



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, August 03, 2026

6:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING: The purpose of the special meeting of the Lake Orion Village Council is to discuss issues associated with the dissolution petitions as requested by Council Members Lamb and Dandalides.

1. Call to Order

The August 3, 2026 Village Council Special Meeting was called to order by President Rutt at 6:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

PRESENT

President Teresa Rutt

President Pro Tem Stan Ford

Council Member Nancy Moshier

Council Member Michael Lamb

Council Member George Dandalides

Council Member Alex Comparoni Jr

Council Member Eric Papacek

STAFF PRESENT

Village Manager Darwin McClary

Village Attorney Anthony Chubb

4. Call to the Public

None.

5. Other Items

A. Discuss Issues Associated with the Dissolution Petitions

Council Member Dandalides referenced the Council's July 22, 2026, decision to receive and file the disincorporation petition and take no action. He stated that his understanding was that the proposal would proceed to the November ballot and expressed concern after receiving inquiries from residents regarding whether additional steps were needed to ensure placement on the ballot. He stated that he had intended to propose directing the Village Manager and Village Attorney to take necessary actions. However, Village Manager McClary advised that no action could be taken at the Special Meeting because the agenda was for discussion only.

Council Member Lamb stated that he requested the Special Meeting after receiving information from residents and the Oakland County Elections Division regarding the ballot process. He requested clarification regarding the Village's involvement with the Township and County.

Village Manager McClary stated that Council's direction was to receive and file the petition and take no action, and that Village Administration had followed that direction. He explained that the ballot process involves the Township Clerk and Oakland County Election Commission, which operate independently from the Village. Village Attorney Chubb stated that he had communicated with Township and County representatives following the July 22 meeting to advise them of Council's action and discuss the statutory process. He had no reason to believe the proposal would not proceed through the certification process.

Village Manager McClary clarified that his communication with the Orion Township Supervisor was limited to notifying the Township of Village Council's action and discussing potential transition planning should the proposal be approved by voters. He stated that the Village had not taken any action to prevent the proposal from moving forward.

Council Member Lamb stated that his concerns were based on conversations with residents and election officials, not rumors, and expressed appreciation for the clarification provided. He acknowledged the explanation and stated that, provided there had been no advocacy against placement of the proposal on the ballot, he was satisfied with the response.

Village Attorney Chubb explained that the remaining steps in the process included certification by the Township Clerk and the Oakland County Election Commission. He stated that he would provide Council with the date of the Election Commission meeting once confirmed. He further advised that Council Members may attend the meeting as long as a quorum is not present and that any public comment would be made as an individual resident, not on behalf of Council.

Council Member Comparoni stated that Council had voted to take no action and expressed concern that further discussion based on unverified information was unnecessary.

Council Member Moshier stated that the purpose of the meeting was to provide transparency to residents and ensure questions regarding the process were addressed.

President Rutt stated that Council had fulfilled its role by taking no action and that the remaining decisions were under the authority of the Township and County. She expressed

concern regarding the use of taxpayer-funded legal resources for matters outside the Village’s control.

President Pro Tem Ford stated that the purpose of the meeting was to clarify concerns and that Village Administration and the Village Attorney had fulfilled their responsibilities.

A resident questioned the involvement of Village Administration and the Village Attorney in the disincorporation ballot process, expressing concern that they may have exceeded the authority granted by Council. The resident stated that the petition process had already been forwarded to the Election Commission and questioned the need for further involvement.

Nick Christi expressed frustration regarding the additional discussions and legal expenses associated with the matter. He stated that residents should have been informed earlier of the full ballot process and expressed concerns regarding taxpayer costs.

Karen Otto thanked Council for the clarification provided during the meeting and stated that she viewed the discussion as an opportunity to educate residents regarding the process rather than addressing rumors.

6. Call to the Public

None.

7. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council Member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by Council Member Lamb, to adjourn the August 3, 2026, Village Council Special Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The August 3, 2026, Village Council Special Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Lynsey Blough, CMC
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Sonja Stout, MiCPT
Clerk/Treasurer