MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, January 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 January 26, 20269 Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:31 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 Eric Papacek

   ABSENT
   Council Member Alex Comparoni Jr

   STAFF PRESENT
   Acting Village Manager/Police Chief Mark Amundson
   DPW Director Wes Sanchez
   DDA Executive Director Matthew Gibb
   Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynsey Blough

   MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt, to excuse Council Member Comparoni, Jr from the January 26, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting.
   VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
   VOTING NAY: None
   ABSENT: Comparoni, Jr

MOTION: Carried

4. Presentations

None.

5. Call to the Public

None.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to approve the agenda for the January 26, 2026 Village Council Regular Meeting, with the addition of continuing the Goals and Objectives discussion from the previous hour, with a time limit of one hour for the discussion.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Comparoni, Jr
MOTION: Carried

7. Consent Agenda

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

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb, to approve the January 26, 2026, Village Council Regular Consent Agenda, with the removal of Item H (Receive and File of Orion Township Building Permit Report from December 15, 2025 to January 15, 2026).
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Comparoni, Jr
MOTION: Carried

A. Orion Community Cable Communication Commission (O.C.C.C.C) Proposed 2026 Budget – Joint Resolution

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb, to adopt the Joint resolution (2026-003) with Orion Township approving the 2026 Orion Community Cable Communication Commission (O. C. C. C. C) Proposed 2026 Budget.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Comparoni, Jr
MOTION: Carried

B. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb, to approve the January 12, 2026 Village Council Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Comparoni, Jr
MOTION: Carried

C. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb, to approve the January 12, 2026 Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Comparoni, Jr
MOTION: Carried

D. Receive and File of DDA Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb, to receive and file the Downtown Development Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2025, as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Comparoni, Jr
MOTION: Carried

E. Receive and File of DDA Informational Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb, To receive and file the Downtown Development Authority Informational Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2025, as presented.
VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Dandalides, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Comparoni, Jr
MOTION: Carried

F. Approval of Special Event: Ice Fest

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-002, 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 7, 2026. Furthermore, 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, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Comparoni, Jr

MOTION: Carried

G. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for January 27, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb, to receive and file the bills in the amount of $ 158,314.52 of which $ 5,744.07 are DDA bills for a net total of $ 152,570.45 and to receive and file the DDA bills.

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

H. Receive and File of Orion Township Building Permit Report from December 15, 2025 to January 15, 2026

Removed for further discussion.

I. Extend Term and Appointments for Ad Hoc Legal Services Review Committee

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb, to extend the expiration of the term of the Ad Hoc Legal Services Review Committee and the appointments thereto from January 26, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting until February 23, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

H. Receive and File of Orion Township Building Permit Report from December 15, 2025 to January 15, 2026

Council Member Dandalides asked about the inclusion of a monthly report on recent consent agendas, noting it appeared to be related to prior committee work with the Township on the permit process and was seeking clarification for transparency. President Rutt stated that Mr. Goodloe had indicated he would be providing Council with more regular information. Council Member Lamb added that the report was included to supplement the planning report and keep Council informed.

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt, to receive and file the Orion Township Building Permit Report from December 15, 2025 to January 15, 2026.

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

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. NOTA Delegate Resignation and Appointment(s)

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Lamb, to accept the resignation of Council Member Moshier as the Village of Lake Orion's primary Governmental Member to the North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA) Board, effective January 26, 2026.

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

President thanked Council Member Moshier for her service to the NOTA Board.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to appoint *Michael Lamb*, as the primary Governmental Member to the North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA) Board, to serve at the pleasure of the Village Council and to act as voting member.

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

Council Member Moshier stated she could no longer continue serving on the committee due to other commitments, noted she had enjoyed her time on it, and expressed confidence that Council Member Lamb would serve effectively in her place.

President Pro Tem Ford continues to serve as the NOTA Alternate Governmental Member, at the pleasure of the Village Council, and may act as a voting member when the primary Governmental Member is absent or when a vacancy exists.

B. Continuation of Goal Setting and Objectives FY 2026-27 Discussion

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to suspend the Robert Rules of Order for this item on the agenda.

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

~~**Goal 4: Promote Positive Community Image**~~ was changed to
Goal 4: Promote Efficient and Effective Municipal Operations

- **Objective 4.1 Promote Positive Collaborative Working Relationships with DDA and Township:** *(This objective was discussed as "Objective 3.1" during the meeting and then later changed to "4.1")* Council started to discuss the importance of improving working relationships with both the DDA and township to align on common objectives, leadership capabilities, and adequate funding. Council Member Dandalides noted opportunities for better communication and collaboration, referencing past observations of inefficiencies. Council discussed whether the goal addressing collaborative working relationships with the Township and DDA should remain a formal Council goal. Some members expressed concern that the goal was not measurable under the SMART framework and reflected ongoing activities, suggesting it be removed or relocated. Others noted continuing coordination challenges and supported retaining it for refinement. The discussion framed the goal as addressing broader community image, trust, and resident perception.
- **Objective 4.2: Improve Approachability and Transparency:** *(This objective was discussed as "Objective 3.1" during the meeting and then later changed to "4.2")* Council emphasized improving trust, transparency, and community connection. Council Member Papacek highlighted the importance of gathering resident feedback and perceptions regarding taxes, services, and responsiveness. President Rutt acknowledged the challenge of translating this broad goal into actionable steps

Regarding "**Strengthen community pride and connection**," Council discussed ways to enhance engagement. Council Member Papacek suggested it may be better addressed through individual initiatives or incorporated under another goal. President Rutt noted structured programs, such as volunteer opportunities like the DDA's Illuminators, could foster connection and pride.

For "**Deliver consistent professional, friendly service**," Council agreed this aligns with the Village's existing core values, including timely, courteous, and efficient service. No further action was needed, as it is already addressed under current core values.

Regarding "**Reflect a Positive Village Identity and Support Services Unique to the Village**," Council discussed maintaining services such as DPW, police, DDA, and visible projects like the Children's Park Bridge and Bank Stabilization. President Pro Tem Ford suggested consolidating these items under one objective with measurable components, while Council Member Lamb noted that many projects are already in the CIP and should not be redundantly listed. Council Member Dandalides emphasized that including them as objectives could solidify priorities and establish timeframes. Council reached consensus to remove the standalone objective and incorporate measurable elements under other goals.

Goal 3 was discussed further.

Goal 3: Promote Quality Recreation Services and Environmental Stewardship

- **Objective 3.1 Children's Park Bridge and Bank Stabilization:** Council will maintain the Children's Park Bridge and Bank Stabilization
- **Objective 3.2 Investigate and Plan for the Water Drawdown Structure Repair:**
- **Objective 3.3 Promote and Support increased funding for Parks and Recreation Programs:** Ensuring funding requests for Parks and Recreation Programs are considered during budget sessions. The objective of investigating Paint Creek Trailways Commission membership was removed, as the benefits did not justify the costs.

Goal 4 was discussed further.
Goal 4: Promote Efficient and Effective Municipal Operations
Objectives were finalized as

- **Objective 4.1 Positive collaborative relationships with the DDA and Township**
- **Objective 4.2 Approachability and Transparency**
- **Objective 4.3 Enhance and support DPW, Police, and DDA in serving residents**
- **Objective 4.4 Complete Ordinance Codification**
- **Objective 4.5 Finalize Engineering Standards**
- **Objective 4.6 Enforcement Efforts**
- **Objective 4.7 Finish identifying, classifying, and determining use of all Village-Owned Properties:** Council will consider possible license agreement options including use agreements with property owners on the lake for the Village owned right-of-way properties. Council will review Village owned properties to determine if any could be sold, licensed, or leased.

The objective on **additional staffing for building inspections** was removed, as staffing needs had been addressed. Discussion emphasized keeping only actionable items for the current year, while larger "dream" projects or future CIP items remain separate. President Rutt provided context on sewer project funding, noting increasing costs and potential financial impacts on residents, reinforcing the Council's goal to manage the fiscal burden of basic services.

11. Call to the Public

Rosemary Ford thanked Council members for their service, acknowledging that their work is challenging and largely voluntary, and expressed appreciation for their dedication and commitment to the community.

12. DDA Executive Director Comments

DDA Executive Director Gibb praised the Council's work, encouraged collaboration with the DDA and other boards, and suggested tracking measurable goals for community engagement and grant opportunities. He highlighted positive financial trends and accreditation, shared updates on upcoming events like Ice Fest and Volunteer Appreciation Night and noted website improvements for better access to reports and resources. He also invited Council Members to attend monthly Downtown LO Down meetings to stay informed on local business and economic conditions.

13. Council Comments

President Pro Tem Ford reported updates on the Paint Creek Trail, including upcoming National Trails Day and the Labor Day walk with a bridge recognition event. He noted a new partnership supplying dog waste bags, anticipated fall construction on the Bald Mountain Bridge connector, an upcoming rate increase due to budget pressures, and ongoing review of easements related to the Moceri/Eastport Village Development. He also reported increased NOTA ridership and plans to install vehicle cameras, and thanked Council for its work on goal setting.

Council Member Lamb discussed the Village's limited revenue sources and emphasized the need for Council to balance priorities to minimize financial impacts on residents. He stated that Council will face difficult decisions and expressed confidence that members will work collaboratively to maintain affordability while addressing Village needs.

Council Member Dandalides thanked Council for a constructive and productive discussion and expressed appreciation to Village staff for maintaining operations during the Village Manager's absence.

Council Member Moshier thanked attendees and viewers, expressed appreciation to ONTV for televising the Special Meeting, and thanked Acting Village Manager/Police Chief Amundson, DPW Director Sanchez, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Blough, and Village staff for their work during recent weather events. She encouraged residents to stay safe and noted her hope that the annual lake walk would take place.

Council Member Papacek highlighted visible Village services funded by local taxes, including winter road maintenance, police services, and DPW cleanup efforts. He noted that many services are often underrecognized and encouraged residents to provide feedback to Council regarding priorities and use of limited resources.

President Rutt encouraged residents to assist neighbors with sidewalk snow removal when possible and emphasized the Village's strong sense of community. She promoted the upcoming Light Up Lake Orion Event (Volunteer Appreciation Night), acknowledged the commitment of local business owners, and thanked residents, volunteers, and staff. She also noted that materials related to the Lake Orion Lumber Yard project are expected to be submitted to the Planning Commission.

14. Village Manager Comments

Acting Village Manager/Police Chief Amundson provided operational updates, noting a statewide road salt shortage affecting delivery timelines. He stated that DPW is prioritizing primary roads, adjusting salt usage, and increasing plowing to maintain safe conditions, with new salt expected by week's end. He also reported a water main break near 588 E. Flint Street on January 18, which was repaired after approximately nine hours despite severe weather. He thanked staff for their support during his tenure as Acting Village Manager and noted the Village Manager's expected return on January 28.

15. Closed Session Items

16. Business From Closed Session

17. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt, to adjourn the January 26, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

The January 26, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

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Teresa Rutt
President

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Lynsey Blough, CMC
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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Sonja Stout
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on February 9, 2026