



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, February 09, 2026

6:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The February 9, 2026 Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Rutt at 6:34 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

Police Chief Mark Amundson

Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout

DPW Director Wes Sanchez

4. Presentations

A. Presentation on Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

Greg Soule, a partner at Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC, presented the audit of the Village's financial statements for the fiscal year ending 2024–2025. The presentation included the audited financial statements, the council communication letter, state filings, and the management letter, which noted no material weaknesses and one significant deficiency related to the incorrect recording of the water and sewer bond.

Clerk/Treasurer Stout explained how administration identified and corrected the deficiency, as detailed in the memo included in the meeting packet.

5. Call to the Public

Jason Levandoski addressed Council regarding concerns with the ambiguity of the mechanical units ordinance and discussed issues related to the measurement of a neighboring generator.

Nadine Hatten addressed Council to announce her candidacy for Oakland County Circuit Court Judge and provided an overview of her background and qualifications.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to approve the agenda for the February 9, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

7. Consent Agenda

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

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the February 9, 2026 Village Council Regular Meeting Consent Agenda with the following changes: Removal of Item *M. Downtown Development Authority Board Appointment*.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

A. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2026

MOTION by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the January 26, 2026 Village Council Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

B. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the January 26, 2026 Village Council 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 Ad Hoc Legal Services Committee Minutes of December 15, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Ad Hoc Legal Services Committee minutes of December 15, 2025, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

D. Approval of Ad Hoc Legal Services Committee Minutes of February 3, 2026.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the Ad Hoc Legal Services Committee minutes of February 3, 2026, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

E. Receive and File of Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

F. Approval of Interlocal Agreement – Oakland County P25 Simulcast Radio System

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Oakland County for participation in the Oakland County P25 Simulcast Public Safety Radio System and authorize execution of the agreement.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

G. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for February 10, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the bills in the amount of \$ 222,609.89 of which \$ 7,540.00 are DDA bills for a net total of \$ 215,015.89 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

H. Receive and File of Financial Statements - January 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the financial reports for January 2026.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

I. Receive and File of December 2025 and January 2026 Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the December 2025, and January 2026 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

J. Receive and File of Investment Report - December 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Investment report for December 2025.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

K. Receive and File of January 2026 Police Department Activity Report

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the January 2026 Police Department Activity Report.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

L. Approval of Special Event – Art and Flower Fair

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to adopt Resolution No. 2026-005 to approve the Art and Flower Special Event Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Orion Art Center for the use of various Village properties on May 16, 2026 through May 17, 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

M. Downtown Development Authority Board Appointment

Removed for further discussion.

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

M. Downtown Development Authority Board Appointment

Council Member Dandalides stated he had spoken with the candidate and felt the individual would be a positive addition to the Downtown Development Authority Board. Council Member Lamb expressed concerns regarding the board application process and suggested considering a future consolidation of the Downtown Development Authority Board with the Planning Commission.

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to appoint Todd Garris to complete the unexpired term on the Downtown Development Authority Board, with the term to expire on October 31, 2026, subject to approval by the Village Council.

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

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. Legal Services Contract – Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, PC

John Clark, Senior Partner of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, PC (GMH), introduced himself, provided a brief overview of his firm, and expressed enthusiasm about establishing a working relationship with the Village. President Rutt inquired about the transition timeline to the new firm, to which the Village Manager stated the transition would occur immediately. Council Member Lamb expressed support for the contract but indicated an intent to modify the motion to allow Council members to communicate directly with the attorney. Pro Tem Ford voiced support for the contract but not for the proposed modification. Council Member Dandalides supported the contract and suggested the proposed modification be addressed as a separate discussion item. President Rutt raised concerns regarding public transparency if individual Council members were permitted to communicate with attorneys at their discretion.

Rosemary Ford inquired whether communications between individual Council members and the attorney would be disclosed to Council or made available to the public.

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to approve the Contract for Legal Services between the Village of Lake Orion and Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, PC, of Troy, Michigan, as presented and authorize the Village Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the Village and to revise council rules of procedure to remove the 2nd to last revision of rules of provision.

VOTING YEA: Moshier, Lamb, Papacek

VOTING NAY: Rutt, Ford, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Failed

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to approve the Contract for Legal Services between the Village of Lake Orion and Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, PC, of Troy, Michigan, as presented and authorize the Village Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

B. Children's Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Design and Construction Engineering Services – NFE

President Rutt inquired about the costs associated with preparing bidding documents and whether they were reasonable, to which Engineer Carol Thurber responded affirmatively. Council discussed project details, including ADA modifications to the bridge and related permitting requirements.

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve Budget Amendment Nos. BA-2026-101-964-01 and BA-2026-401-01 to provide a supplemental appropriation of \$20,950 from General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for design and construction engineering services relating to the 2026 Children's Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt to accept the Proposal for Services from Nowak & Fraus Engineers dated November 18, 2025, in the total amount of \$45,200.00 for design and construction engineering services and geotechnical investigation and structural design services relating to the Children's Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project plus construction inspection services on a time and materials bases; and to authorize the Village Manager to execute the acceptance and approval of the proposal on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

C. Pavement Asset Management Plan (PAMP) Update - NFE

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to adopt Budget Amendment Nos. BA-2026-202-01 and BA-2026-203-02 to provide supplemental appropriations totaling \$7,600.00 for engineering services relating to the update of the Village's Pavement Asset Management Plan (PAMP) and submission of the same to the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) for consideration for approval.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to accept the Proposal for Services from Nowak & Fraus Engineers dated January 28, 2026, in the amount of \$7,600.00 for the update and finalization of the Village of Lake Orion Pavement Asset Management Plan (PAMP); and to authorize the Village Manager to execute the acceptance and approval of the proposal on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

D. 2026 Street Improvement Program Design and Construction Engineering Services – NFE

Village Manager McClary stated a budget amendment would be brought to the next Council meeting pending auditor recommendations on proper fund allocation for the project. Council Member Lamb suggested forming a committee due to the project's size, and Council agreed to place an item on the next agenda to discuss the committee's purpose and scope.

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to amend the 2025-2031 Village of Lake Orion Capital Improvement Plan to include the expanded scope and costs of the 2026 Street Improvement Program as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Lamb To accept the Proposal for Professional Services from Nowak & Fraus Engineers dated January 8, 2026, for engineering services relating to the 2026 Pavement Improvements in the total amount of \$134,640.00 plus construction staking and construction inspection fees; and to authorize the Village Manager to execute the acceptance and approval of the proposal on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

E. 2026 Sidewalk Improvement Program District #2 Design and Construction Engineering Services – NFE

Council Member Comparoni Jr. inquired where the \$5,800 engineering cost would be recorded, and the Village Manager stated it would remain within the project fund. Council Member Lamb asked about sidewalk gaps, and Village Manager McClary explained they were not included in this year's District 2 scope due to costs but would be considered in a future year.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to accept the Proposal for Professional Services from Nowak & Fraus Engineers dated December 22, 2025, relating to design and construction engineering services for Year 2026 Sidewalk Improvement Program, District 2, not to include any services for sidewalk gaps, in the total amount of \$5,800.00 plus construction inspection and testing fees; and to authorize the Village Manager to execute the acceptance and approval of the proposal on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

11. Call to the Public

None.

12. DDA Executive Director Comments

None.

13. Council Comments

Council Member Dandalides thanked Administration for their work on the audit and for promptly addressing audit concerns. He also recognized the leadership of the Ad Hoc Legal Committee and noted the process went smoothly.

Pro Tem Ford commented positively on the audit results and thanked Administration for their work in completing the audit.

Council Member Moshier expressed satisfaction with the audit, thanked the public for attending, and shared positive remarks about the Ice Fest and downtown ice sculptures.

Council Member Comparoni Jr. had no comments.

Council Member Papacek welcomed new Downtown Development Authority Board Member Todd Garriss and the new legal firm, Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, PC.

Council Member Lamb expressed appreciation for attendance, shared concerns regarding future water and sewer rates and their impact on residents, and noted disappointment regarding attorney communication.

President Rutt welcomed Todd Garris to the Downtown Development Authority Board and thanked the Rotary for their participation in the Ice Fest.

14. Village Manager Comments

Village Manager McClary thanked the administration staff for maintaining smooth operations during his recent vacation. He addressed the concerns raised by public member Mr. Levandoski, noting that the Village takes such concerns seriously, and shared that the police department has purchased a decibel meter to help ensure compliance. He reported that budget preparation is underway with administration and that the budget will be presented to the Council at the first April meeting to remain in compliance with the Charter. Additionally, he noted that the Village is assisting Orion Township with salting operations while their salt truck is unavailable, with Orion Township providing the salt, and shared other important upcoming dates.

15. Closed Session Items

16. Business From Closed Session

17. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council Member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to adjourn the February 9, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The February 9, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on February 23, 2026