



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, March 10, 2025

7:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The March 10, 2025, Village Council Regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Rutt.

PRESENT

President Teresa Rutt

President Pro Tem Stan Ford

Council member Carl Cyrowski

Council member Michael Lamb

Council member George Dandalides

Council member Alex Comparoni Jr

ABSENT

Council member Nancy Moshier

STAFF PRESENT

Village Manager Darwin McClary

Police Chief Mark Amundson

DDA Executive Director Matthew Gibb

Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Dandalides to excuse Council member Moshier from the March 10, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

4. Presentations

None.

5. Call to the Public

Linda Crane suggested exploring heated sidewalk technology as part of the bidding process for the sidewalk improvement project. She reviewed various communities that have implemented heated sidewalks and highlighted their benefits.

Matt Gibb provided an update on the lumberyard, discussed the shared St. Patrick's Day event with Oxford, and mentioned the \$60,000 grant application he and the police chief submitted, with a decision expected by April 1st. He also reviewed the accreditation process and noted that the DDA is being recognized for 18 years of service.

Donald Kindred expressed concerns about water flowing beneath local properties.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council member Cyrowski, Seconded by Council member Lamb to approve the March 10, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Agenda, as presented.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

7. Consent Agenda

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

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Lamb to approve the consent agenda with the removal of items C. Request from Council Member Dandalides to extend Duties and Term of DDA public infrastructure fund committee to formulate proposed Village-DDA services agreement, D. Receive and File Financial Statements- February 2025 and E. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution report for March 11, 2025, for further discussion.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

A. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Lamb to approve the February 24, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

B. Approval of Special Event: Memorial Day Services and Parade

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Lamb to adopt Resolution 2025-005 to approve the Memorial Day Services and Parade Special Event Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Stephen Hauxwell of the American Legion Squadron #233 for the use of various Village properties on May 26, 2025, and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

C. Request from Council Member Dandalides to Extend Duties and Term of DDA Public Infrastructure Fund Committee to Formulate Proposed Village-DDA Services Agreement

Removed for further discussion.

D. Receive and File Financial Statements- February 2025

Removed for further discussion.

E. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for March 11, 2025

Removed for further discussion.

F. Receive and File February 2024 Police Department Activity Report

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Lamb to receive and file the February 2025 Police Department Activity Report.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

C. Request from Council Member Dandalides to Extend Duties and Term of DDA Public Infrastructure Fund Committee to Formulate Proposed Village-DDA Services Agreement

Council Member Dandalides provided a brief overview of the joint Ad-Hoc meeting, emphasizing its collaborative and productive nature. He noted that the next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2025, and explained the rationale for using the same sub-committee to finalize the pending DDA/Admin services agreement.

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Lamb to expand the scope of duties of the 2025 DDA Public Infrastructure Fund Committee, subject to approval

by the DDA Board of Directors, to include the review, formulation, and recommendation of a proposed Village-DDA Services Agreement for consideration by the Village Council; and to extend the term of the Committee from March 31, 2025, to April 15, 2025.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

Pro Tem Ford asked about the Village's current status regarding the agreements. Village Manager McClary summarized the past year's process and stated that he has no concerns with the current proposal. Council Member Lamb agreed, expressing his alignment with the Village Manager's perspective.

D. Receive and File Financial Statements- February 2025

Council Member Dandalides referenced page 56 of the packet, noting that the grants revenue line remains blank. He then asked Village Manager McClary if he had any concerns regarding recent news about grant funding. Village Manager McClary stated that there have been no indications from the EPA suggesting any reason for concern.

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the financial reports for February 2025.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

Council Member Lamb inquired about the usage and procedures for department heads using the company credit card. Village Manager McClary reviewed the credit card policy, outlining the process for department heads and explaining the required documentation procedures.

E. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for March 11, 2025

Council Member Dandalides inquired about the Alerus charges listed on the Invoice Distribution Report. Village Manager McClary explained that Alerus is a subsidiary of MERS and is available only to full-time employees across various departments. He clarified that only active employees receive this pension.

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski to receive and file the bills in the amount of \$551,635.24 of which \$407,525.54 are DDA bills for a net total of \$144,109.70 and to receive and file the DDA bills.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. Amendment to Village Policy on Waiving Fees and Charges to Address Water and Sewer Billing Disputes

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Dandalides to adopt the resolution as presented amending the Village's formal policy on the waiving of Village fees and charges for programs and services to address water and sewer billing disputes.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

Council member Lamb and Council member Dandalides shared their support for this agenda item.

11. Call to the Public

Matt Gibb expressed his willingness to collaborate on the proposed extension of the sub-committee to help finalize the DDA-Administrative Services agreement. He suggested that the committee could assist in developing a plan for funding the police department's portion.

12. Council Comments

Council Member Lamb praised the productivity of the new council and its commitment to achieving goals. He expressed hope for significant changes in police funding and shared a personal story, thanking the police for their support.

Council Member Cyrowski suggested the Village consider quarterly mailings, referencing a past inquiry about Mail Tech Inc., which could send newsletters to 1,200 addresses for under \$300. He asked the Clerk to follow up and provided the details.

Council Member Comparoni, Jr. emphasized the importance of including lake residents in discussions, as meetings often focus on the Downtown District. He encouraged them to voice concerns for council consideration.

Council Member Dandalides supported extending the sub-committee for the DDA/Administrative Services agreement. He announced the Ad-Hoc subcommittee meeting on March 13, 2025, at 5:30 PM, aiming to finalize the Capital Improvement Infrastructure program discussions. He also noted a boater safety class on April 5, 2025, at the Township Library and shared information on boat shrink wrap recycling from *Orion Living*.

Pro Tem Ford reported that Paint Creek Trail signs will soon be installed to prevent bikes from damaging soft ground.

President Rutt echoed Ford's concerns, advising caution on soft and icy surfaces and reminding residents to stay safe during St. Patrick's Day events.

13. Village Manager Comments

Village Manager McClary provided updates on several key topics. He discussed upcoming goal-setting work sessions and the progress of the Ad-Hoc Public Infrastructure Fund Committee in calculating contributions to the DDA Public Infrastructure Fund. He noted that major advertisements for the Sidewalk Improvement Program have been released, with the project set for March 20, 2025, and the bid opening scheduled for 2:30 PM that day. Sidewalk connection improvements will be delayed until District 2 due to necessary engineering design work.

He also provided updates on the sanitary sewer pump station improvement project and the Orion Township Paint Creek storm drainage project. Additionally, he mentioned that the Board of Ethics currently has four members and that a special meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2025, at 6:30 PM. The council agreed to move the meeting to 6:00 PM.

MOTION made Council Member Dandalides, seconded by Council Member Comparoni, Jr. to change the Special Meeting time on March 24, 2025 from 6:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

14. Closed Session Items

15. Business From Closed Session

16. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by Council member Lamb to adjourn the March 10, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

The March 10, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on March 24, 2025.