



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, May 12, 2025

7:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The May 12, 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

Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to excuse Council member Moshier from the May 12, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting.

VOTING YE: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

4. Presentations

A. Kayak and Paddle Board Kiosk Proposal for Green's Park - Mike Warner and Tim Marriott

Mike Warner and Tim Marriott gave a brief overview of the solar-powered Kayak and Paddle Board Kiosk, highlighting its small footprint, proposed location at Green's Park, and the need for a five-year commitment from the Village. Council raised concerns about parking and age restrictions but ultimately expressed support for the proposal.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr, to direct Village Administration to continue exploring and drafting a resolution for the Kayak & Paddle Board in cooperation with the Village attorney.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

5. Call to the Public

Tim McMaken shared concerns regarding past challenges with Administration on a project completed last year.

Donald Kindred commented on ongoing issues involving the Police Department and recurring flooding in a parking lot he has previously mentioned.

Director Matt Gibb provided an update on the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) displays throughout the Village, the Lumberyard project, and expressed appreciation to the volunteers from last Saturday.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Council member Comparoni Jr. to amend the May 12, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting Agenda by moving items 14.B (Consider Attorney-Client Privileged Communication) and 15.A (Business from Closed Session- Lions Club Jubilee Event Permit Application) to follow the Public Hearing and precede Other Items, renumber them as item 10.A.

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

VOTING NAY: 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 Council member Lamb to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of items G. Budget Amendment-NFE Grant Writing Assistance-TEDF Category B Grant and items H. Certification of Delinquent Utility Accounts to the 2025 Tax Roll.

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

A. Approval of Village Manager Ad Hoc Committee Minutes of April 24, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb to approve the April 24, 2025 Village Manager Ad Hoc Committee Minutes, as presented.

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

B. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb to approve the April 28, 2025 Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

C. Receive and File of Parks & Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb to receive and file the March 11, 2025 Parks & Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented

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

D. Receive and File of Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb to receive and file the April 7, 2025 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

E. Receive and File of Financial Statements for April 2025

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

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr
VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

F. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for May 13, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb to receive and file the bills in the amount of \$ 218,738.53 of which \$ 51,933.13 are DDA bills for a net total of \$ 166,805.40 and to receive and file the DDA bills

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

G. Budget Amendment – NFE Grant Writing Assistance – TEDF Category B Grant

Removed for further discussion.

H. Certification of Delinquent Utility Accounts to the 2025 Tax Roll

Removed for further discussion.

I. Receive and File April 2025 Police Department Activity Report

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb to receive and file the April 2025 Police Department Activity Report.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

G. Budget Amendment – NFE Grant Writing Assistance – TEDF Category B Grant

Council member Lamb wanted to inform the public that the Village has hired the engineers and the Village has applied for \$250,000 in street funding.

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt to approve Budget Amendment BA-2025-203-205 to provide a supplemental appropriation in the Local Streets Fund for contractual services in the amount of \$4,500.00 for NFE to prepare and submit a grant application on behalf of the Village for the State of Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B grant program for the Village's 2026 PAMP local street improvements.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

H. Certification of Delinquent Utility Accounts to the 2025 Tax Roll

Council member Lamb asked about the number of accounts potentially being submitted to the Township and emphasized the importance of Administration reviewing available hardship programs.

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Dandalides to certify the list of delinquent utility accounts past due and authorize the Treasurer to place them on the July 1, 2025 tax bill if they are not paid prior to committing the tax roll.

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

9. Public Hearings

A. FY 2025-26 Budget and Millage Rates

MOTION: made by President Rutt, seconded by Pro Tem Ford to open the public hearing on the proposed budget and millage rate.

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

President Rutt opened the Public Hearing at 8:03 PM.

There were no public comments made.

MOTION: made by President Rutt, seconded by Pro Tem Ford to close the public hearing on the proposed budget and millage rate.

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

President Rutt closed the Public Hearing at 8:04 PM.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to adopt the FY 2025-26 General Appropriations Act resolution 2025-016 approving the FY 2025-26 Budget for the Village of Lake Orion and adopting the FY 2025-26 general operating, police operating, and Headlee override millage rates.

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

Discussion ensued between council members and the Village Manager about whether or not the Council should adopt the budget without having final numbers from the DDA Executive Director.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to **WITHDRAW THE PREVIOUS MOTION** for adopting the FY 2025-26 General Appropriations Act resolution 2025-016 approving the FY 2025-26 Budget for the Village of Lake Orion and adopting the FY 2025-26 general operating, police operating, and Headlee override millage rates.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

MOTION made by Council member Cyrowski, Seconded by Council member Dandalides to **POSTPONE** the adoption of FY 2025-26 General Appropriations Act resolution 2025-016 approving the FY 2025-26 Budget for the Village of Lake Orion and adopting the FY 2025-26 general operating, police operating, and Headlee override millage rates for two weeks and to be brought back at the next council meeting on May 27, 2025.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

Council member Lamb commented that the Police millage doesn't pay for the Police department but only 40 percent of the Police and is supplemental.

10. Closed Session Items

A. Consider Attorney-Client Privileged Communication - Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, MCL 15.268(1)(h)

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt to convene into closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268(1)(h) for the purpose of considering Attorney-Client Privileged Communication.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

The Village Council convened to a Closed Session at 8:13 PM.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to reconvene into open session.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

The Village Council reconvened to Open Session at 8:39 PM.

11. Business From Closed Session

A. Lions Club Jubilee Event Permit Application

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski to approve the 2025 Lions Club Jubilee Event Permit Application with the following conditions: to increase the insurance liability amount to 5 million, and to sign a hold harmless agreement. This approval is with the configuration that was presented to council on May 12, 2025.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Ford, Cyrowski, Comparoni Jr

VOTING NAY: Lamb, Dandalides

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

Council expressed general support for the Lions Club Jubilee event; however, Council Members Dandalides and Lamb voiced concerns and did not offer their support due to safety-related issues. Discussion also included the potential for relocating the event in future years to address those concerns. Fire Chief Allen was present to answer questions and provided an overview of the Fire Department's process for reviewing and approving special events.

Several residents spoke in support of the Lions Club Jubilee, noting the additional time and effort contributed by volunteers to help make the event possible.

12. Other Items

A. Approval of DDA Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to return the proposed budget to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board with the following considerations:

1. Request that the DDA approve reimbursing the Village Administration for the funds previously requested.
2. Include in the DDA's budget both existing and proposed fund balances.
3. Present the budget in the same BSA software format used by the Village.
4. Reflect in the budget the agreed-upon allocations as outlined in the 75/25 cost-sharing plan.
5. Request that the DDA meet with the Village Council prior to the next Council meeting to confirm the following:
 - Administrative cost amounts,
 - Police Department cost amounts (if any), and
 - Department of Public Works (DPW) cost amounts (if any).

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Moshier

MOTION: Carried

Council engaged in a discussion with Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director Gibb regarding the proposed DDA budget and noted several discrepancies. Multiple Council Members expressed concerns about moving forward with approval without finalized figures and

formal approval from the DDA Board. There was general disapproval among Council regarding the lack of complete and confirmed budget information.

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to **AMEND** the previous motion to include the following additional consideration:

- Request that the DDA and Council committee review the General Activities line item in the amount of \$36,842 in committee this week to determine if there is room for an agreement.

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

B. Confirmation of Special Assessment Roll – Sidewalk Improvement Program (SWIP) 2025 District #1

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt to adopt the resolution (2025-016) determining to proceed with the 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Program District #1 Project to be defrayed by special assessment; correcting and confirming the special assessment roll therefor; and directing the placement of the special assessments on the Village of Lake Orion tax roll for collection.

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

C. Award of Contract – SWIP 2025 District #1 Project

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to award the contract for the 2025 Village of Lake Orion Sidewalk Improvement Program (SWIP) District #1 project to responsive and responsible low bidder Santos Cement 1, Inc., of Lincoln Park, Michigan, in the total base bid amount of \$17,607.00 and authorize the Village Manager to execute all necessary documents relating to this contract award.

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

D. Resolution of Support for Submission of Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category B Grant Application – PAMP Treatment “A” Projects

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt to adopt the resolution (2025-017) supporting the submission of the Village of Lake Orion FY 2026 Community Service Infrastructure (Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B) grant application and designating the Village Manager as authorized representative for the project.

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

VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: Moshier
MOTION: Carried

E. Cityhood Discussion

MOTION by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Cyrowski to form a committee with Council member Lamb and two other council members, to investigate the relative merits of Cityhood for the Village of Lake Orion.

VOTING YEA: Rutt, Cyrowski, Lamb, Dandalides, Comparoni Jr
VOTING NAY: Ford
ABSENT: Moshier
MOTION: Carried

Various Council members went over several pros to the idea of Cityhood.

Donald Kindred spoke about his feelings about Cityhood and disbanding of the Police Department.

Rosemary Ford spoke on Cityhood and the process of Cityhood.

Mr. Decker spoke about his thoughts on Cityhood.

MOTION by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb to appoint Council member Cyrowski, Council member Lamb, and President Rutt to a Cityhood committee to investigate and bring a recommendation back to the Village Council at the end of the calendar year.

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

13. Call to the Public

Donald Kindred spoke about the costs of the police department and his support for the Cityhood.

Tim McMaken spoke about his challenges with completion of the project on his home and his challenges with getting answers and he was directed to address Administration.

14. Council Comments

Council Member Cyrowski discussed the pros and cons of pursuing cityhood and clarified that the Police Department would remain in place under a city structure.

Council Member Dandalides expressed concerns about the current Special Event process and emphasized the need for it to be revamped in the future.

President Pro Tem Ford thanked the DDA for its collaboration with the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), expressed enthusiasm about the progress of the Lumberyard project, and extended appreciation to the Lions Club.

Council Member Comparoni Jr. stated that there needs to be more mutual respect shown among Council Members.

Council Member Lamb thanked the Village Manager and echoed the need to improve the Special Event process.

President Rutt clarified that the Police Department does not cost \$6 million, in response to a prior public comment. He also thanked staff for their efforts on the sidewalk improvement program.

15. Village Manager Comments

Village Manager McClary provided a brief update regarding Green's Park seasonal staffing, noting that preparations are underway. He also reported that upcoming meetings will be scheduled to review the Fee Schedule, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and Water and Sewer Rates. In addition, he shared that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be conducting a fisheries survey on Lake Orion.

16. Closed Session Items

A. Consider Periodic Personnel Evaluation of Village Manager – MCL 15.268(1)(a)

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Dandalides to convene into closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268(1)(a) for the purpose of considering the periodic personnel evaluation of the Village Manager as requested by the Village Manager.

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

The Village Council convened to a Closed Session at 10:14 PM.

MOTION made by Council member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by President Rutt to reconvene into open session.

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

The Village Council convened into Open Session at 10:47 PM.

17. Adjournment

MOTION made by President Rutt Seconded by Pro Tem Ford to adjourn the May 12, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

The May 12, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:48 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on May 27, 2025.