



# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 26, 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 26, 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

Council Member Michael Lamb

Council Member Alex Comparoni Jr

Council Member Eric Papacek

#### ABSENT

Council Member George Dandalides

#### STAFF PRESENT

Village Manager Darwin McClary

Police Chief Mark Amundson

Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout

DPW Director Wes Sanchez

**MOTION** made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to excuse Council Member Dandalides from the May 26, 2026 Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

**VOTING NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Dandalides

**MOTION:** Carried

#### **4. Presentations**

President Rutt announced that the Upcoming Fire Millage Proposal Presentation would be moved to item A due to Fire Chief Allen having another obligation to attend. The remaining presentations followed in their original order.

##### **A. Upcoming Fire Millage Proposal Presentation**

Fire Chief Allen, of Orion Township, presented information regarding the proposed Fire Millage that will appear on the August 4, 2026 ballot. The presentation included milestones achieved by the Fire Department since 2020, the need for additional funding, future equipment needs, projected increases in upcoming years, and an overview of the proposed millage and its benefits to the community.

##### **B. Recognition of Lake Orion Lake Association (LOLA) Donation for Marine Training**

Chief Amundson thanked the Lake Orion Lake Association (LOLA) for its support of the Marine Unit, which now allows the Lake Orion Police Department to assign two additional officers to the Marine Unit training. Dan Nelson, representing LOLA, expressed appreciation for the Chief's efforts to enhance training and stated that LOLA supports fundraising efforts focused on public safety.

##### **C. Oakland County Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) Presentation**

Paul Zelenak of Oakland County Investments (LGIP) provided an overview of the investment pool, including its structure, portfolio size, liquidity, diversification, and investment safety measures.

Pro Tem Ford inquired about Orion Township's investment practices. Clerk/Treasurer Stout stated that Orion Township has utilized investment pools, including Michigan CLASS and Oakland County LGIP. Council Member Papacek asked about the percentage of Village funds invested in LGIP, which Clerk/Treasurer Stout noted was included in the monthly investment report contained in the meeting packet. Council Member Lamb thanked Clerk/Treasurer Stout and Village Manager McClary for their efforts in safeguarding Village accounts and updating financial policies and procedures.

#### **5. Call to the Public**

Dan Nelson, representing the Lake Orion Lake Association (LOLA), discussed the importance of safety and security on the lake and provided information on upcoming LOLA-sponsored events, including CPR classes, a fishing derby, and boater safety courses.

Mary Byers distributed informational packets to Council and Administration regarding equipment associated with the pump station project currently located in the field on Longpointe and requested that the equipment be removed from the area.

Ray Hammond, Senior Code Enforcement Officer, expressed appreciation to those who assisted during the water emergency, including Chief Amundson, reserve officers, community volunteers,

neighboring communities, Lake Orion High School student volunteers, the Department of Public Works, and residents.

## 6. Approval of Agenda

By order of the President/Chair, no matters will be discussed after 9:30 PM, unless the Council votes to continue the meeting.

**MOTION** made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Comparoni Jr to approve the agenda for the May 11, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting as presented.

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

**VOTING NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Dandalides

**MOTION:** Carried

## 7. Consent Agenda

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

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to approve the May 11, 2026 Village Council Regular Meeting Consent Agenda with the removal of Item A.

*Approval of Special Event: Lake Orion Fireworks for further discussion.*

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

**VOTING NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Dandalides

**MOTION:** Carried

### A. Approval of Special Event: Lake Orion Fireworks

Removed for further discussion.

### B. Approval of Special Event: LOLive! Concert Series

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to adopt Resolution No. 2026-016, approving the LOLive! Summer Concert Series Special Event Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Janet Bloom of the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority for the use of the Children's Park and Gazebo on Wednesdays during July and August from 6:30 PM to 8:00 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, Comparoni Jr, Papacek

**VOTING NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Dandalides

**MOTION:** Carried

**C. Planning Commission Re-appointments**

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to re-appoint James Zsenyuk to a three-year term on the Planning Commission (PC), term set to expire on April 30, 2029 subject to approval of Village Council.

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

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to re-appoint Larry Dunn to a three-year term on the Planning Commission (PC), term set to expire on April 30, 2029 subject to approval of Village Council.

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

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to re-appoint Matt Craig to a three-year term on the Planning Commission (PC), term set to expire on April 30, 2029 subject to approval of Village Council.

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

**D. O.C.C.C.C. Appointments - Jim Zsenyuk and Tom Watson**

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to reappoint Jim Zsenyuk as a Village Resident Representative to the Orion Community Cable Communications Commission (OCCCC) for a 2-year term to expire on June 30, 2028.

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

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to reappoint Tom Watson as a Joint Appointment member to the Orion Community Cable Communications Commission (OCCCC) for a two-year term expiring July 1, 2028.

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

**E. Designation of Acting Village Manager - June 2, 2026, and June 9, 2026**

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to designate Public Works Director Wes Sanchez as Acting Village Manager for June 2, 2026, and June 9,

2026, from 12:01 AM to 11:59 PM on each day due to the Village Manager's scheduled surgeries and to approve an increase in hourly compensation for Director Sanchez of \$8.64 for those two days.

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

**F. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2026**

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to approve the Village Council Regular Meeting minutes May 11, 2026 as presented.

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

**G. Receive and File Board of Zoning Regular Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2026**

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to approve the Village Council Regular Meeting minutes May 11, 2026 as presented.

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

**H. Receive and File of DDA Regular Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2026**

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to receive and file the April 21, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Downtown Development Authority Board as presented.

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

**I. Receive and File Investment Report- April 2026**

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to receive and file the Investment report for April 2026.

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

**J. Receive and File of Orion Township Building Permit Report from April 15, 2026 to May 15, 2026**

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to receive and file the Orion Township Building Permit Report from April 15, 2026 to May 15, 2026, as presented.

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

**K. Receive and file Invoice Distribution Report for May 27, 2026**

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to receive and file the Invoice Distribution Report in the amount of \$143,594.27 of which \$65,412.78 are DDA bills for a net total of \$78,181.49.

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

**L. Renewal of Metro Act Permit – McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC**

**MOTION** made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to approve the Metro Act- Right-of-way telecommunications Permit extension as presented and authorize the Village Manager to sign on behalf of the Village.

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

**8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Special Event: Lake Orion Fireworks**

Bob Krefsky provided an update on fundraising efforts for the Lake Orion Fireworks. He announced a fundraising event scheduled for Friday, May 29, 2026, with a goal of attracting approximately 1,000 attendees. He also shared information on several ways residents may contribute to the fireworks fund, including donations at the UPS location, online contributions, a GoFundMe account, and Rick's Party Store.

**MOTION** made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to adopt Resolution No. 2026-015, approving the Fireworks on Lake Orion Special Event Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Robert Krefski of the Lake Orion Fireworks Foundation Inc. for the use of the east side of Lake Orion on Saturday, July 4, 2026, at 10:00PM, with a rain date of Sunday, July 5, 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, Comparoni Jr, Papacek  
**VOTING NAY:** None  
**ABSENT:** Dandalides  
**MOTION:** Carried

## 9. Public Hearings

None.

## 10. Other Items

### A. Village-Owned Property Inventory and Mapping Report

Council Member Moshier stated that additional clarity was needed regarding the project details. Village Manager McClary recommended reviewing the matter on a case-by-case basis with adjacent property owners and evaluating current improvements. President Rutt agreed that individual review of the properties would be beneficial.

Pro Tem Ford asked how property owners would be contacted, and Village Manager McClary stated that he would work with DPW to identify and reach out to affected residents. Council Member Papacek agreed that further clarification on the project was needed.

Council Member Comparoni expressed frustration that the engineer and attorney were not present to answer questions. Village Manager McClary explained that there are legal restrictions involved and that property owners would need to provide proof of ownership, adding that the Village is willing to work with residents.

Council Member Lamb expressed disappointment with the report, discussed parking concerns, and recommended that property owners meet with the Village Manager to review their individual properties.

**MOTION** made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to authorize administration to engage in discussion with property owners listed in this report.

Andrew Pugh stated that he is currently involved in litigation regarding the matter and appreciated the additional clarity provided. He added that clarification regarding right-of-way facts would be helpful.

Ken Kutchek stated that documentation should exist proving Village ownership if the properties are being identified as Village-owned.

Mary Byers stated that the report contained five incorrect addresses, which caused her to question the report's accuracy.

Jeff Flogger inquired about the origin and purpose of the project.

David Petoskey stated that there should be transparency regarding who is photographing the neighborhood.

Matt Craig stated that the project did not address Council goals and recommended that the matter be sent back to McKenna for further review.

Jim Barry stated that residents have been disappointed with the reports provided over the past several years.

Bill Whedon questioned why concerns regarding the properties were being raised now when building permits had previously been issued.

President Rutt acknowledged residents' frustrations, stating that Council had requested the report in 2023 and that the current version lacks clarity and contains inaccuracies, leaving property owners with additional questions.

Pro Tem Ford stated his support for the motion and encouraged residents to bring their concerns to the Village. Council Member Lamb inquired about project costs, and Village Manager McClary stated that Phase 1 cost approximately \$4,000 and Phase 2 approximately \$12,000. Council Member Moshier acknowledged liability concerns and the need to move forward, while noting that the report remains confusing.

Village Manager McClary stated that, under the current motion, the item would not appear on the June 8 Council agenda.

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

**MOTION** made by Council Member Lamb, seconded by Council Member Moshier, directing the Village Manager to review and clarify the current parking policy to ensure consistency with the Village ordinance.

Village Manager McClary recommended that Council not pursue the matter at this time, noting that the Chief of Police could conduct a traffic study or address future concerns requiring clarification.

Council Member Lamb *AMENDED* his motion to direct the Village Manager to investigate parking concerns along Church Street and present findings at a future Council meeting.

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

**B. Orion Villas Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance Agreement and Grant of Easement**

**MOTION** made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt to approve the Village of Lake Orion “Orion Villas” #3021.171 Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance Agreement and the Memorandum of Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance Agreement and Grant of Easement for the Orion Villas condominium development located at 601 E. Flint Street, Lake Orion, Michigan, Tax Parcel Number 09-01-338-005, as reviewed and 156 Section 10, Item B. approved by the Village Engineer and approved as to form by the Village Attorney, and to authorize the Village Manager to execute the Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

**VOTING NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Dandalides

**MOTION:** Carried

**C. Cross Connection Program Service Agreement – HydroCorp**

Council discussed concerns regarding the level of invasiveness to residents related to contracting the company. The DPW Director stated that letters would first be sent to residents, followed by requests for inspections. Pro Tem Ford inquired about the budget impact, and the DPW Director stated that the expense had already been budgeted.

Harry Stephens asked whether the process would comply with current building and plumbing ordinances, and the DPW Director confirmed that it would.

Vance D’Onofrio inquired about the possibility of future fines. The DPW Director stated that fines were not anticipated and that the purpose of the program was to bring residents into compliance with current state law requirements.

**MOTION** made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to authorize the Village Manager to enter into an agreement with HydroCorp for implementation and administration of a comprehensive Cross-Connection Control Program consistent with EGLE sanitary survey findings and Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act requirements.

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

**VOTING NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Dandalides

**MOTION:** Carried

**D. Final Recommendation from Village Disincorporation Study Committee**

**MOTION** made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to accept and approve the recommendation of the Village Disincorporation Study Committee recommendation that the Village Council take no action regarding disincorporation unless or until a certified petition on disincorporation is submitted to Council.

Council Member Lamb stated that state law does not allow Council to initiate the process, unlike cityhood proceedings. He added that if a petition were brought forward, he would

support signing it and serving on the investigative committee. Council Member Papacek agreed and discussed the state law process for disincorporation.

President Rutt expressed disappointment that appointed residents were unable to attend and that a second meeting was not held to allow for greater public participation. She stated that more community members have continued to request additional information.

Don Connery stated that he received limited notice and felt the committee lacked clarity regarding its purpose.

Justin Yergens expressed concerns regarding the timeline, stated that he did not receive responses to emails he submitted, and noted that the goal of the effort was to save taxpayers money despite the tight deadline.

**VOTING YEA:** Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Papacek  
**VOTING NAY:** Rutt, Comparoni Jr  
**ABSENT:** Dandalides  
**MOTION:** Carried

**E. Schedule Council Work Sessions – Water and Sewer Rates, Fee Schedule, and Capital Improvement Plan**

**MOTION** made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to have the Village Manager send out a doodle pool and to schedule Council work sessions for the following dates and times to finalize the proposed FY 2026- 27 water and sewer rates and comprehensive municipal fee schedule and the proposed 2026-2032 Capital Improvement Plan; to schedule a public hearing on the proposed FY 2026-27 water and sewer rates for Monday, June 22, 2026, at 6:30 PM; and to direct the Village Clerk to publish the required public hearing notice.

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

**F. Schedule Public Hearing – 2026 Sidewalk Improvement Program (SWIP) District #2 Special Assessments**

**MOTION** made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Comparoni Jr to schedule a public hearing on the 2026 Sidewalk Improvement Program (SWIP) District #2 proposed special assessments for Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:30 PM and to direct the Village Clerk to publish and mail the required public hearing notices.

Council Member Lamb inquired about if the glitches that were from last year were worked out in which the Village Manager responded with the engineers will be more closely involved in the project.

**VOTING YEA:** Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Comparoni Jr, Papacek  
**VOTING NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Dandalides  
**MOTION:** Carried

## **11. Call to the Public**

Fire Chief Allen, Orion Township, discussed the per-resident cost of the proposed fire millage. Council Member Lamb supported the millage but asked about options if it failed. Fire Chief Allen stated the department would need to explore alternative funding. Lamb also suggested a potential special assessment if the millage does not pass.

Justin Yergens spoke about the Village Disincorporation Study Committee and the duties of serving on the committee.

Robin Pugh stated that significant funds have been spent and that she has not received email communication from the Village regarding the property mapping project.

Don Connery discussed differences in public input between special assessments and millages and commented on committee responsibilities.

## **12. DDA Executive Director Comments**

None.

## **13. Council Comments**

Council Member Lamb stated that disincorporation of the Village requires a petition to move the process forward.

Council Member Comparoni Jr. stated that the village mapping project will provide future clarity. He noted the Flower Fair was a success, expressed that village employees should not be concerned about their jobs, and suggested reviewing planning services.

Pro Tem Ford thanked Fire Chief Allen for his work, recognized LOLA for providing community training, and encouraged residents to support the Lake Orion Fireworks.

Council Member Moshier thanked the public for attending and stated that council members strive to listen to residents and serve their needs.

Council Member Papacek noted the village property mapping project was a collaborative effort and emphasized that council members are also residents seeking greater public perspective.

President Rutt reported that the Lumberyard PUD will go to Planning Commission in June. She also noted the Flower Fair and Memorial Day Parade were successful, and shared upcoming events including National Trails Day on June 6 and the start of LO Live in the summer.

## **14. Village Manager Comments**

The Village Manager provided updates on completion of lake level work, budget preparation, Atwater Park basketball court improvements, the 2026 Street Improvement Project, Sidewalk

Improvement District #2, POAM/AFSCME collective bargaining, the Village Manager evaluation, ordinance codification, and upcoming important dates.

**15. Closed Session Items**

**16. Business From Closed Session**

**17. Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb to adjourn the May 11, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

**VOTING NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Dandalides

**MOTION:** Carried

The May 11, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

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Teresa Rutt

President

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Sonja Stout, MICPT

Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on June 8, 2026