



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, August 25, 2025

6:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The August 25, 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

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynsey Blough

4. Presentations

A. Proclamation Recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Month and National Recovery Month

President Rutt read the proclamation recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Month and National Recovery Month. She emphasized that help is available for those who are struggling, encouraged people to talk to someone and seek resources, and stressed that there should be no shame in doing so.

5. Call to the Public

Donald Kindred raised concerns about water issues under a parking lot, stated he plans to monitor upcoming testing, and expressed dissatisfaction with how public comments are handled. He indicated he may seek independent review and pursue legal action.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to approve the Agenda for the August 25, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting with the addition of Item B. Lions' Jubilee Special Event Application, Item C. Atwater Basketball Court Report, and Item D. Cityhood Report.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, 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 Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to approve the August 25, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Consent Agenda.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

A. Approval of Engagement Letter for Auditing Services – AHP PLC

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to approve the 2025 engagement letter for auditing services from Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC in the estimated amount of \$16,900 for completion of the audit of the Village and DDA financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and to authorize the Village Manager/Acting Village Manager Wes Sanchez to execute the acknowledgment of the engagement letter on behalf of the Village.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

B. Budget Amendment – Steeple Repair

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to approve Budget Amendment BA-2025-101-260-01 in the amount of \$50,000 from GL account 101- 260-930-000 to cover the cost of removing the steeple from Village Hall.

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

VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

C. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to approve the August 11, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

D. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to approve the August 11, 2025 Village Council Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

E. Receive and File of DDA Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to receive and file the DDA Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2025, as presented.

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

F. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for August 26, 2025

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to receive and file the bills in the amount of \$ 102,444.49 of which \$ 29,490.65 are DDA bills for a net total of \$ 72,953.84 and to receive and file the DDA bills.

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

F. Approval of Special Event – Michigan Downtown Day

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-026 approving the “Michigan Downtown Day” 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

September 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, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

G. Approval of Special Event – Here Lies Lake Orion Cemetery Tour

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-027 approving the “Here Lies Lake Orion Cemetery Tour” 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 October 4–5, 2025, with tours scheduled at 4:00 PM, 5:00 PM, and 6:00 PM each day, 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

H. Approval of Special Event – Halloween Extravaganza

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-028 approving the “Halloween Extravaganza” Special Event Permit and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority, Emily Dziegielewski. Event to be held October 15, 2025, and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the document on behalf of the Village.

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

I. Approval of Special Event – Witches Night

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-029 approving the “Witches Night” 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 October 24, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 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

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. 2024 Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Cost Limits

The Village Council discussed annual healthcare cost limits and the timing of plan reviews. Council member Lamb recommended no action, and Council member Dandalides agreed but expressed frustration that the issue was raised after open enrollment. President Rutt, President Pro Tem Ford, and Council member Moshier emphasized that plan evaluations should remain administrative, with the Village Council focused on financial decisions. The Village Council agreed that plan and cost information should be provided earlier in the year. Administration will return with a clearer benefits timeline. No action was taken, leaving the default hard cap limits in place.

B. Lions' Jubilee Special Event Application

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to direct administration to forward the event application to the appropriate departments for review, with full approval contingent upon all requirements being met.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

Council member Dandalides requested that the Lions' insurance certificate explicitly indicate that the underwriter understands coverage may be provided without the Fire Marshal's approval, to avoid potential liability. President Rutt noted the process with the Fire Department is not yet clear, and Council member Moshier emphasized the need to address this promptly. Council member Lamb suggested obtaining professional opinions from the Village attorney and insurance carriers to clarify coverage and potential risks. President Pro Tem Ford raised concerns about timing and bookings relative to the 90-day insurance requirement. The Village Council agreed that full approval cannot happen until required documents such as insurance certificates are provided.

C. Atwater Basketball Court Report

Council member Lamb reported on options for the basketball court project, noting that engineering fees and contingencies had significantly increased costs. He explored alternatives, but DPW advised against in-house work due to lack of expertise. Hutch Paving provided a new proposal using a recycled asphalt mix that could be suitable depending on site conditions. The court's orientation was discussed, with north-south alignment preferred for safety and sunlight.

considerations. The Village Council agreed to have the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee review the final size, orientation, and details before proceeding.

D. Cityhood Report

Council member Lamb reported on meetings with Orion Township regarding fire services. The township shared budget information confirmed willingness to provide call statistics and emphasized neutrality on cityhood discussions. Oxford was contacted but found unsuitable due to distance. Council member Lamb concluded the village's only practical fire protection option is through the township, and future costs may depend on the percentage of station use. He noted this could affect cityhood feasibility.

11. Call to the Public

None.

12. Council Comments

Council member Lamb commented that the Dragon on the Lake event was very successful and went well for everyone.

Council member Comparoni Jr noted the outstanding service provided by the Police Department, emphasizing their role in protecting the community, and thanked Chief Amundson. He inquired about the lake drawdown, to which Acting Village Manager Sanchez responded that it is typically done in October. He also wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day.

President Pro Tem Ford provided a brief report on the Paint Creek Trail Commission meeting, highlighting safety concerns related to prohibited vehicles on the trail. He also shared that the Dragon on the Lake event was wonderful but noted concerns regarding staffing at Green's Park during the event.

Council member Dandalides encouraged residents to apply for Village Council and reminded the public that the deadline to submit applications is Thursday, September 28.

Council member Moshier thanked everyone who attended the meeting. She noted that summer went by quickly and students are now back in school.

President Rutt echoed safety concerns raised by the Paint Creek Trail Commission regarding prohibited vehicles such as class 3 e-bikes and gas-powered bikes. She congratulated the Lake Orion DDA and Oxford DDA for winning 2nd place in the Dragon on the Lake boat races, and thanked Oat Soda for their commitment to the community over the past five years. She also reported that Orion Township approved the PUD on Moceri's Eastport (Jacobsen property).

13. Village Manager Comments

Acting Village Manager Wes Sanchez provided updates on the Council vacancy and Cityhood committee applications, Village audit, Lake Orion Schools bond, lake level, staffing at Green’s Park, steeple contract, and Atwater Park basketball court. He also announced that Village offices will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day. He also clarified that the water testing referenced by Donald Kindred will not result in any costs to the Village, as it will be conducted by the Michigan Rural Water Association, of which the Village is a member.

14. Closed Session Items

15. Business From Closed Session

16. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by President Rutt, to adjourn the August 25, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The August 25, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Lynsey Blough, CMC
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Sonja Stout
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on September 8, 2025