DDA boundaries would result in a significant financial loss to both the Village and the DDA. President Rutt stated that she did not support the agenda item, expressing the opinion that reducing the DDA boundaries would be short-sighted and would result in financial loss.

Brenda Byers commented on maintenance at the Lumberyard project, stating that the grass was not being cut and expressing concerns about rodents.

DDA Executive Director Matt Gibb stated that the Village and the DDA should continue to work collaboratively.

Tracy Woodrum spoke about the collaborative relationship that previously existed between the Village and Orion Township, stated that she believed the agenda item was unnecessary, and expressed that she did not support it.

Don Watson stated that he had previously worked with Molly LaLone, expressed support for the DDA, and offered to volunteer to assist with collaborative efforts.

Harry Stephen stated that Village voters had previously approved retaining the DDA through a petition and election process.

Steve Samet expressed support for the DDA.

Dave Otto encouraged Council Member Dandalides to review data regarding the potential expansion of the DDA.

Debbie Burgess, Chair of the DDA Board, stated that the voters had chosen to retain the DDA, expressed support for the organization, and encouraged continued partnership between the Village and the DDA.

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

K. Confirmation of Village Manager's Appointment of Acting Public Works Director

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to confirm the Village Manager's temporary appointment of Public Works Laborer II/Operator Salvatore (Sam) Hicks to the position of Acting Public Works Director for an indefinite period at an hourly pay rate of $34.35 effective July 14, 2026, with all other compensation, fringe benefits, and terms and conditions of employment to remain as is outlined in the AFSCME collective bargaining agreement for the Public Works Laborer II/Operation classification.

Council Member Lamb shared that there was nothing against Sam but he was going to vote no on this item.

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

11. Call to the Public

Brenda Byers asked questions regarding her water bill. President Rutt suggested that she contact Village administration for additional explanation. Village Manager McClary stated that residents are welcome to contact the administration office with questions regarding their water bills.

Dave Otto asked questions regarding the proposed generator ordinance. Village Manager McClary responded that the ordinance requires generators to be tested on a weekly basis.

Donald Kindred commented on power brownouts and transparency regarding recordings in the conference room.

12. DDA Executive Director Comments

DDA Executive Director Matt Gibb provided an update on the preliminary Planned Unit Development (PUD) plan. He also reported that the DDA had received a total of $33,000 in grant funding and stated that the DDA would be eliminating its storage unit and relocating its equipment and materials to a shipping container.

13. Council Comments

Council Member Papacek commented on the level of public participation during the meeting and acknowledged the passion expressed by residents. He noted that some attendees were frustrated and observed that change is an ongoing part of the decision-making process.

Council Member Moshier thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting. She also complimented the fireworks display and stated that Council Members are entitled to their individual opinions.

Council Member Dandalides noted that Council Members serve as volunteers and stated that he believed personal criticism directed toward Council Members was inappropriate. He encouraged those interested in serving the community to consider running for public office.

Council Member Lamb reviewed the history of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), including its formation, prior petitions, and previous amendments to the DDA district boundaries.

President Rutt read the section of the Village Council bylaws regarding disorderly conduct and stated that, while she supports freedom of speech, some comments approached the standard described in the bylaws. She also stated that a closed session had been held in the conference room in accordance with applicable procedures and commented that the Village has been transparent regarding water bills through properly noticed and televised public meetings. President Rutt concluded by complimenting the fireworks display.

14. Village Manager Comments

Village Manager McClary provided a brief report and noted that the full report is available online. He provided an update regarding Public Act 20 and reviewed updated terms of office. He advised that Council members would receive a Doodle poll to assist with scheduling upcoming Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Fee Schedule meetings.

Village Manager McClary also reported that the Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer applied for and were awarded grant writing training. He stated that the Village would cover the cost for the additional employee to attend the training as well.

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 July 13, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

The July 13, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout, MiCPT
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on July 27, 2026