MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, January 12, 2026

6:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The January 12, 2026 Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order at President Rutt by 6:32.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. 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

4. Presentations

None.

5. Call to the Public

None.

6. **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the agenda for the January 12, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

7. **Consent Agenda**

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

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the January 12, 2026 Village Council Regular Meeting Consent Agenda with the following changes:

- Removal of Item D (*Approval of Joint Informational Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority Board and Village Council of December 8, 2025*)
- Removal of Item N *(Approval of Special Event- Lake Orion Lions Club Jubilee)*
- Removal of Item P *(Planning Commission Board Appointment)*

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

A. **Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2025**

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the December 8, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

B. **Receive and File of Ad Hoc Legal Services Committee Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025**

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Ad Hoc Legal Services Committee Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

C. **Receive and File of Ad Hoc Legal Services Committee Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025**

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Ad Hoc Legal Services Committee Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek

VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

D. Approval of Joint Informational Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority Board and Village Council of December 8, 2025

Removed for further discussion.

E. Receive and File of Downtown Development Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Downtown Development Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025, as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

F. Receive and File of Investment of Report for November 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Investment Report for November 2025.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

G. Receive and File of Financial Statements for December 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Financial Statements for December 2025.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

H. Receive and file Invoice Distribution Report for December 22, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Invoice Distribution Report in the amount of $132,964.97 of which $20,659.93 are DDA bills for a net total of $112,305.04.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

I. **Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for January 13, 2026**

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the bills in the amount of $ 137,186.03 of which $ 10,000.69 are DDA bills for a net total of $127,185.34 and to receive and file the DDA bills.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

J. **Receive and File of November 2025 Building Permit Report**

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file of November 2025 Building Permit Report.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

K. **Receive and File of Orion Township Building Department 2025 Annual Report**

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Orion Township Building Department 2025 Annual Report.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

L. **Receive and File of December 2025 Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna**

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the December 2025 Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

M. **Receive and File of December 2025 Police Department Activity Report**

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the December 2025 Police Department Activity Report.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

N. **Approval of Special Event – Lake Orion Lions Club Jubilee**

Removed for further discussion.

O. Budget Amendment- Various

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford To approve budget amendment BA-2026-101-228-01, BA-2025-101-751-01, and BA-2025-101-851-01 as presented by administration.

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

P. Planning Commission Board Appointment

Removed for further discussion.

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

D. Approval of Joint Informational Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority Board and Village Council of December 8, 2025

Council Member Lamb inquired about additional details from the Joint Informational Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority Board and Village Council held on December 8, 2025, noting that he had hoped DDA Executive Director Gibb could address the questions; however, Mr. Gibb had already departed the meeting.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to approve the of Joint Informational Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority Board and Village Council of December 8, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.

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

N. Approval of Special Event – Lake Orion Lions Club Jubilee

Council Member Dandalides stated he supports the Lions Club and recognizes the importance of the Jubilee but emphasized the need to prioritize public safety and limit liability, noting that approving an event not supported by professional recommendations would conflict with his oath of office.

Council discussed alternative locations, switching carnival companies, and restructuring the event, as well as the possibility of setting a timeframe for the submitted application. While expressing support for the Lions Club Jubilee, Council emphasized the need for changes to address public safety and prevent recurring concerns.

Lions Club representatives expressed willingness to explore a new plan but noted they have already considered many of Council's suggestions and stated that the Jubilee accounts for approximately 60% of their annual budget.

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to not approve the Special Event application and license agreement for the Lake Orion Lions Club Jubilee as presented until the submission plan can achieve fire department approval.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: Comparoni Jr
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

P. Planning Commission Board Appointment

President Rutt invited Matt Craig, the new Planning Commission appointee, to the podium to share his background. Mr. Craig described his experience in supply chain management and expressed enthusiasm for serving on the Planning Commission. Council members welcomed him and acknowledged how his background will benefit the Commission.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to appoint Matt Craig as a Commissioner to serve on the Village of Lake Orion Planning Commission, with a term to expire on April 30, 2026.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. Council Member Suggested Goals and Objectives for FY 2026-27

Village Manager McClary stated that Council members were asked to submit their goals and objectives by December 19, 2025, so they could be consolidated and placed on the January 12, 2026 Council agenda. Council Member Dandalides emphasized the importance of goals and objectives as a roadmap for the upcoming year and noted the value of public input. Council discussed priority areas including fiscal responsibility, infrastructure, streets and sidewalks, and maintaining predictable household costs, and encouraged the public to submit input via email to Administration or Council or by attending Council meetings.

B. Forum for Discussion of FY 2026-27 Goals and Objectives (Requested by Council Member Dandalides)

Council discussed prior special meetings held in the conference room, noting that while they are not televised, they are recorded. Council considered adding the goals and objectives discussion to a regular Council meeting to allow the discussion to be televised for the public. Council reviewed the pros and cons of adding the discussion as an agenda item to the next two regular meetings and discussed how Robert's Rules of Order would apply to adding a one-hour discussion to an existing meeting agenda.

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to utilize the input from each councilmen and the public, direct the Village Manager to prepare for and lead the discussion on the 2026-27 Village Goals and Objectives in two, one hour agenda topics at our upcoming January 26th and February 9th regular meetings per the proposal presented above.
VOTING YEA: Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Comparoni Jr
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Failed

Council discussed public transparency and the best method to achieve public input while televising the meeting topic. Village Manager McClary suggested having the special meeting in the chambers versus in the conference room which can be televised by ONTV provided they are given notice to record the meeting.

MOTION made by Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Comparoni, Jr to keep the Special Meeting as scheduled for the upcoming meeting times January 26th and February 9th but to have ONTV have televised coverage limits to 1 hour moved to the Council Chambers versus the Conference room.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

C. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance – Amendment to Chapter 50 - Garbage

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by President Rutt to give second reading to, and adopt, an Ordinance to amend Title V: Public Works, Chapter 50: Garbage to require that the garbage collection service charge will be set by resolution of the Village Council; and to direct the Village Clerk to publish the required notice.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

D. Legal Services Review Committee Recommendation

Council members commented on the effectiveness of the committee process and the Village Manager's leadership in assisting the committee with making a difficult decision. Council members also discussed the potential of using the same process for other Village contract services.

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to accept and approve the recommendation from the Legal Services Review Ad Hoc Committee to select the law firm of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton of Troy, Michigan, to provide general, prosecution, litigation, and other legal services for the Village of Lake Orion subject to the Committee's negotiation of an acceptable services contract with the firm and subsequent approval of the contract by the Village Council.

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

E. Coordination of Planning, Zoning, and Building Permitting Services

Council thanked the committee for its work and noted that communication was identified as the primary issue with the previous process. Council stated that the new process is intended to streamline building permitting services for residents and improve communication for all parties.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to accept the findings and recommendations of the Building Services Review Ad Hoc Committee as follows:

1. The current provisions of the April 15, 2024, agreement are not being completely followed. The Township Building Department has made recommendations on specific changes to the process outlined in the agreement to improve communication and coordination of permit reviews. Administration will propose a revised interlocal agreement to the Township Building Department and Village Council based on the recommended revisions.
2. The Township Building Department intends to migrate from the current BS&A.NET system to the cloud system in March 2026, which will provide online access to the Township's building permits and code enforcement system. The Township will not charge for the Village's read-only access to the Township's system and will not limit the number of Village Administration users.
3. Village Administration will implement process changes as recommended by the Township Building Department and approved by Council under a revised interlocal agreement after the Township's migration to the BS&A cloud software.
4. Village Administration will review the efficiency and effectiveness of the revised permitting process within six months of the Township's migration to the BS&A cloud software and make further recommendations to Village Council as to whether to continue with the Township's building and permitting services agreement or to transition to in-house services.

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

F. Amendment #1 to Agreement to Provide Building Inspection Services

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve Amendment #1 to the Agreement to Provide Building Inspection Services between the Village of Lake Orion and Orion Charter Township to amend the following sections of the Agreement to read as follows:

> 11. The Township grants the Village access to Township Building Department B S&A software services for the purpose of facilitating building permits, inspections, and related administrative tasks. EXHIBIT A

232Section 10, Item F.

5. Residential Zoning Review for small projects, decks, accessory structures and single family homes……………………………………..$75.00. All other provisions of the current Agreement shall remain unchanged. The Village Manager is authorized to execute this amended Agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

G. Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Acceptance and Budget Amendments - Police Department

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to move to accept the grant money of $2173 and approve the budget amendment of the subsequent accounts as follows:

- Increase revenue $2173 (Miscellaneous Revenue) in account 207-000-694-000
- Increase expenditure $445 (Education and Training) in account 207-301-957-000
- Increase expenditure ($1728 Travel Expenses) in account 207-301-863-000

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

11. Call to the Public

Rosemary Ford spoke regarding the cost of the lift station project and the financial impact being shared among residents. She also commented on the DDA's tax capture funds and noted that the potential consolidation of the Village and Township has been an ongoing discussion for many years.

Adam Piazza spoke regarding fiscal sustainability related to the DDA and emphasized the importance of transparency and accountability.

12. DDA Executive Director Comments

None.

13. Council Comments

Council Member Lamb thanked the citizen speakers, commented on the continuation of the DDA due to bond obligations, referenced DDA spending oversight and potential amendments to the tax capture district, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Comparoni, Jr. wished everyone a Happy New Year, expressed support for the Lions Club, Fire Department, and Police Department, thanked DPW for snow removal efforts, and stated he was looking forward to the year ahead.

President Pro Tem Ford shared updates from a recent NOTA meeting, including ridership statistics, discussed Paint Creek Trail usage data and trail etiquette concerns, and welcomed Matt Craig as a new Planning Commission Board member.

Council Member Dandalides stated that the Jubilee event application was a public safety matter, encouraged public input on Council goals and objectives, reiterated the location of the upcoming goals and objectives meeting, and referenced the Village CIP.

Council Member Moshier thanked those in attendance, expressed support for the Jubilee while noting public safety concerns, thanked President Pro Tem Ford for attending the NOTA meeting in her absence, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Papacek commented on Council goals and DDA funding.

President Rutt discussed trail challenges related to weather conditions, noted the value of NOTA services to the community, encouraged public attendance at DDA meetings, and referenced the DDA's accreditation.

14. Village Manager Comments

Village Manager McClary thanked resident Adam Piazza for expressing concerns regarding fiscal responsibility and stated that the Village is not operating at a deficit and remains in good financial health, while acknowledging the need to address capital needs. He also welcomed the new Administrative Assistant.

Chief Amundson provided an overview of the new online police reporting tool, noting its goal of increasing transparency for the public.

Village Manager McClary provided an update on the audio equipment in the Council Chambers, reminded Council of his upcoming vacation, and reviewed upcoming dates.

15. Closed Session Items

16. Business From Closed Session

17. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to adjourn the January 12, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

The January 12, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Teresa Rutt
President

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Sonja Stout
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on January 26, 2026