



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, January 12, 2026

5:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The January 12, 2026 Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Rutt.

2. 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

3. Call to the Public

None.

4. Other Items

A. Fire Department Concerns on Lions Club Jubilee Event

Fire Chief Allen stated the purpose of the meeting was for the Orion Township Fire Department to explain the continued denial of the Special Event application for the Lions Club Jubilee. He introduced Fire Marshal Jeff Williams, who provided the presentation and responded to questions.

Fire Marshal Williams discussed lessons learned from a 2022 downtown Lake Orion fire, including the fire at 35 N. Broadway, and reviewed the justification letter, applicable ordinances, and fire codes. He explained that carnival rides present access and safety challenges and noted that the Fire Department conducts inspections once rides are installed and distributes inspection reports to involved parties. A photograph from the 35 N. Broadway fire was presented.

Council discussed differences between the Jubilee and the Flower Fair, with Fire Marshal Williams explaining that the Flower Fair uses movable tents, while the Jubilee includes carnival rides that are difficult to relocate. Council members raised concerns regarding safety, liability, and recurring challenges associated with the event. Fire Marshal Williams confirmed the primary concern was the carnival rides and stated he was not in a position to propose an alternative solution.

Lions Club representatives stated they have reviewed alternative layouts and locations but indicated that relocation presents logistical and financial challenges. Atwater Park was discussed but determined to be infeasible due to access, parking, and potential site damage concerns.

President Rutt summarized that the Fire Department's role is to enforce applicable fire codes based on lessons learned from past incidents, and Council must consider risk and liability when determining how to proceed.

5. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council Member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by President Rutt to adjourn the January 12, 2026, Village Council Special Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The January 12, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on January 26, 2026