



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, May 11, 2026

6:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The May 11, 2026 Village Council Regular 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 (arrived at 6:31 PM)

Council Member Michael Lamb (arrived at 6:31 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

4. Presentations

A. Recognition of Lake Orion Bike and Adventure for Donation of Police E-Bikes

Lake Orion Bike Adventure was thanked by Police Chief Amundson for their support of the Police Department and for their donation of e-bikes. Chief Amundson noted the donation will assist with future special events and help fulfill a capital improvement need for the department

5. Call to the Public

Steve Samet supported the Village of Lake Orion Police Department but questioned why the police special assessment policy was being reconsidered after failing to pass at the previous meeting.

Harry Stephens stated he could not locate the proposed budget on the Village website and expressed opposition to the police special assessment.

A resident of 511 Bellevue thanked all first responders during the water emergency and expressed appreciation to the Police Chief.

Francesco Komendera thanked Village personnel for their efforts during the water emergency and spoke about infrastructure growth, increased demand, and the need to replace aging infrastructure.

A resident inquired about infrastructure concerns related to increasing demand and asked about the possibility of connecting to the Oxford Water System.

Donald Connery commented on the police special assessment and the ad hoc committee, stating the police budget is already funded within the current budget and that Council should complete the budget process before proceeding with the committee.

Donald Kindred spoke regarding the Village's current infrastructure concerns.

Ryan Allen addressed residents, thanked them for their resilience during the water emergency, and stated that Administration had been a significant help during the situation.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Pro Tem Ford to approve the agenda for the May 11, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting with the following changes:

- Move item E. *Lot Combination- 48 and 52 Highland Avenue* to Item A.
- Add item B. *Resolution Extending the Village of Lake Orion Local State of Emergency Declaration* related to the GLWA Water Main Incident.
- Add item H. *Village Manager Performance Evaluation process*
- Add item I. *Village Council goals and objectives status check in*

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 Pro Tem Ford to approve the May 11, 2026 Village Council Regular Meeting Consent Agenda with the removal of items:

- Removal of Item F. *Receive and File March and April 2026 Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna.*
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 April 22, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the Village Council Special Meeting minutes April 22, 2026 as presented.

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

B. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the Village Council Special Meeting minutes April 23, 2026 as presented.

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

C. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting minutes April 27, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the Village Council Regular Meeting minutes April 27, 2026 as presented.

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

D. Receive and File of Correspondence from James Barry dated April 22, 2026, regarding the FY 25-26 forecast and FY 26-27 projected budgets

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the correspondence received from James Barry dated April 22, 2026, regarding the FY 25-26 forecast and FY 26-27 projected budgets.

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 April 6, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2026, as presented.

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

F. Receive and File March and April 2026 Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna

Removed for further discussion.

G. Receive and File Village of Lake Orion Sewage Disposal System Financial Report for Quarter 1 Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025)

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and File Village of Lake Orion Sewage Disposal System Financial Report for Quarter 1 Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025)

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

H. Certification of Delinquent Utility Accounts to the 2026 Tax Roll

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to certify the list of delinquent utility accounts past due and authorize the Treasurer to place them on the July 1, 2026 tax bill if they are not paid prior to committing the tax roll.

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

I. Receive and file Invoice Distribution Report for May 12, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Invoice Distribution Report in the amount of \$160,015.86 of which \$19,206.97 are DDA bills for a net total of \$140,808.89.

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

J. Receive and File Financial Statements- April 2026

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

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

VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

K. Receive and File Amendment to Village of Lake Orion 2002-2022 Master Plan -2025 Strategic Action Plan Amendments

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Village of Lake Orion 2002–2022 Master Plan – 2025 Strategic Action Plan amendments adopted by the Planning Commission at its May 4, 2026 regular meeting

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

F. Receive and File March and April 2026 Planning and Zoning Monthly Report by McKenna

Council Member Dandalides inquired about Village-owned properties. Village Manager McClary stated he expected to receive a report during the week and that it would be available at the next Council meeting.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file March and April 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

9. Public Hearings

A. FY 2026-27 Budget and Millage Rates

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to open the public hearing on the proposed FY 2026-27 Budget and millage rates.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The Public Hearing opened at 7:02 PM.

A resident spoke about school bonds and concerns related to tax allocation.

Steve Samet discussed taxpayer control, questioned why the police special assessment had returned to the agenda, and stated he did not support the special assessment.

Donald Connery spoke about special assessments, stating they reduce public input. He further stated that while the assessment may save money this year, future costs could differ, and he did not support the special assessment.

Justin Yurgens expressed opposition to the special assessment.

Harry Stephens stated he could not locate the budget on the Village website and commented that Council had not made financial adjustments other than the motor pool. He encouraged Council to further review and challenge the budget and expressed opposition to the special assessment.

A resident of 191 Park Island questioned why the special assessment was being considered while discussions regarding Village and Township consolidation were ongoing and expressed opposition to the special assessment.

Todd Spina suggested Council wait for feedback from the ad hoc committee before considering the special assessment.

Jim Barry stated he opposed the special assessment and expressed concern about financial figures being overlooked. He also stated that while the budget had been reviewed, no significant changes were made to address current infrastructure concerns.

Matt Gibb expressed concern regarding the timing of the special assessment in relation to the budget adoption process.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to close the public hearing on the proposed FY 2026-27 Budget millage rates.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The Public Hearing closed at 7:19 PM.

10. Other Items

A. Lot Combination- 48 and 52 Highland Avenue

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt to adopt Resolution No. 2026-018, approving the request submitted by Edward Sabol, on behalf of the property owner, John Gehrke, to combine the parcels located at 48 Highland Avenue (Parcel No. 09-03- 484-012) and 52 Highland Avenue (Parcel No. 09-03-484-013).

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

B. Resolution extending the Village of Lake Orion Local State of Emergency Declaration related to the GLWA Water Main Incident

Police Chief Amundson provided an update on the current water emergency. He stated the state of Michigan declared a state of emergency, but it was only valid for 7 days with an expiration date of May 17, 2026. In order to extend the state of emergency, a resolution needs to be passed by council and the maximum amount of days is 60 days.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to adopt the resolution extending the Village of Lake Orion Local State of Emergency declared on May 9, 2026, and reaffirmed on May 10, 2026, related to the GLWA water main incident, through July 9, 2026, unless terminated earlier by the Village Council.

Council Member Lamb thanked staff for keeping Council informed throughout the process and expressed appreciation to Chris Barnett for his leadership during the emergency. Council also thanked Administration and surrounding communities for their assistance and support.

Police Chief Amundson stated efforts were focused on assisting businesses and supporting the continuation of the Flower Fair.

A resident of 191 Park Island inquired about which businesses were permitted to remain open. Police Chief Amundson stated that, unless classified as essential, businesses would remain closed and directed residents to the Township website for clarification regarding essential operations.

Matt Pfeiffer commended staff and stated the cooperation between the Township and the Village had been positive. He also noted that community water conservation efforts had been successful.

Francesco Komendera spoke regarding public transparency and thanked the Lake Orion Police Department and Fire Department for their service during the emergency situation.

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

C. Adoption of FY 2026-27 Budget and Millage Rates

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Papacek to suspend the Robert's Rules of Order to allow for discussion prior to taking action on the motion.

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

Council Member Dandalides discussed the PowerPoint presentation he prepared for Council regarding the loss of infrastructure fund contributions from going to the special assessment option.

Council Member Papacek stated that reducing taxes would benefit residents and supported the reversible special assessment option as a needed change for the Village.

Council Member Lamb discussed millages, the Headlee Amendment, and police funding, noting that the General Fund covers only part of the police budget. He expressed support for reducing taxes through a special assessment.

President Rutt discussed voter approval requirements, concerns regarding future special assessment caps, and the use of infrastructure funds to offset costs associated with the water main project within the DDA district.

Council Member Dandalides stated he does not support the special assessment and believes the current 75/25 infrastructure plan is the preferred option. Council Member Lamb stated that rejecting the special assessment would maintain the status quo.

Council Member Moshier discussed infrastructure needs, expressed support for the Police Department, and supported the special assessment.

Police Chief Amundson commented on the police budget and stated that the special assessment would provide greater transparency and financial benefits.

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to maintain the current millages and not to move forward with the proposed special assessment for fiscal year 2026-2027.

A resident of Park Island inquired why the police millage does not fully fund the Police Department. Village Manager McClary explained that the special assessment would fully fund the Police Department and discussed the public voting process and annual public hearings associated with the special assessment.

Steve Samet stated that he supports the Police Department but does not support the special assessment.

Harry Stephens spoke against the special assessment.

Joann Patterson commented on changes within the Village over the years.

Matt Pfeiffer discussed DDA capture, maintaining Council control over the special assessment process, and fiscal responsibility related to special assessments.

A resident commented on roads located within the Township.

Donald Connery discussed the time constraints associated with adopting the special assessment close to budget adoption and suggested forming a committee in the future prior to budget adoption.

Donald Kindred commented on the Police Department.

Francesco Komendera compared the Police Department to growing infrastructure needs and expressed support for the Police Department.

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

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Pro Tem For to adopt the General Appropriations Act Resolution 2026-019 providing for the general appropriations of the Village for FY 2026-27; adopting the FY 2026-27 budget and operating tax levies pursuant to the Michigan Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act and Village Charter; and authorizing certain transfers between budget activities.

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

D. Approval of DDA Proposed FY 2026-27 Budget

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford To approve the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority Proposed FY 2026-27 Budget with the Village Manager’s recommended changes with police millage levies.

DDA Executive Director Gibb stated that the DDA budget should be adopted by the June meeting with the proposed changes.

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

E. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments – Secs. 13.11 and 13.17 – Introduction and First Reading

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to introduce and give first reading to proposed Ordinance No. 26-109 amending the Village of Lake Orion Zoning Ordinance, Section 13.11, regarding accessory buildings, structures, and uses; to schedule the ordinance for second reading and consideration for adoption at Village Council’s June 8, 2026, regular meeting; and to direct the Village Clerk to publish the required notices.

Council Member Comparoni Jr stated he wanted to ensure that the village still felt like a vacation and worries that changes take away that from residents. Harry Stephens addressed

challenges in the current ordinance and clerical errors. Donald Kindred spoke about the definition of vacant land.

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

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Pro Tem Ford to introduce and give first reading to proposed Ordinance No.26-110 amending the Village of Lake Orion Zoning Ordinance, Section 13.17, regarding parking and storage of mobile homes, travel trailers, motor homes, watercraft, vessels, trucks, and other items; to schedule the ordinance for second reading and consideration for adoption at Village Council's June 8, 2026, regular meeting; and to direct the Village Clerk to publish the required public notices.

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

F. Village/Township Committee-Citizen Appointments

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to appoint Robert Reighard to serve on the Village/Township Consolidation Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of investigating and reporting on potential Village/Township consolidation in support of Village Council Objective 1.3, with the committee to complete its work no later than June 30, 2026.

Council Member Lamb explained the Mr. Reighard was a business owner within the community, while Pro Tem Ford stated that the current resident has actively voiced his opinion on getting rid of the village. He wants to have some objective. Council Member Dandalides stated that the person they are looking for is objective and open minded.

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

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to appoint Justin Yurgens to serve on the Village/Township Consolidation Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of investigating and reporting on potential Village/Township consolidation in support of Village Council Objective 1.3, with the committee to complete its work no later than June 30, 2026.

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

G. Schedule Special Closed Session Meeting – POAM and AFSCME Collective Bargaining Strategy

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to schedule a special closed session meeting of the Village Council for Monday, June 8, 2026, at 5:30 PM, pursuant to Section 8(1)(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, for the purpose of collective bargaining strategy connected with the negotiation of the POAM and AFSCME collective bargaining agreements.

Council Member Dandalides stated he would like to have copies of the current agreements emailed at least one week prior to the closed session and would like to see the demands. The village manager stated he would try but it would have to comply with the closed session open meetings act.

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 Dandalides to extend the May 11, 2026 Regular Village council meeting to 9:45 PM.

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

H. Village Manager Performance evaluation process

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt, to establish an Ad Hoc Village Manager Evaluation Process Committee comprising of three (3) Village Council members and the Village Manager to formulate and implement a process for completing the 2026 evaluation of the Village Manager's performance, with the work of the Committee to be completed by June 15, 2025.

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

Council Member Dandalides suggested the committee develop a process and evaluation tool for the Village Manager and then meet with the Village Manager McClary to reach an agreement.

Pro Tem Ford stated the Village Manager should be involved in the process immediately. Council Member Moshier agreed with Pro Tem Ford and expressed concern regarding the current timeline.

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

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to appoint Council Member Dandalides, Council Member Moshier, and President Rutt to serve on the Ad Hoc Village Manager Evaluation Process Committee.

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

I. Village Council goals and objectives status check in

Council Member Dandalides inquired about adding a Village Council goals and objectives status review to the June 8, 2026 meeting agenda, to which the Village Manager McClary responded that it was already scheduled for that meeting.

11. Call to the Public

Harry Stephens spoke about the road assessment and suggested that a road assessment petition be initiated.

13. DDA Executive Director Comments

DDA Executive Director Gibb stated that fees for the Lumberyard PUD had been submitted, but the DDA had not yet received feedback from the Engineers. He thanked Council for approving the DDA budget and thanked the Police Chief for his efforts during the water crisis.

14. Council Comments

Council Member Papacek thanked the community for rallying together during the water crisis.

Council Member Moshier thanked the public and Administration for keeping Council informed throughout the process.

Council Member Dandalides echoed previous comments and thanked Cookies & Cream for its donation during the water crisis.

President Ford commented on the press conference and expressed appreciation for Administration's responsiveness during the crisis. He also noted the success of Clean-Up Day.

Council Member Comparoni Jr. thanked everyone for their efforts during the crisis and stated that the situation served as a reminder that the Village is a vacation destination community.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to extend the May 11, 2026 Regular Village Council meeting to 9:50 PM.

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

Council Member Lamb thanked Administration and the community for coming together during the crisis and commented that Village revenue is not increasing.

President Rutt thanked everyone for their support throughout the water crisis.

15. Village Manager Comments

Village Manager McClary provided an update on ordinance codification and the extension of the constellation bay site plan approval. The rest can be found in his manager’s report located online.

16. Closed Session Items

17. Business From Closed Session

18. Adjournment

Motion made by Council Member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by President Rutt to adjourn the May 11, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The May 11, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Teresa Rutt

President

Sonja Stout, MiCPT

Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on May 26, 2026