



MINUTES

COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

4:00 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The April 22, 2026 Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Rutt at 4:00 PM.

2. 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

ABSENT

Council Member Eric Papacek

STAFF PRESENT

Village Manager Darwin McClary

Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout

Police Chief Mark Amundson

DPW Director Wes Sanchez

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford to excuse Council Member Papacek from the April 22, 2026 Special Meeting.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Papacek

MOTION: Carried

3. Call to the Public

None.

4. Other Items

A. Review and Discuss Proposed FY 2026-27 Budget

DPW Director Sanchez reviewed General Fund revenues from boat dock and Green's Park passes.

Under Parks and Recreation (751) expenditures, he noted the inclusion of lifeguard staffing and additional funding for park Wi-Fi under the Green's Park telephone line item. Council discussed engineering services and the potential removal of lifeguards. DPW Director Sanchez indicated the budget would remain largely consistent with the prior year absent further Council direction.

Within the Cemetery Trust Fund (151), DPW Director Sanchez reported increased lot sales and a proposed fee increase. He confirmed the cemetery is currently operating at a loss, with maintenance identified as the primary expense.

For Major Streets (202), Village Manager McClary reported anticipated revenue increases of approximately \$100,000 through the Neighborhood Roads program, noting uncertainty regarding fund allocation guidance from the Michigan Department of Treasury. Council discussed contractual services, equipment rental accounts, and benefit cost allocations. The potential creation of a motor pool/vehicle replacement fund was also discussed. Village Manager McClary noted this change would increase the General Fund's contribution to the Public Works Fund to offset the shift in costs.

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides to direct the Village Manager to establish a DPW capital equipment fund or include a dedicated line item within the DPW fund prior to finalizing the budget recommendation.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Papacek

MOTION: Carried

Under Local Streets (203), Village Manager McClary explained that the State Grant line reflects the TEDF grant from the original project and may be adjusted as the project progresses.

President Rutt left at 4:50 PM.

Council Member Lamb raised concerns regarding the need to replace Village signage.

Under Public Works (225), DPW Director Sanchez noted a historical decrease in General Fund contributions, though Village Manager McClary indicated this may change with the potential addition of a motor pool fund. Wages, pension contributions, and facility improvements—including DPW building repairs and restroom and shower upgrades—were discussed.

Under Water and Sewer (592), DPW Director Sanchez reported a 2.7% increase in sewer maintenance costs through the WRC. Contractual services were discussed, including engagement with a contractor to assist with cross-connection compliance in accordance with EGLE requirements.

Council Member George Dandalides left at 5:30 PM.

5. Call to the Public

Village Manager McClary reviewed questions submitted via email from James Barry regarding grants, interest income, contractual and shared services, pensions, General Fund insurance, the Street Fund, and DDA TIF.

6. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council Member Comparoni Jr, Seconded by Council Member Moshier to adjourn the April 22, 2026, Village Council Special Meeting.

VOTING YEA: Ford, Moshier, Lamb, Comparoni J

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Papacek, Rutt, Dandalides

MOTION: Carried

The April 22, 2026, Village Council Special Meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Sonja Stout
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented May 11, 2026