



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, January 13, 2025

7:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The January 13, 2025 Village Council Regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Rutt.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

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

Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout

DPW Director Wes Sanchez

Police Chief Mark Amundson

Village Planning and Zoning Coordinator Gage Belko

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council member Dandalides to excuse Council Member Moshier from the January 13, 2025 Village Council Regular meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

4. Presentations

A. Introduction of Reserve Officer Cedar Chan

Chief Amundson provided a brief introduction for the new Reserve Officer, Cedar Chan, which included details about their prior employment. Chief Amundson administered the Oath of Honor to Reserve Officer Cedar Chan in front of the Council, followed by a photo with Chief Amundson and Reserve Officer Chan. Members of the Lake Orion Police Department showed their support from the audience.

B. Presentation on Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Greg Soule, a partner at Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC, presented an audit of the Village's financial statements for the fiscal year ending 2023-2024. The audit presentation included the governance report, key statistics, and the management letter, which addressed weaknesses such as water and sewer records and the input of capital assets. It also highlighted deficiencies for the Village, including the review of journal entries, an unrecorded DDA bank account, and purchase order approvals.

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Lamb to direct Administration to review the current Administration processes, implement corrective action on those processes, and correct the deficiencies identified by the auditors. This would include the two matters that were considered material weaknesses and the three matters considered significant deficiencies. Council also requests a report back in a regular Council meeting no later than March 24, 2025 meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

5. Call to the Public

None.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski to approve the January 13, 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 President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the Consent agenda and to pull items A. Correspondence from Rick Frazier requesting reduction in sewer bill, E. 2024 Dam Safety Inspection Report, and I. Planning Commission 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Work Plan for further discussion.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

A. Receive and file request dated December 4, 2024, from Rick Frazier, 220 S. Andrews, for sewer bill reduction

Pulled for further discussion.

B. Board Member Application – Planning Commission

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to appoint James Barry as a Commissioner to serve on the Village of Lake Orion Planning Commission, with a term to expire on April 30, 2025.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

C. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2024

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the December 9, 2024 Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

D. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the December 16, 2024 Village Council Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

E. 2024 Dam Safety Inspection Report

Pulled for further discussion.

F. Receive and File of Board of Zoning Appeals Regular Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2024

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the October 3, 2024 Board of Zoning Appeals Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

G. Receive and File of DDA Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the November 19, 2024 Downtown Development Authority Board Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

H. Receive and File December 2024 Police Department Activity Report

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the December 2024 Police Department activity Report.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

I. Planning Commission 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Work Plan

Pulled for further discussion.

J. Receive and File of Snowplowing Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2024

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the December 13, 2024 Snowplowing Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

K. Approval of Special Event – 11th Annual Lake Orion Rotary Ice Cup Challenge

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to adopt Resolution 2025-001, which approves the 11th Annual Lake Orion Rotary Ice Cup Challenge event

application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and the Lake Orion Sunrise Rotary Club for the use of various Village properties and public roads. The event is scheduled for February 1, 2025. Mr. Pierce will provide the required fees prior to the event. Furthermore, to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the document on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

L. Approve Disposal of 2013 Ford Taurus Police Vehicle by Auction

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the sale of the 2013 Ford Taurus (VIN 1FAHP2M81DG17869) by auction and the deposit of any proceeds from the sale into the Village of Lake Orion Capital Improvement Fund, Fund No. 401.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

M. Receive and File of Snowplowing Subcommittee Draft Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Snowplowing Subcommittee Draft Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

A. Receive and file request dated December 4, 2024, from Rick Frazier, 220 S. Andrews, for sewer bill reduction

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to request the Village Manager to reimburse the sewer portion of Rick Frazier's \$2,273.68 bill for 220 S. Andrews

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to *Amend* the previous motion to request the Village Manager to reimburse the sewer portion of Rick Frazier's \$2,273.68 bill for 220 S. Andrews, the motion directs the Village Manager to draft a formal for addressing future requests for reductions of water and sewer bills presented to the Council.

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

Rosemary Ford spoke about her concerns about the current bill reduction and also addressed issues regarding Council Members speaking clearly into their microphones.

E. 2024 Dam Safety Inspection Report

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to direct Administration to review and create an action plan for the six (6) recommended actions in the inspection report and report back to Village Council no later than the April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting.

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

I. Planning Commission 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Work Plan

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to defer topic to the January 27, 2025 regular meeting as an agenda item for a five to ten minute review with the Village Planner.

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

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Financial Matters

A. Invoice Approval - January 13th, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the January 13th, 2025 bills in the amount of \$173,039.50 of which \$21,625.35 are DDA bills for a net total of \$151,414.15 and to receive and file the DDA bills

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

B. Financial Statements- December 2024

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to receive and file the financial reports for December 2024.

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

11. Other Items

A. 225 Lake Street Lot Split Review

Dominici Mocerri answered questions from the Council in regard to Darling Drive.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr to approve the proposed lot split of Parcel 09-02-458-014, also known as 225 Lake St., into two (2) child parcels with the conditions listed in the Village Planner's report dated December 30, 2024.

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

B. Snow Plowing and Salting Policy

Mike Bires asked whether Longpointe is classified as a primary or secondary road after reviewing the Snow Plowing and Salting Policy.

MOTION made by Council member Cyrowski, Seconded by President Rutt to adopt the revised Snow Plowing and Salting Policy as recommended by the ad hoc Snow Removal Policy Review Committee.

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

MOTION made by Council member Cyrowski, Seconded by Council member Dandalides to authorize Administration to engage in discussions with homeowners or homeowner associations on private streets within the Village on a fee-for-service agreement or special assessment 226 Section 11, Item B. to provide snow and ice removal on those streets if the property owners desire the Department of Public Works to provide the service.

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

MOTION made by Council member Cyrowski, Seconded by Council member Dandalides to *Amend* the previous motion to authorize Administration to engage in discussions with homeowners or homeowner associations on private streets within the Village on a fee-for-service agreement or special assessment 226 Section 11, Item B. to provide snow and ice removal on those streets if the property owners desire the Department of Public Works to

provide the service, it shall also include implementing the arrangement for the remainder of this snow season before the new snow and salting policy begins.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

12. Call to the Public

None.

13. Council Comments

Council Member Cyrowski wished everyone a safe and prosperous 2025.

Council Member Dandalides welcomed the new Reserve Officer, Cedar Chan, referenced the leaf pickup concern discussed at the previous Council meeting November 25, 2024, expressed his concerns regarding the Capital Improvement Projects and funding, informed the public about upcoming meetings.

Council Member Lamb wished everyone a Happy New Year, requested that the Newsletter be added to the next agenda for mailing to residents, and asked for a special meeting to review the current bill payment policy at the Thursday, January 16, 2025, Sidewalk meeting.

Council Member Comparoni Jr. wished everyone a Happy New Year, shared his excitement for the new year, and expressed enthusiasm for working with the Council.

Pro Tem Ford thanked the Snow Policy Committee.

President Rutt welcomed the new Reserve Officer, Cedar Chan, and James Barry to the Planning Commission Board. She also thanked the Snowplow Committee and suggested ways to assist elderly residents with snow removal.

14. Village Manager Comments

Village Manager McClary provided brief updates on the Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Improvement Projects, the ordinance recodification project, the Village property inventory and mapping project, and the Park Avenue retaining wall replacement project. He also announced that the January 30, 2025, work session would be canceled and shared that he was recently appointed to the Michigan Municipal League Finance Committee. Additionally, he reviewed upcoming important dates.

15. Closed Session Items

16. Business From Closed Session

17. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski to adjourn the January 13, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

The January 13, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on January 27, 2025.