



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, September 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 September 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

Council member Michael Lamb

Council member George Dandalides

Council member Alex Comparoni Jr

STAFF PRESENT

Acting Village Manager/DPW Director Wes Sanchez

Police Chief Mark Amundson

Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout

4. Presentations

None.

5. Call to the Public

Steve Samet inquired about council member conduct and directed a question to President Rutt. President Rutt responded that, per the Council Rules of Procedure, the Chair is not permitted to respond during the meeting but would be happy to do so afterward.

Harry Stephens commented on the Village Manager's contract and the amount of time off included.

Donald Kindred shared his concerns regarding his experiences with the Lake Orion Police Department.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to approve the Agenda for the September 8, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting as presented.

VOTING YEAS: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

7. Consent Agenda

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

MOTION made by Council member Moshier, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to approve the September 8, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Consent Agenda as presented.

VOTING YEAS: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

A. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Moshier, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the August 25, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

VOTING YEAS: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

B. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Moshier, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the September 2, 2025 Village Council Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.

VOTING YEAS: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

C. Receive and File of Parks & Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Moshier, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the July 22, 2025 Parks & Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

VOTING YEAS: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

D. Receive and File of Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Moshier, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the August 4, 2025 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

E. Approval of Special Event – Shop Small Saturday

MOTION made by Council member Moshier, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to adopt Resolution No. 2025-031 approving the “Shop Small Saturday” Special Event Permit and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority, represented by Emily Dziegielewski, for the event to be held on November 29, 2025, 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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

F. Approval of Special Event – Sing & Stroll

MOTION made by Council member Moshier, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to adopt Resolution No. 2025-030 approving “Sing & Stroll” Special Event Permit Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority, represented by Emily Dziegielewski, for the event to be held on November 20, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, 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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

G. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for September 9, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Moshier, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the bills in the amount of \$ 160,190.70 of which \$ 111,447.73 are DDA bills for a net total of \$ 48,742.97 and to receive and file the DDA bills.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

H. Receive and File Financial Statements- August 2025

MOTION made by Council member Moshier, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the financial reports for August 2025.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

I. Receive and File Investment Report- July 2025

MOTION made by Council member Moshier, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Investment report for July 2025.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

J. Receive and File of Police Department Activity Report for August 2025

MOTION made by Council member Moshier, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the August 2025 Police Department Activity Report.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

9. Public Hearings

10. Other Items

A. Land Division Approval Request: VLO-25-002 658, 664, 670 Victoria Island Land

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Dandalides to adopt Resolution 2025-032, approving the request submitted by Mr. Anthony Pinho to divide the property located at 664 Victoria Island (Parcel No. 09-03-480-005) into two parts, and to consolidate the northern part with the lot at 658 Victoria Island (Parcel No. 09-03-480-004) and the southern part with the lot at 670 Victoria Island (Parcel No. 09-03-480-003) subject to approval of legal descriptions by the Village Engineer.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

B. Appointment to Village Council Position

President Rutt outlined the process for nominating candidates, explaining that she would first accept nominations, after which the Council would vote on a nominated candidate. Each

Council member would then have the opportunity to explain the reasoning behind their selection.

President Rutt opened the floor for nominations for the Village Council position.

Council Member Dandalides and Council Moshier nominated Eric Papacek.

President Rutt nominated William Hughes.

Hearing no further nominations, President Rutt closed the nominations.

Council Member Dandalides thanked all the applicants and explained that his decision was based on finding a candidate who aligned with the current Council and the needs of the Village. He stated that he felt Eric Papacek was the best fit.

Council Member Moshier agreed with Council Member Dandalides but noted that she was looking for a candidate who would bring a new and fresh perspective.

President Rutt expressed appreciation for all the qualified candidates and specifically acknowledged William Hughes for his diverse background in law enforcement. She felt he would bring the resilience and "thick skin" necessary for the position.

Council Member Lamb thanked all three candidates, noted that all were qualified, and encouraged those not selected to apply for other vacant positions in the future.

Council Member Pro Tem Ford expressed appreciation for Eric Papacek's involvement in downtown activities and his willingness to actively participate in the community.

Council Member Comparoni Jr. thanked all the applicants for applying.

Harry Stephens reminded the candidates that there would be another election in approximately 14 months and encouraged qualified individuals to run.

Doug Hobbs thanked everyone for the opportunity to interview and noted that his interview was conducted differently than in past processes.

Roll Call Vote for the Village Council position:

CANDIDATE ERIC PAPACEK

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

VOTING NAY: Rutt

ABSENT: None

CANDIDATE WILLIAM HUGHES

VOTING YEA: Rutt

VOTING NAY: Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Comparoni Jr, Dandalides

ABSENT: None

Candidate Eric Papacek received the most votes with 5-1 and was elected for the Council member position.

President Rutt informed Eric Papacek that he may either take the oath of office later in today's meeting or, alternatively, visit the Village office the following day to be sworn in by the Clerk.

C. Appointment to Boards and Commissions

President Rutt noted that, historically, a newly appointed Council member assumes the committee assignments of their predecessor. However, since Council member Cyrowski served on three boards, President Rutt invited volunteers to fill the vacancies. Council member Comparoni, Jr. volunteered to serve as the alternate representative to the Paint Creek Trailways Commission, and Council member Moshier agreed to serve on the North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA). President Rutt then asked Council member Papacek to consider serving on either NOTA or the Orion Community Cable Communications Commission (OCCC). Council member Papacek indicated that the OCCC would best fit his schedule.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Moshier to appoint:

Eric Papacheck as the Village Council representatives to the Orion Community Cable Communications Commission (OCCCC) to a remainder term expiring November 8, 2026,

Nancy Moshier as the Village Council representative to the North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA) board of directors for a term to expire November 8, 2026,

Alex Comparoni, Jr as the Village Council Alternate to the Paint Creek Trailways Commission for a term to expire November 8, 2026,

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

D. Appointments to City Hood Committee

President Rutt stated that there were five applicants however, only 4 had submitted prior to the deadline.

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Moshier to appoint James Barry, Steve Samet, and Neil Garbacik to serve as citizen members of the Cityhood Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of evaluating Cityhood and providing a recommendation to Village Council by February 1, 2026.

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

VOTING NAY: Rutt

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

Council Member Dandalides stated that he reviewed all the applications and believed that the three selected were the strongest candidates.

Council Member Lamb noted that Mr. Samet is a frequent attendee at Council meetings and encouraged those not selected to continue participating by attending the Cityhood Committee meetings.

President Rutt shared that she would have selected Applicant Donafue in order to bring more diversity to the committee.

Matt Pfeifer, Orion Township Treasurer, expressed his support for Neil Garbacik as a strong candidate and stated that he appreciated President Rutt's comment regarding the importance of diversity on the Cityhood Committee.

Rosemary Ford expressed her concern regarding the importance of including a female perspective on the Cityhood Committee.

E. Budget Amendment Police Vehicle Equipment

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve Budget Amendment BA-2025-207-016 in the amount of \$9,919 from the Police Fund Balance to GL 207-301-977-000 (Capital Outlay) for the purpose of equipping the new patrol vehicle for service.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

11. Call to the Public

Harry Stephens advocated for a review of all employee contracts and discussed the number of days worked by the Village Manager as outlined in his contract.

Donald Kindred reiterated his concerns regarding his experiences with the Lake Orion Police Department.

President Rutt asked Council Member Papacek if he felt comfortable being sworn in, to which he responded affirmatively. Clerk/Treasurer Stout then administered the Oath of Office, and Council Member Papacek took his seat at the Council table.

12. Council Comments

Council Member Lamb stated that, per the Clerk, if an item—such as a debate topic—needs to be added to the agenda, it must be done in a way that ensures proper public notice, and not in a way that could raise procedural concerns. In response to Harry Stephens' earlier comments, he agreed with some of the points raised but noted that while some contracts will be reviewed, others will not, as individuals were hired under existing conditions. He welcomed new Council Member Papacek.

Council Member Comparoni Jr. thanked all the candidates and congratulated the new Council Member.

Council Member Pro Tem Ford congratulated Papacek and said he looks forward to hearing what the Cityhood Committee reports back, as well as to the upcoming DDA events.

Council Member Dandalides welcomed the new Council Member, thanked everyone who attended, and expressed appreciation to the applicants for both the Cityhood Committee and Council. He also encouraged interested individuals to apply for the current vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Council Member Moshier thanked the public for attending, congratulated the new Council Member, and stated that success starts with a strong foundation.

Council Member Papacek thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

President Rutt welcomed the new Council Member, thanked the Village Council for their work on additional committees, and encouraged residents to be cautious and watch out for children who have recently returned to school.

13. Village Manager Comments

DPW Director and Acting Village Manager Sanchez reported that Village Manager Darwin would return on Monday, September 15, 2025.

14. Closed Session Items

15. Business From Closed Session

16. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by Council member Lamb to adjourn the September 8, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The September 8, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout
Clerk/Treasurer