



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, January 27, 2025

7:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The January 27, 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 Michael Lamb

Council member George Dandalides

Council member Alex Comparoni Jr

ABSENT

Council member Nancy Moshier

STAFF PRESENT

Village Manager Darwin McClary

Police Chief Mark Amundson

DPW Director Wes Sanchez

DDA Executive Director Matthew Gibb

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynsey Blough

Village Planning and Zoning Coordinators Gage Belko and Noah Bussell

MOTION made by Council member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by Council member Lamb, to excuse Council member Moshier from January 27, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting.

VOTING YEAS: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Council member Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

4. Presentations

None.

5. Call to the Public

Donald Kindred expressed his gratitude to those who supported him during the loss and recovery of his emotional support animal. He also addressed concerns regarding the hiring of reserve police officers, as well as issues related to water and sewage services.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council member Cyrowski, Seconded by Council member Dandalides, to approve the January 27, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting Agenda, as presented.

VOTING YEAS: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Council member Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moshier

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 and to remove Item E. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2025 for further discussion.

VOTING YEAS: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Council member Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

A. Receive and file the correspondence from Council Members Michael Lamb and Nancy Moshier dated December 9, 2025, regarding a request for a special meeting of the Village Council to discuss enforcement of Charter provisions relating to the payment of bills.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to receive and file the correspondence from Council Members Michael Lamb and Nancy Moshier dated December 9, 2025, regarding a request for a special meeting of the Village Council to discuss enforcement of Charter provisions relating to the payment of bills.

VOTING YEAS: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Council member Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Moshier
MOTION: Carried

B. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to approve the January 8, 2025 Village Council Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

C. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to approve the January 9, 2025 Village Council Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

D. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to approve the January 13, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

E. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2025

Removed for further discussion.

F. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to approve the January 16, 2025 Village Council Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

G. Receive and File of Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to receive and file of Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024, as presented.

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

H. Receive and file Invoice Distribution Report - December 18, 2024

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to receive and file the Invoice Distribution Report in the amount of \$149,681.79 of which \$10,754.88 are DDA bills for a net total of \$138,926.91, which were approved for payment on December 18, 2024 based off of approval from Council at the October 14, 2024 meeting to approve and pay the necessary bills during the holidays to avoid late fees.

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

I. Receive and file Invoice Distribution Report - January 27, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to receive and file the January 27, 2025 bills in the amount of \$258,945.74 of which \$88,500.61 are DDA bills for a net total of \$170,445.13.

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

J. Approval of Budget Amendment BA-2025-207-05 to provide supplemental appropriations for Police Academy training in the Police Fund

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to approve budget amendment BA-2025-207-05 to provide the necessary supplemental appropriations for Police Academy training for two reserve police officers by increasing revenues from grant funding by \$40,000 and increasing expenditures by \$40,000 to appropriate revenue and expenditure accounts of the Police Fund.

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

K. Creation of CPE Training Fund Accounts (Expenditure / Revenue)

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to approve the creation of the revenue and expenditure accounts to manage the CPE Funds:

**207-000-565-000 – CPE LAW ENFORCEMENT (REVENUE)
207-301-957-002 – CPE TRAINING (EXPENDITURE)**

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

L. Approval of Special Event – Ice Fest

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to adopt Resolution 2025-002, which approves the Ice Fest event application and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and the Village of Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority for the use of Village sidewalks. The event is scheduled for February 1, 2025. DDA will reimburse the Village for actual DPW cost associated with setup. Furthermore, to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the document on behalf of the Village.

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

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

E. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr, to approve the January 15, 2025 Village Council Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. Planning Commission 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Work Plan

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr, to receive and file the Planning Commission 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Work Plan.

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

B. Tax-Exempt Parcel and Right of Way Inventory and Mapping – Status Report

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr, to approve the documents received by McKenna and to authorize McKenna’s proceeding with Phase III of the project under the scope of services provided at the amount of \$15,700.

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

C. Referral of Draft FY 2024-2030 Capital Improvement Plan to Planning Commission for Review and Comment

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb, to refer the draft FY 2024-2030 Capital Improvement Plan to the Planning Commission for review and comment at its February 3, 2025, Regular Meeting and to schedule the plan for consideration for adoption at the Village Council’s February 10, 2025, Regular Meeting.

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

D. Sidewalk Improvement Program

MOTION #1 made by Council member Cyrowski, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to adopt the Village of Lake Orion Sidewalk Improvement Program Policy which includes changing the title of the section identifying areas without sidewalks from “Sidewalk Gaps List” to “Sidewalk Connections List”, and to authorize Village Administration to begin work on the preparation of the FY 2025-26 sidewalk improvement project and special assessment processes, as outlined in the Village Manager’s project schedule.

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

MOTION #2 made by Council member Cyrowski, Seconded by President Rutt, to adopt the resolution setting a needs public hearing on proposed sidewalk improvements to the Village of Lake Orion Sidewalk Improvement Program District #1 and directing the Village Clerk to publish and mail a notice of the same to affected real property owners.

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

E. Approval of the Lexipol Police One Academy Master Service Agreement

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr, to approve the Master Service Agreement between the Lake Orion Police Department and Lexipol, LLC, of Frisco, Texas, for PoliceOne Academy training services in the amount of \$1529.20 for the first year and authorize the Village Manager to execute the agreement and all other related documents on behalf of the Village.

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

F. Establish 2025 Ad Hoc DDA Public Infrastructure Fund Committee

MOTION #1 made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Dandalides, to establish an ad hoc 2025 DDA Public Infrastructure Fund Committee to review proposed projects and available funding and to recommend to the Village Council and DDA Board of Directors projects for funding for FY 2025-26 through FY 2030-31 for including in the Village Capital Improvement Plan and FY 2025-26 Budget, with said Committee to comprise the Village Manager, DDA Executive Director, three (3) members of the Village Council selected by the Council and three (3) members of the DDA Board of Directors selected by the Board, and with the Committee to complete its work and disband on or before March 6, 2025.

MOTION #1 made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Dandalides, to *amend* the previous motion to reflect the date on or before March 31, 2025.

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

MOTION #2: made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Comparoni, to appoint the following three (3) Village Council members to serve on the ad hoc 2025 DDA Public Infrastructure Fund Committee: President Pro Tem Ford, Council member Dandalides and Council member Lamb.

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

G. Adoption of FY 2025-26 Budget Preparation Calendar

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb, to adopt the FY 2025-26 budget preparation calendar, as presented.

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

H. Appointment of Acting Village Manager

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski, to approve, pursuant to Section 3.7 of the Village Charter, the Village Manager's designation of Police Chief Mark Amundson as Acting Village Manager during the Village Manager's temporary absence from the village due to vacation for the period of Friday, February 14, 2025, at 12:01 AM to Monday, February 24, 2025, at 11:59 PM and to approve an increase in hourly pay of \$3.8527 for 56 hours for serving as Acting Village Manager during such period.

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski, to *amend* the previous motion to reflect the hourly pay of \$3.86.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Council member Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

11. Call to the Public

DDA Executive Director Matthew Gibb suggested adding a section to the Village Council Meeting Agenda for DDA updates or Q&A to improve communication. He thanked the Council for approving Ice Fest and noted that the Ice Fest will be combined with the Rotary Club's Ice Golf Challenge. He also mentioned the upcoming Duck Race event from the Friends of the Orion Township Library. He also highlighted the recent Downtown LO Down meeting and discussed public safety and event preparedness. Mr. Gibb provided updates on the Lumberyard project, which is seeking architectural proposals, and mentioned a potential Panda Express in public space. The DDA will present development plans to the Planning Commission in March. He also added that business training sessions occur on some Mondays, with LO Down meetings on the last Thursday of the month. The public is invited to these events and can get more information from the DDA website or DDA Assistant Director Janet Bloom.

Rosemary Ford asked for clarification on whether a property owner who wishes to subcontract their own work for the Sidewalk Improvement Program would still need to meet the specifications required by the Village.

12. Council Comments

President Pro Tem Ford discussed encroachment issues along the Paint Creek Trail and highlighted the Commission's work on a connector bridge into Bald Mountain lands. He also praised the Village Administration for the Sidewalk Improvement Project, thanked the DDA for Volunteer Recognition Night, and acknowledged the work of all Police Officers, including reserves.

Council member Comparoni echoed gratitude to the Village Administration and Police Department. He emphasized that Village Council members are also residents affected by water bills and will work hard to ease costs. Mr. Comparoni emphasized his strong support for the Police Department, recognizing the importance of security and safety for the community. He also acknowledged the hard work of reserve officers, who are paid very little, and thanked Executive Director Matthew Gibb for keeping the Village Council informed with DDA updates.

Council member Lamb shared concerns about the DDA Lumberyard project and bond sale, which he believes are legally problematic. He plans to forward his complaint to the Department of Treasury and emphasized the importance of proper taxpayer fund use. Additionally, he's hoping to secure external revenue to fund the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and expressed appreciation Council member Dandalides' suggestions on the CIP work sessions.

Council member Dandalides thanked the Village Administration for posting draft minutes and commended Police Chief Amundson for his efforts to keep the Police Department up to date on training and CIP details from a safety perspective.

Council member Cyrowski proposed forming a committee to explore whether Lake Orion should become a city, based on feedback from the Village of Clarkston.

President Rutt responded, suggesting that Cyrowski's proposal be submitted to Village Manager McClary for inclusion on the Consent Agenda for further consideration by the Village Council. She also reminded everyone about the timely submission of Special Event Applications and highlighted the valuable contribution of reserve officers.

13. Village Manager Comments

Village Manager McClary addressed Rosemary Ford's questions about the Sidewalk Improvement Plan, explaining that if residents choose not to participate in the Village program and instead contract out the work, they must still adhere to the Village's Engineering Design and Construction Standards. He also noted that residents would need to complete repairs by the deadline and apply for a sidewalk permit. Village Manager McClary provided updates on several projects, including the Sanitary Sewer Pump Stations Improvement Project, Goal Setting Work Sessions, the FY 2025-26 Budget Preparation, and the Sidewalks 2025 Webpage. He mentioned that he would be attending the 2025 Michigan Municipal Executives Winter Institute in Bay City for the rest of the week. He also reviewed important upcoming dates. The Village Manager's report is also available on the Village of Lake Orion's website.

Council member Lamb shared the reason why Council member Moshier is not able to attend the meeting is due to her 95-year old father who is sick in Florida.

14. Closed Session Items

15. Business From Closed Session

16. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski, to adjourn the January 27, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Council member Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

The January 27, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Lynsey Blough
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on February 24, 2025.