



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

7:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The May 27, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 Nancy Moshier

Council member Michael Lamb

Council member George Dandalides

Council member Alex Comparoni Jr

STAFF PRESENT

Village Manager Darwin McClary

Police Chief Mark Amundson

DPW Director Wes Sanchez

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynsey Blough

DDA Executive Director Matthew Gibb

4. Presentations

None.

5. Call to the Public

Harry Stephens praised the Village Administration and Village Council for moving the water billing system to a standard 8½ x 11 sheet of paper and suggested using the blank backside for the Village newsletter or other important information.

Fire Chief Allen clarified that his department had reviewed the correct plan and apologized for earlier confusion. He thanked the Council, commended his team's commitment to code enforcement despite outside pressure, and emphasized that safety codes cannot be bypassed with contingency plans. He reassured residents of strong emergency systems in place through the county and state and encouraged improved communication moving forward.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council member Cyrowski, Seconded by Council member Lamb, to approve the May 27, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting with the removal of Item 10B. Adoption of FY 2025-26 Budget and Millage Rates.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

7. Consent Agenda

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

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item I. Receive and File of Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

A. Approval of Special Event – Fireworks on Lake Orion

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-012, approving the Fireworks on Lake Orion Special Event Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Robert Krefski of the Lake Orion Fireworks Foundation Inc. for the use of the east side of Lake Orion on Saturday, July 5, 2025, at 10:00PM, and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

B. Approval of Special Event – Lake Orion Live Gazebo Concert Series

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-013, approving the Lake Orion Live Gazebo Concert Series Special Event Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Emily Dziegielewski of the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority for the use of the Children’s Park and Gazebo on Wednesdays during July and August from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, with the exception of July 2, and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

C. Approval of Special Event – Outdoor Movie Nights

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-014, approving the Outdoor Movie Nights Special Event Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Emily Dziegielewski of the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority for the use of the Children’s Park on:

- July 18, 2025, from 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM
- August 15, 2025, from 8:30PM to 10:30PM
- September 19, 2025, from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

D. Approve the Michigan Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement Renewal

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to approve the Michigan Uniform Video Service Local Franchise agreement and allow the Village President to execute the agreement with a PEG fee to equal 2% and Franchise Entity fee to equal 5%.

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

E. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to approve the May 12, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

MOTION: Carried

F. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to approve the May 12, 2025 Village Council Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

G. Receive and File of DDA Special Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to receive and file the DDA Special Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2025, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

H. Receive and File of DDA Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to receive and file the DDA Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

I. Receive and File of Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025

Removed for further discussion.

J. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for May 28, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to receive and file the bills in the amount of \$ 206,293.39 of which \$ 130,380.74 are DDA bills for a net total of \$ 75,912.65 and to receive and file the DDA bills.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

K. Confirmation of Emergency Engineering Services Purchase and Budget Amendment - Oak Lane, Flint Street, and Green's Park Seawalls

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to approve a budget amendment to Account 101-880-806-000 to increase the appropriation to the account from \$10,000 to \$20,000 to provide a supplemental appropriation for engineering services related to site inspections for Oak Lane, Flint Street, and Green's Park seawalls and preparation of an EGLE permit application for the Oak Lane seawall repairs. 123 Section 7, Item K.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to confirm and approve the Village Manager's emergency purchase of engineering services from Nowak & Fraus Engineers in accordance with their proposal dated May 14, 2025, to perform site inspections for Oak Lane, Flint Street, and Green's Park seawalls and preparation of an EGLE permit application for the Oak Lane seawall repairs.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

L. Budget Amendment-Sewer Capital Improvement fund

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to approve the budget amendment BA-2025-490-002 as presented by administration.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

I. Receive and File of Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025

Council member Dandalides requested timelines for park maintenance and clarification on Parks and Rec funding. DPW Director Sanchez agreed to review and provide dates, noting some challenges to infrastructure limitations. Council member Lamb suggested exploring outside cleaning services for annual park cleanings.

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to receive and file of Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. Village Manager Performance Evaluation Result and Compensation Review

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Dandalides, to determine on the record, after completion of the Village Manager's annual performance evaluation on May 12, 2025, that the Village Manager's job performance was rated "GOOD PERFORMANCE".

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Comparoni, to establish an ad hoc Village Manager Compensation Review Committee of the Village Council comprising the following three council members **Dandalides**, **Moshier**, and **Comparoni Jr** for the purpose of working with the Village Manager to review the compensation and fringe benefits provisions of the Village Manager and to make a recommendation to the Village Council on adjustments to the same for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, with the work of the committee to be completed and recommendation submitted no later than the Village Council's June 23, 2025, regular meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

B. Adoption of FY 2025-26 Budget and Millage Rates

Removed from May 27, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting.

C. Approval of DDA Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to not approve the DDA budget at this meeting.

Council member Lamb raised concerns about the DDA exceeding TIF limits and urged returning surplus funds. President Pro Tem Ford opposed the motion due to missing information during earlier meetings. Council member Dandalides requested legal guidance, while Council member Cyrowski suggested relying on the Village Attorney's opinion. President Rutt supported the budget, noting TIF figures are projections.

Motion was withdrawn.

Council member Dandalides asked about the administrative services agreement. Village Manager McClary said the DDA hasn't submitted a draft and the Village will act if not received by mid-June. Council member Moshier called for legal review and better oversight, thanking Council member Lamb for his work. President Rutt supported the budget, noting DDA follows its TIF plan. Harry Stephens praised modest salary raises and controlled costs.

Council member Cyrowski was mostly comfortable with the budget. President Rutt clarified the motion approves the budget and directs a legal opinion on Council member Lamb's concerns. President Pro Tem Ford suggested splitting the motions to approve the budget and the legal review separately. President Rutt said separate motions could follow if the current one fails.

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr, to approve the DDA budget as presented and to direct Village Administration to seek legal opinion on how to proceed in the future regarding the DDA budget and TIF projections.

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

D. DDA/Village Services Agreement – Public Works Enhanced Services

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski, to approve as presented the Intergovernmental Services Agreement Between the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority and the Village of Lake Orion for Public Works enhanced services for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$27,310.31, and authorize the Village Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

Council member Dandalides praised the Ad Hoc Committee's work on the three service agreements, calling the outcome commendable. Council member Lamb voiced his support for Council member Dandalides' remarks.

E. DDA/Village Services Agreement – Police Department Enhanced Services

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Dandalides, to approve the Enhanced Public Safety Agreement Between the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority and the Village of Lake Orion for Police Department enhanced police officer and code enforcement services in the total amount of \$103,000 with the correction to the "Duration of Agreement" section to change the ending date to June 30, 2026, and authorize the Village Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

Council member Lamb praised the committee and Police Chief for a proposal adding a long-approved officer and valued over past reimbursements, urging ongoing police budget support and future funding for a full-time zoning officer.

Harry Stephens asked if the agreement referred to the "DDA District" or "DDA Downtown District." President Rutt cited the agreement: "Downtown Development District." Council member Lamb clarified it covers the entire DDA. Village Manager McClary and Police Chief Amundson said the focus is downtown but coverage is district-wide. Police Chief Amundson offered to revise unclear language. DDA Executive Director Gibb noted changes would need re-approval.

E. FY 2025-26 Non-Union Pay Ranges and Pay Rates

Council member Lamb asked about salary increases. Village Manager McClary said ranges rise 3.1% for inflation, with a 4% raise for all non-union staff to stay competitive and match union contracts. A merit system is planned.

Council members Dandalides and Moshier preferred performance-based raises. Others, including President Pro Tem Ford, President Rutt, Council members Cyrowski and Lamb, supported the 4% increase. Council member Lamb questioned lifeguard starting wages, which Village Manager McClary justified.

Harry Stephens called the 4% raise reasonable but urged earlier review of wider salary differences.

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by President Rutt, to adopt the resolution approving the FY 2025-26 pay ranges and pay rates of administrative officers and non-union employees of the Village of Lake Orion excluding the Village Manager's salary adjustment pending the performance evaluation.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

11. Call to the Public

Bob Krefski thanked the Village Council for approving the Fireworks on Lake Orion special event and asked follow-up questions about the sign permit and the placement of the float on either the west or east side of the lake. He was advised to direct those questions to the Planning and Zoning Coordinator and the Police Chief.

12. Council Comments

Council member Lamb thanked the fire department and clarified no one wants to eliminate the DDA. He urged fairer fund distribution, noting the Village is underfunded while most new tax revenue goes to the DDA. He called for practical discussion and joked about the Council Chambers' ceiling.

Council member Comparoni Jr. thanked the fire chief, praised the Flower Fair, and criticized the new lakeside condos for negatively impacting the lake view, calling the change shocking.

President Pro Tem Ford said the Paint Creek Trail is still run by committee while seeking a manager, with support talks ongoing with Oakland County. He noted bike patrols have started, praised the Flower Fair and Memorial Day parade, thanked the fire chief, and expressed support for open dialogue and the DDA.

Council member Dandalides thanked Fire Chief Allen for open communication, shared info on two upcoming boater safety classes, and noted work sessions on water/sewer rates (May 29) and the capital plan (June 5). He requested more consistent delivery of agenda packets. Village Manager McClary responded that they aim for Thursday evenings but delays can occur.

Council member Moshier thanked residents and public safety officials for their engagement, shared a positive experience with the police on the lake, and mentioned the recent hatching of wood ducks, noting the enjoyment of lake life.

Council member Cyrowski highlighted the Lake Orion Fireworks Foundation, a volunteer nonprofit that raises funds for the popular fireworks show. He stressed that the event is funded entirely by donations, not taxes, and urged the community to support it, noting the group is currently behind on fundraising and may cancel the show if donations don't improve.

President Rutt thanked everyone involved in the Flower Fair and Memorial Day Parade, praised Fire Chief Allen for his dedication, and noted the ceiling and steeple repairs are budgeted this year with updates expected. He addressed ongoing frustrations about disagreements over the DDA's funding, emphasizing the need for unity despite differing opinions.

13. Village Manager Comments

Village Manager McClary reported that bids for the Village Hall steeple and ceiling repairs came in over budget and will be reviewed before recommendations are made. He apologized to the fire department for mistakenly saying he hadn't received their emergency contingency plan, acknowledging he had and praising their professionalism. He encouraged residents to attend a joint Planning Commission meeting on June 18 about the Eastport Village development. Village Manager McClary also congratulated two police reserves on graduating from the Oakland Police Academy and noted upcoming important dates.

14. Closed Session Items

15. Business From Closed Session

16. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski, to adjourn the May 27, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

The May 27, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Lynsey Blough
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Sonja Stout
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on June 9, 2025