



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, July 28, 2025

5:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The July 28, 2025, Village Council Special Meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Ford at 5:30 PM.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

President Teresa Rutt

STAFF PRESENT

Village Manager Darwin McClary
Police Chief Mark Amundson
Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout
DPW Director Wes Sanchez
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynsey Blough

MOTION made by Council member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski, to excuse President Rutt from the July 28, 2025, Village Council Special Meeting due to a prior commitment.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Rutt

MOTION: Carried

PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING: Discuss Village administrative office hours and the Village Hall inclement weather closing policy.

3. Call to the Public

None.

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to approve the July 28, 2025, Village Council Special Meeting Agenda.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Rutt

MOTION: Carried

5. Other Items

A. Review Village Hall Administrative Office Hours

Village Manager McClary reviewed the Village Hall's four-day work week, implemented in 2022 to improve efficiency and accommodate staff schedules. The Village Council discussed whether Friday office closures create a service gap.

Council member Lamb, Council member Dandalides, and Council member Moshier expressed concern about the lack of administrative presence on Fridays, especially as the Village grows. He and Council member Dandalides supported exploring flexible scheduling to provide Friday coverage without overburdening existing staff. Council member Lamb and Council Member Moshier raised concerns about overreliance on the DPW and the need for staff input. Village Manager McClary emphasized that no formal public complaints have been received and noted most local communities also operate on a four-day schedule.

Village Manager McClary outlined options, including staggered schedules or restoring a part-time position, but flagged operational and budget constraints. While he personally opposes switching to a five-day week, he committed to presenting objective options.

Council members debated how to proceed. Council member Lamb and President Pro Tem Ford supported a future work session and factoring in upcoming staff retirements and potential new hires. Council member Comparoni Jr. preferred the current schedule, citing lack of public concern and the risk of staff attrition.

The Village Council agreed no formal motion was needed. Village Manager McClary will develop scheduling proposals and the next Village Council Regular Meeting (August 11) will include a plan to set a work session date for further discussion.

B. Review Village Hall Inclement Weather Closing Policy

Village Manager McClary explained that the Village adopted its first formal office closure policy in 2023, linking closures to local school district decisions to ensure consistency, fairness, and employee safety. He emphasized that this removes subjective judgment from the Village Manager’s role and helps the public better understand closures.

President Pro Tem Ford and Council member Cyrowski supported this approach, noting that schools have professional systems for evaluating road conditions early in the morning and that many other organizations align with school closures.

Council member Moshier and Council member Dandalides opposed tying closures to school decisions, arguing schools close for reasons that don’t apply to adult staff and that most government offices stay open. Village Manager McClary emphasized staff safety and noted remote work continues during closures. The council agreed to revisit the policy at a future meeting.

6. Call to the Public

DPW Director Wes Sanchez briefly shared that only four residents had come to Village Hall on Fridays over the past six months—three to pay a bill and one to change an address—highlighting the low public traffic during those times.

7. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski, to adjourn the July 28, 2025, Village Council Special Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Rutt

MOTION: Carried

The July 28, 2025 Village Council Special Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Lynsey Blough
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Sonja Stout
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on August 11, 2025