



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, August 11, 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 11, 2025 Village Council Regular meeting was called to order at 6:35 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

Village Manager Darwin McClary

Police Chief Mark Amundson

DPW Director Wes Sanchez

Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout

4. Presentations

None.

5. Call to the Public

Mary Byers spoke about the Village Property Inventory Project and asked for answers to questions she had raised in a previous document found in an earlier packet. President Rutt directed her to refer to Administration for responses.

Matt Gibb, DDA Executive Director, stated he was representing some of the business owners in the DDA district and requested that a brief discussion on the sign ordinance be added to tonight's agenda.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt to approve the August 11, 2025 Village Council agenda with the addition of item 10.D Discussion on Sign Ordinance, 10. E. Schedule next Council work session for Administration hours and Inclement weather policy, and 10. F. Discussion of Cityhood Committee.

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 President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of items: A. Approval of Village Council Regular meeting minutes of July 28, 2025, E. Receive and File correspondence from Cory Johnston dated July 27, 2025 and item I. Receive and File July 2025 Police Department Activity Report for further discussion.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

A. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2025

Removed for further discussion.

B. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2025

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

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

C. Receive and File of Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb to receive and file the Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

D. Receive and File of Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb to receive and file the Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2025, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

E. Receive and File Correspondence from Cory Johnston dated July 27, 2025

Removed for further discussion.

F. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for August 12, 2025

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Lamb to receive and file the bills in the amount of \$ 253,094.75 of which \$ 116,441.71 are DDA bills for a net total of \$136,653.04 and to receive and file the DDA bills.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

G. Receive and File Financial Statements - July 2025

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

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

H. Receive and File Investment Report - June 2025

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

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

I. Receive and File July 2025 Police Department Activity Report

Removed for further discussion.

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2025

Council Member Dandalides inquired about the item from July 28, 2025, referencing the Orion Township Paint Creek Ridge Subdivision Storm Sewer Improvement Project. He expressed concerns about potential future liability and requested that the Village Manager send out the engineers' report, which stated that the Village did not contribute to the silt on the property in question. President Rutt also asked the Village Manager to distribute the report to the Village Council.

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

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

E. Receive and File Correspondence from Cory Johnston dated July 27, 2025

Council Member Lamb acknowledged Cory Johnston's correspondence and thanked him for sharing his concerns, noting that he shares similar feelings.

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the correspondence from Cory Johnston dated July 27, 2025, regarding the Lumberyard property.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

I. Receive and File July 2025 Police Department Activity Report

Council Member Lamb inquired with the Chief of Police about whether there had been an increase in safety issues within the community related to the Mocerri and Lumberyard developments. The Chief responded that there has been an increase in ticketing pedestrians for failing to use the crosswalk on M-24.

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Pro Tem Ford to receive and file the July 2025 Police Department Activity Report.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. Accept Council Member Resignation- Carl Cyrowski

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier to accept the resignation of Council Member Carl Cyrowski from the Lake Orion Village Council, effective July 28, 2025.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Stout to publish the Council Member vacancy notice on the Village website, in Village Hall, and in the Lake Orion Review on August 20, 2025.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by President Rutt to schedule a Special Meeting on September 2, 2025, at 4:30 PM for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the vacant Council Member position, with the intent to make an appointment at the Regular Council Meeting on September 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

B. Proposed 2025-2031 Capital Improvement Plan

Council Member Dandalides asked whether the revision affected the current budget, and Village Manager McClary clarified that it did not. Dandalides also inquired about the availability of water and sewer rate projections for residents. Village Manager McClary noted that projecting future rates is difficult due to many variables. President Rutt and Pro Tem Ford agreed that sharing the factors influencing these rates would be helpful for residents.

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier to adopt the 2025-2031 Village of Lake Orion Capital Improvement Plan **without** the revision reflecting the change in estimated cost for the Atwater Park Basketball Court Replacement Project from \$40,000 to \$84,000.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

C. Change in Oakland County Dog License Program

Pro Tem Ford requested that the updated information be posted on the Village website for residents. Chief Amundson noted that there would be no changes to police enforcement of the

current ordinance. Council Member Moshier expressed hope that residents will continue to obtain dog licenses despite the change in the process.

MOTION made by Council member Dandalides, Seconded by Pro Tem Ford to authorize the Village Manager to provide notice to Oakland County Animal Shelter of the Village's intent to discontinue the sale of dog licenses at the Village offices and to direct all customers wishing to purchase dog licenses to the DocuPet web site as the County's new dog license issuer.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

D. Discussion on Sign Ordinance

A discussion took place between the Council and the Village Manager about the sign ordinance being an administrative process. Council Member Dandalides stated he had received correspondence from a business owner and had met with that business owner and the Chief of Police regarding the ordinance. Council Member Moshier inquired about the nature of the complaints received. Chief Amundson stated they had received various complaints, ranging from unpermitted signs to signs blocking the sidewalk. He explained that their current approach has been to educate business owners about the ordinance before issuing tickets, due to a lack of enforcement in previous years.

DDA Director Matt Gibb stated that the ordinance notifications expire on Friday, and he planned to have business owners remove their signs in the meantime. Village Manager McClary requested information about the concerns from business owners and said he would work with the Chief of Police to bring any suggestions back to the Village Council at a later date.

Harry Stephens stated that there has been a lack of ordinance enforcement in the past, and as a result, some residents are now having issues adjusting to the enforcement of existing ordinances.

Rosemary Ford suggested that the DDA Director might be speaking on behalf of the business owners to help them avoid negative public perception.

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier to request the Village Manager to review the sign ordinance with the DDA Director Matt Gibb.

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

VOTING NAY: Comparoni Jr

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

E. Schedule Council work session for Administration hours and Inclement weather policy

Council Member Dandalides stated that his request was a follow-up from a previous meeting and expressed interest in scheduling the next meeting.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council member Dandalides to schedule a Village Council work session for September 22, 2025 at 5:30 PM for the purpose of discussion of the Administration office hours and review the inclement weather policy.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

F. Discussion of Cityhood Committee

Council Member Lamb stated in an earlier Village Council meeting, during the discussion about Cityhood, that there was conversation about forming a committee to assist in investigating whether the Village should pursue Cityhood. Council Member Dandalides suggested involving the DDA in this process.

MOTION made by Council member Lamb, Seconded by Council member Moshier, to form an ad hoc committee to come back to council prior to February 1st, 2026 with a recommendation to the Village Council on whether or not the Village should pursue Cityhood and would be comprised of Council member Lamb, Council member Dandalides and Council member Moshier and three citizens to be chosen by application to be selected at the September 8 meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

11. Call to the Public

Rosemary Ford emphasized the need for Council members to speak into microphones for better audience audibility.

Harry Stephens suggested posting information on the website about how to obtain a dog license, recommended providing more explanation for those who don't understand how to read the Clemis Police report, and proposed a smaller pavement area for the Atwater basketball court to help reduce costs.

12. Council Comments

Council Member Moshier thanked everyone in the audience for attending and wished the Village Manager a well-deserved vacation.

Council Member Dandalides encouraged spreading the word about the vacant Council Member position.

Pro Tem Ford also suggested promoting the Council vacancy and thanked the Chief for enforcing ordinances.

Council Member Comparoni thanked everyone for their work and expressed interest in hearing more about the inventory mapping project.

Council Member Lamb thanked everyone and encouraged residents to volunteer in the Cityhood effort. He also noted that population growth is expected in the coming years due to ongoing development.

President Rutt urged residents to use the crosswalk for safety and mentioned that the scope of the Atwater basketball court project has changed due to increased costs.

13. Village Manager Comments

Village Manager McClary provided a brief response to Mary Byers' public comment, stating that the document she referenced pertains to the steps and process for the Village Inventory Mapping Project, which has only just begun and is not yet completed. He also provided the Council with his Village Manager's report, which is available on the website, along with a list of upcoming important dates.

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 11, 2025, Village Council Regular Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The August 11, 2025, Village Council Regular meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on August 25, 2025