



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, December 08, 2025

6:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The December 8, 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 Nancy Moshier (arrived at 6:32 PM)

Council Member Michael Lamb (arrived at 6:32 PM)

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

DDA Executive Director Matthew Gibb

4. Presentations

5. Call to the Public

None.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt, to approve the agenda for the December 8, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting as presented.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr, Papacek

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier, Lamb

MOTION: Carried

7. Consent Agenda

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

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to approve the December 8, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting Consent Agenda as presented.

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 November 24, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to approve the November 24, 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 Board of Ethics Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the September 24, 2025 Board of Ethics Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

C. Receive and File of Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2025, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

D. Receive and File of Board of Zoning Appeals Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the Board of Zoning Appeals Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2025, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

E. Receive and File of Ad Hoc Legal Services Committee Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the Ad Hoc Legal Services Committee Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2025.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

F. Receive and File of Ad Hoc Legal Services Committee Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the Ad Hoc Legal Services Committee Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2025.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

G. Receive and File of Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

H. Receive and File of Investment of Report for October 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the Investment Report for October 2025.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

I. Receive and File Financial Statements- November 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the financial reports for November 2025.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

J. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for December 9, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the bills in the amount of \$ 160,231.23 of which \$ 15,862.06 are DDA bills for a net total of \$ 144,369.17 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

K. Receive and File of November 2025 Police Department Activity Report

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the November 2025 Police Department Activity Report.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

L. Appointment of Police FOIA Coordinator & Streamlined FOIA Processing Workflow for Lake Orion Police Department

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, move to appoint the Lake Orion Police Department Records Clerk as the FOIA Coordinator for Police Records, in accordance with MCL 15.236, and to amend the Records Clerk job description to include the duties and responsibilities of serving as the FOIA Coordinator for Police Records.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

M. Approval of Special Event – 12th Annual Lake Orion Ice Cup Challenge

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-046 approving the “12th Annual Lake Orion Ice Cup Challenge” Special Event Permit and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and the Lake Orion Sunrise Rotary Club, represented by Barkley Pierce, for the event to be held on February 7, 2026, and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

9. Public Hearings

10. Other Items

A. Introduction of Ordinance – Amendment to Chapter 50 - Garbage

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to introduce and give first reading to 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; to schedule the ordinance for second reading and consideration for adoption at the Village Council's January 12, 2026, regular meeting; 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

B. Award of Contract – Water System Lead Service Line Replacement Program Years 1-3

The Council discussed the criteria used to prioritize lead line selection and inquired about the ownership of the firm being recommended for the work.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to award the contract for Years 1 through 3 of the Village of Lake Orion water system lead service line replacement project to Super Construction LLC of Bay City, Michigan, in the total base bid amount of 144Section 10, Item B. \$96,924.14 and authorize the Village Manager to execute all necessary documents related to this contract.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

C. NOTA 2026-2033 First Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Contracted Services Agreement

The Council discussed the frequency of contract expirations. The Village Manager noted that the contract term is eight years and that this is the second renewal. Additional conversation addressed the typical duration of similar contracts.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to approve the 2026-2033 North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA) First Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Contracted Services Agreement and to authorize the Village President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

D. Proposed Modification to 2026 Street Improvement Program

Council Member Lamb presented cost comparisons showing the differing financial impacts on residents living on cul-de-sac roads versus public roads. He expressed concern regarding the fairness of these disparities and suggested amending the current Special Assessment Policy to create a more equitable payment structure.

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, supported by Council Member Moshier, to revisit the Special Assessment Policy at the next regular Village Council meeting.

Council Member Lamb also referenced potential grant funding and requested an engineering analysis. Council Member Dandalides noted that the Village's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has already been approved for the upcoming year and that revisiting the policy could affect the project's funding structure. Council Member Moshier agreed that the policy warrants further review. President Pro Tem Ford commented that revisiting the policy could alter project funding and raised the question of whether the project should be tabled or whether the Village Manager should be authorized to proceed.

President Rutt reviewed the history of the Special Assessment Policy, and Village Manager McCary confirmed it took effect in 2023. She stated she was not in favor of revisiting the policy, agreeing with Ford and Dandalides, and emphasized that the Village must utilize the grant funds by September 30 or risk losing them.

MOTION made Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to withdraw the previous motion after discussion.

A discussion was held regarding whether the project would significantly impact the Village's finances. The Village Manager reported that the Village's contribution would be approximately \$100,000 and confirmed that the General Fund can accommodate this amount

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to have the Village Manager move forward with the expanded project for the neighborhood portion west of M-24.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

E. Appointment of Acting Village Manager

MOTION made by Council Member Moshier, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to approve, pursuant to Section 3.7 of the Village Charter, the Village Manager's designation of Police Chief Mark Amundson as Acting Village Manager during the Village Manager's temporary absence from the Village due to vacation for the period of Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 12:01 AM through Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 11:59 PM, and to approve an increase in hourly pay of \$5.70 for 80 hours for serving as Acting Village Manager during such period.

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

VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

F. Schedule FY 2026-27 Goal Setting Work Sessions

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to schedule the Village Council's FY 2026-27 goal setting work sessions for Monday, January 26, 2026, at 5:30 PM, and Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

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

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to direct each Council Member to submit a brief list to the Village Manager by December 19, 2025, and to have the Village Manager consolidate these submissions for placement as an agenda item on the January 12th meeting.

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

President Rutt asked the Village Manager to email the current Goals and Objectives to council.

G. Adopt Resolution 2026 Village Council Meeting Schedule

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Comparoni Jr to adopt Resolution #25-044 establishing the 2026 meeting schedule of the Village Council for the Village of Lake Orion and to authorize the Clerk to post the schedule pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

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

H. Follow up discussion from BZA meeting

Council Member Dandalides reported on his attendance at the BZA meeting, noting ongoing discussion regarding permitting issues between the Village and Orion Township.

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to direct the Village Manager to set up a meeting with the Township building official, the Village Planner, Village Manager and one member of council to review the current services agreement with the Township to determine if it is still applicable, are we following it, and what can we do to improve the service we provide to our customers with a report back to council with any recommendation at the January 12, 2026 regular Village Council meeting.

Council Member Lamb suggested expanding Council participation from one member to three. Council Member Moshier noted instances of noncompliance she has observed within the Village. President Pro Tem Ford emphasized that communication is the primary issue. President Rutt expressed concern about involving multiple Council Members at this stage, stating that the process should first begin with administration and that forming a committee may be premature.

The Village Manager provided clarification on the permitting process timeline and responsibilities between the Village and the Township. He acknowledged the need for discussions to improve the permitting workflow and noted that McKenna has a building permit process that the Village could consider. He suggested meeting with Planning and Zoning staff in advance and affirmed that the Village has been performing all required steps effectively.

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to **AMEND** the motion to direct the Village Manager to set up a meeting with the Township building official, the Village Planner, Village Manager and **three members of Council** to review the current services agreement with the Township to determine if it is still applicable, are we following it, and what can be done to improve the service provided to our customers, with a report back to Council with any recommendations at the January 12, 2026 regular Village Council meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to appoint the following Council Members to the subcommittee: President Rutt, Pro Tem Ford, and Council Member Lamb.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

11. Call to the Public

Rosemary Ford, thanked the DPW for snow plowing, enjoyed the lighted Christmas parade committee.

12. DDA Executive Director Comments

The Executive Director stated there would be no comments tonight since they held a special informational meeting earlier this evening.

13. Council Comments

Pro Tem Ford expressed appreciation for the Lighted Christmas Parade, noting the excitement of seeing the town turn out, the large downtown crowds, and the excellent organization behind the event. They also acknowledged the positive impact of snow plowing and suggested fully utilizing reserve police officers to support the parade.

Council Member Comparoni, Jr wished everyone a good holiday.

Council Member Lamb offered holiday greetings, praised the village’s holiday light displays, expressed support for the village’s growth and financial planning, acknowledged concerns about higher taxes, and looked forward to working with the Council on the upcoming budget.

Council Member Dandalides praised the Legal Services Committee’s work, highlighted successful community events including the Downtown LoDown, “Shopping with a Hero,” and the Lighted Parade, and commended the organization, volunteer efforts, and collaboration between the DDA and Police Department.

Council Member Moshier thanked everyone and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Council Member Papacek expressed enjoyment of the Lighted Parade, thanked organizers, and noted that some residents could improve snow shoveling to assist the community.

President Rutt commended the Chief’s work, shared positive feedback about the parade, reminded residents to check on elderly neighbors needing snow assistance, and extended holiday greetings.

14. Village Manager Comments

Village Manager McClary thanked the Orion Lighted Parade organizers for a successful event, provided an update on administrative assistant applications with interviews scheduled, and shared that interviews for the Legal Services Committee have also been scheduled, along with upcoming meeting dates.

15. Closed Session Items

16. Business From Closed Session

17. Adjournment

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by President Rutt to adjourn the December 8, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The December 8, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on November 24, 2025