



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, July 14, 2025

7:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The July 14, 2025 Village Council Regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 Carl Cyrowski

Council member Nancy Moshier

Council member Michael Lamb

Council member George Dandalides

Council member Alex Comparoni Jr

STAFF PRESENT

Village Manager Darwin McClary

Police Chief Mark Amundson

DPW Director Wes Sanchez

Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout

4. Presentations

A. Introduction of Police Department New Reserve Officers Todd Kimball, Richard Berry, and Frankie Roller

Chief Amundson provided background on the Lake Orion Police Department's Reserve Officer Program and its role in supporting the Lake Orion community. He introduced the new reserve officers: Todd Kimball, Richard Berry, and Frankie Roller. He then administered the Oath of Honor to all three officers, followed by a group photo.

5. Call to the Public

State Representative Donni Steele introduced herself and shared contact information for those with concerns. She mentioned serving on the Transportation Committee and expressed hope for increased road improvement funding in the fall.

Harry Stephens congratulated the Marine Division for their presence on the lake and addressed signage issues on North Shore Drive.

Donald Kindred spoke about challenges he has experienced with the Lake Orion Police Department.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier to approve the July 14, 2025 Village Council agenda with the addition of item 10.E Discussion of Village Council start time.

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

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 Consent Agenda with the removal of item E. Receive and File Financial Statements – June 2025.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

A. Proposed 2025-2031 Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to postpone consideration of the adoption of the Village of Lake Orion 2025-2031 Capital Improvement Plan until Village Council's regular meeting to be held on August 11, 2025, to permit additional time for the Planning Commission to review and comment on the proposed plan.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

B. Approval of Job Descriptions for Senior Code Enforcement Officer and Code Enforcement Officer

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the updated job descriptions for the positions of Senior Code Enforcement Officer and Code Enforcement Officer, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

C. Tie Michigan Teal Campaign

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the request from the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance to permit its volunteers to tie and display teal ribbons on public lamp posts and benches within the downtown area of the village from September 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, with the condition that all such ribbons shall be removed by the organization by October 1, 2025; and to authorize the Village Manager to execute the letter of approval on behalf of the village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

D. 2025 Election of the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Board of Trustees

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to authorize the Village Clerk, Sonja Stout, to cast the Village of Lake Orion's 2025 Official Ballot for the election of the three (3) nominated Trustees to the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Board of Trustees.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

E. Receive and File Financial Statements - June 2025

Removed for further discussion.

F. Receive and File Investment Report - May 2025

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

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

G. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for July 15, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the bills in the amount of \$ 475,483.53 of which \$ 115,398.77 are DDA bills for a net total of \$ 360,084.76 and to receive and file the DDA bills.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

H. Receive and File of June 2025 Police Department Activity Report

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the June 2025 Police Department Activity Report.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

I. Receive and File Village of Lake Orion Sewage Disposal System Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025 (October 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025)

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the Village of Lake Orion Sewage Disposal System Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025 (October 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025).

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

J. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the June 23, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

K. Approval of Special Event: Lake Orion Police Association 2025 Car Show

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to adopt Resolution No. 2025-015, approving the Lake Orion Police Association 2025 Car Show Special Event Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Bob Aiello of the Lake Orion Police Association for the use of various Village properties on Sunday, July 27, 2025; and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

L. Approval of Special Event: Dragon on the Lake

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to adopt Resolution No. 2025-024, approving the Dragon on the Lake Special Event Application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Stephanie McIntyre and Julie Sugg of the Orion Art Center for the use of various Village properties from Thursday, August 21, 2025, through Sunday, August 24, 2025; and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

President Rutt inquired about the investment budget figures and whether they had changed for budgeting purposes. Council Member Lamb commented on the tax distribution among various departments and questioned the ethics and process regarding Downtown Development Authority Director Gibb reimbursing his employees, asking what procedures the Village must follow for such reimbursements.

Council Member Dandalides asked about the Parks and Recreation wages being over budget for the fiscal year ending June 30. He also noted that Parks and Recreation is seeking volunteers for routine maintenance. Additionally, he raised concerns about ambiguity surrounding responsibility for park maintenance and requested clarification.

President Rutt also inquired about audit fees.

E. Receive and File Financial Statements - June 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb to receive and file the financial reports for June 2025.

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

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. Storm Water Public Education Program 2025-2031 Contract - Clinton River Watershed Council

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr. to approve the 2025-2031 Agreement for Services between the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) and the Village of Lake Orion in the total estimated amount of \$6,027.00 to permit CRWC to provide relevant stormwater public education services for the Village to comply with the requirements of the Village's MS4 stormwater permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES); and to authorize the Village Manager and Village Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

B. 2025-2028 PowerDMS Policy Management System Contract and Service Agreement

Council Member Lamb asked questions regarding the PowerDMS Policy Management System. Council Member Dandalides expressed support for the initiative, and President Rutt inquired about the implementation timeline. Chief Amundson responded that implementation would be relatively quick once the process begins.

MOTION made by Council member Cyrowski, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve the 2025-2028 PowerDMS Policy Management System contract with PowerDMS in the total amount of \$14,214.50 and to authorize the Village Manager and Chief of Police to execute the contract and all necessary documents relating to this purchase of services.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

C. Confirmation of Village Manager's Appointment of Acting Village Manager

Council Member Comparoni commented on employee compensation. Council Member Dandalides requested clarification on whether vacation time is calculated in days or hours, given the Village's four-day workweek. Council Member Lamb stated it should be calculated in hours, and Village Manager McClary confirmed that vacation time is tracked in hours, not days.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to approve, pursuant to Section 3.7 of the Village Charter, the Village Manager's designation of Public Works Director Wesley Sanchez as Acting Village Manager during the Village Manager's temporary absence from the village due to vacation out of the country for the period of Monday, August 18, 2025, at 12:01 AM through Friday, September 12, 2025, at 11:59 PM, and to approve an increase in hourly pay 237 Section 10, Item C. of \$8.64 for 160 hours for serving as Acting Village Manager during such period.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

D. Schedule Work Session – Village Administrative Office Hours and Village Hall Inclement Weather Closing Policy

Council Member Dandalides stated that expectations for the upcoming meeting include the Village Manager presenting alternative work schedule options. Council Members Lamb and Moshier added that the intent is to revisit Village Hall's work hours, emphasizing the importance of maintaining service standards, as Village Hall is a government entity that serves the public.

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski to schedule a work session meeting of the Village Council for Monday, July 28, 2025, at 5:30 PM, for the purpose of discussing the Village administrative office hours and the Village Hall inclement weather closing policy.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

E. Discussion of Village Council Regular Meeting start time

Council Member Lamb expressed concern over the Village Council's 7:30 PM meeting start time, noting that despite the later start compared to other boards and commissions, resident participation remains low.

Council Members Dandalides and Moshier voiced support for changing the start time to 6:30 PM. Council Member Comparoni Jr. opposed the change, citing a desire to uphold tradition. Administration expressed support for an earlier start.

Rosemary Ford suggested that changing the time could present challenges for future council members and proposed a compromise start time of 7:00 PM.

Donni Steele also supported the idea of compromising with a 7:00 PM start.

Harry Stephens noted that an earlier start would allow more time for agenda items.

Donald Kindred expressed concern that changing the time could reduce public participation due to work schedules.

Pro Tem Ford mentioned that special meetings typically begin at 5:30 PM and voiced support for a 7:00 PM start time for regular meetings. Council Member Cyrowski also supported a 7:00 PM start, adding that special meetings generally do not exceed 30 minutes.

Council Member Lamb reiterated support for a 6:30 PM start. President Rutt noted that a 6:30 PM start could complicate scheduling special meetings beforehand. Council Member Dandalides pointed out that all other Village boards meet at 6:30 PM and emphasized that the topic has been under discussion for six months with continued low resident turnout.

Harry Stephens raised a concern that changing the meeting time might conflict with the Charter. Village Manager McClary clarified that there is no conflict, as the Charter allows Council to establish its meeting time.

MOTION by Council Member Lamb, supported by Council Member Dandalides, to change the start time of the Village Council Regular Meetings to 6:30 PM, with an end time of 9:30 PM unless extended by a motion of the Council.

VOTING YEA: Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski,

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

11. Call to the Public

Harry Stephens inquired about the lead service line listed in the description section of the invoice register.

Donald Kindred continued to express concerns regarding his experiences with the Lake Orion Police Department.

12. Council Comments

Pro Tem Ford welcomed the new reserve officers and spoke about signage in the downtown social district to help identify the entry and exit areas of the district.

Council member Dandalides welcomed the new reserve officers, highlighted the great parks the Village of Lake Orion offers, and mentioned the ongoing need for maintenance volunteers.

Council member Comparoni Jr. thanked State Representative Donni Steele for attending and encouraged more community involvement from local residents.

Council member Moshier thanked the residents, congratulated the new reserve officers, expressed gratitude to Donni Steele, gave kudos to Darwin for taking a vacation, and thanked the Village staff.

Council member Lamb congratulated the reserve officers and thanked Donni Steele. He expressed a desire to assist Donald Kindred more with his concerns and offered to help resident Harry Stephens with the petition required to change the street signage on North Shore Drive. He also discussed lead line replacement, provided an update on the Steeple Committee—stating they would meet again on July 15, 2025, at noon—and noted that the Cityhood Committee would meet on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 1 p.m., inviting residents to join.

Council member Cyrowski praised the fireworks display and thanked the Police for managing the boat traffic.

President Rutt thanked the fireworks staff, noted that the Concert in the Park series has started, clarified that the Police budget is \$1.18 million—not \$6 million—and thanked State Representative Donni Steele for attending the meeting.

13. Village Manager Comments

Village Manager McClary provided a brief update on the lead line replacements, announced an upcoming meeting with Orion Township Supervisor Chris Barnett, and shared updates on lake concerns along with upcoming important dates.

14. Closed Session Items

15. Business From Closed Session

16. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford To adjourn the July 14, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The July 14, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on July 28, 2025.