

Darwin McClary

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Subject: Proposed topic for the August 10th council meeting
Attachments: Assemble The Facts - Disincorporqation - Council Action Summary Sheet.docx

Good morning Darwin,

Attached is what I've put together for discussion at our August 10th council meeting. Let me know your thoughts since we have time to revise if you see something we should change.

I know we can't put anything out there to "sway" one way or another and that is certainly not my intention. However, I do feel a need to provide unbiased facts on the disincorporation process as well as how it would potentially impact the village.

Thanks,

George

FROM COUNCIL MEMBER DANDALIDES:

TOPIC: Assemble the facts relating to the disincorporation process as it relates to the Village of Lake Orion.

BACKGROUND BRIEF:

At its July 22nd special meeting, council voted to receive and file the disincorporation petition and take no action on the petition, putting the question of disincorporation on the upcoming November 3, 2026 ballot. In conversation with neighbors and other village residents, there exists widespread confusion on exactly what the disincorporation process is and how this might play out for the village. There will likely be varying messages presented by those in support of disincorporation as well as from those who are opposed. There exists a need for assembling an unbiased explanation of both the disincorporation process that would take place upon an affirmative vote in November as well as the facts around how that might impact village residents.

Some of the details that need to be assembled include:

- Upon an affirmative vote, what are the next steps to disincorporate the village?
- What is the disincorporation process?
- Who is involved in that process?
- What level of involvement or input would the village have in the transition plan.
- What is included in the village's outstanding debt and who is responsible? Who determines how that is levied?
- What are included as village assets and how are they valued, distributed, transferred, or sold?
- What services that are currently provided by the village would stay the same, change, or be eliminated?
- What would happen to the current village employees?
- What changes might be seen with the DDA? Is the DDA or the village responsible for DDA assets and liabilities?
- The list above isn't inclusive and meant as examples of questions being asked by residents.

SUMMARY OF POREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

Council established a subcommittee at its April 27th regular meeting to investigate the process and the pros and cons of disincorporation. The subcommittee, made up of council members Lamb, Papacek, and Ford, Village Manager McClary, and residents Yurgens and Reighard met on May 18, 2026 and voted to take no action unless a petition for disincorporation was submitted to council by village residents. The committee's final report was presented to council and approved at its May 26th regular meeting. A petition for disincorporation certified by the Orion Township Clerk was presented to council at a special meeting held July 22nd where council voted unanimously to take no action, enabling the question to go on the November 3rd general election ballot.

Now that we have been presented with a petition for disincorporation, it may now be time to take action per the subcommittee's May 18th recommendation and answer some of the residents' questions and provide details of the process and how the village may be impacted.

FINACIAL IMPACT:

Depending on council discussion and any resulting action, cost may be incurred using the village attorney and perhaps even the utilization of a third-party consultant.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion to follow based on council discussion.