



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Monday, August 10, 2026

6:30 PM

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

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

1. Call to Order

The August 10, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Rutt at 6:30 PM.

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
Council Member Eric Papacek

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Mark Amundson
Interim DPW Director Sam Hicks
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynsey Blough

4. Presentations

None.

5. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by President Rutt, to approve the August 10, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting Agenda, as presented.

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

6. Call to the Public

Donald Kindred expressed concerns regarding government accountability, freedom of speech, and transparency, and called for greater responsiveness to residents' concerns.

7. Consent Agenda

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

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to approve the August 10, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting Consent Agenda with the following changes:

- Removal of Item A. Approval of Special Event: Sick Race Stop
- Removal of Item B. Approval of Special Event Lake Orion High School Homecoming Parade
- Removal of Item I. Receive and File of Financial Statements for July 2026

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

A. Approval of Special Event: Sick Race Stop

Removed for further discussion.

B. Approval of Special Event: Lake Orion High School Homecoming Parade

Removed for further discussion.

C. Approval of Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to approve the Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2026, as presented.

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

D. Approval of Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to approve the Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2026, as presented.

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

E. Receive and File Board of Zoning Regular Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the July 2, 2026, Board of Zoning Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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

F. Receive and File of Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file of Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026, as presented.

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

G. Receive and File of the Correspondence from Jason Levandowski

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the correspondence from community member Jason Levandowski dated July 27, 2026 concerning the proposed amendments to zoning ordinance Section 13.11(E) -Accessory Mechanical Units.

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

H. Receive and File of Invoice Distribution Report for August 11, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the Invoice Distribution Report in the amount of \$270,071.80 of which \$5,249.85 are DDA bills for a net total of \$264,821.95.

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

I. Receive and File of Financial Statements for July 2026

Removed for further discussion.

J. Approval of Job Description for Police Officer

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to approve the updated job descriptions for the position of Police Officer, as presented.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

K. Approval of Village Manager's Designation of Acting Village Manager – August 11 through August 21, 2026

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to approve, pursuant to Section 3.7 of the Village Charter, the Village Manager's designation of Police Chief Mark Amundson as Acting Village Manager during the Village Manager's temporary absence from the Village due to vacation for the period of Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 12:01 AM through Friday, August 21, 2026, at 11:59 PM, and to approve an increase in hourly pay of \$4.01 for 72 hours for serving as Acting Village Manager during such period.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

L. Receive and File July 2026 Police Department Activity Report

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to receive and file the July 2026 Police Department Activity Report.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Special Event: Sick Race Stop

Council Member Papacek requested clarification regarding the SICK Race event and the differing times listed for the event and street closures. Chief Amundson clarified that the event will run from 4:00 p.m. to midnight, with street closures beginning at 2:00 p.m. to accommodate downtown parking restrictions.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by Council Member Dandalides, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-030, approving the "Sick Race Stop" Special Event Permit and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and Sick Pizza (represented by Scott Taylor) for

the event to be held on August 21, 2026, 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, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

B. Approval of Special Event: Lake Orion High School Homecoming Parade

President Pro Tem Ford recognized the Lake Orion High School Homecoming Parade as an important community tradition and noted that the event qualifies for a waiver of applicable Village fees under Resolution No. 2025-006.

Lori Hogan, a Lake Orion High School teacher, explained that the Homecoming Parade was moved to Sunday to allow more students and families to attend and to avoid Friday traffic and school transportation conflicts. She noted that the Sunday parade also supports downtown businesses and serves as a community-wide kickoff to Homecoming Week.

MOTION made by President Pro Tem Ford, Seconded by Council Member Comparoni Jr, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-028 approving the “Lake Orion High School Homecoming Parade” Special Event Permit and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and the Lake Orion Leadership Class, represented by Lora Hogan, for the event to be held on October 4, 2026, 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, Papacek
VOTING NAY: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Carried

I. Receive and File of Financial Statements for July 2026

Council Member Papacek questioned the projected negative fund balance in the Local Street Fund and requested clarification on whether it was related to the timing of grants or other revenues. Police Chief Amundson agreed to research the matter and provide an explanation to the Council.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to receive and file the Financial Reports for July 2026.

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

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Other Items

A. FOIA Appeal - Kindred

Council Member Lamb sought clarification regarding the denial of a FOIA request for complaints and charges against a Village Police Officer. Police Chief Amundson explained that the request was denied because law enforcement personnel records are exempt from disclosure under state law and clarified that the second document in the packet was the requester's appeal, not a separate FOIA request.

Council Member Papacek discussed the statutory exemptions and whether a partial disclosure or redaction could be considered, and Police Chief Amundson clarified that the Council's options were to uphold or overturn the denial.

Donald Kindred, the requester, stated that he believed the requested information was subject to disclosure and expressed concerns regarding the handling of his prior interactions with Village police and FOIA requests.

Police Chief Amundson clarified that there were no complaints, charges, or allegations involving Village police officers related to sexual assault, stating that such claims were false. He noted that while public comment and freedom of speech are protected, defamatory statements may be referred to the Village's legal counsel. He also offered to provide information regarding any specific allegations if requested and emphasized the importance of maintaining public trust.

Council Member Lamb stated that allegations should be submitted through appropriate channels and noted that the Police Chief had addressed the specific allegation raised by the FOIA requester.

MOTION made by President Rutt, Seconded by President Pro Tem Ford, to uphold the denial of Mr. Kindred's FOIA request on the basis that the requested records are exempt from disclosure pursuant to MCL 15.243(1)(s)(ix).

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

B. Introduction and First Reading of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Standby Generator Mechanical Units

Council Member Dandalides expressed concerns that removing the objective decibel standard would make noise enforcement subjective, particularly in areas with closely spaced homes. He suggested considering alternative generator locations, screening, and additional safety requirements, and recommended referring the item back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration.

Council Members Papacek and Lamb supported further review, including retaining an objective noise standard and providing clearer placement guidelines. Police Chief Amundson clarified that

existing nonconforming generators would generally be considered preexisting, nonconforming uses.

Jason Lewandowski questioned the basis for the proposed changes and expressed concern that removing the 55-decibel standard could reduce protections for neighboring residents. He also supported considering carbon monoxide safety for the property where the generator is installed.

Matt Craig, a resident and Planning Commission Member, recused himself from the vote during the July 6, 2026, Planning Commission Regular Meeting. He discussed his need for a generator and questioned the practicality of the existing decibel standard, noting variations in weather conditions and manufacturer ratings.

MOTION made by Council Member Dandalides, Seconded by Council Member Comparoni Jr, to not accept the first reading and refer it back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

C. 2026 Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Cost Limits – Act 152 of 2011

Police Chief Amundson explained the three options available to the Village under Act 152: the State-established hard cap, an 80/20 employee-employer contribution, or opting out of the limits. Village Administration recommended continuing the Village's historical practice of following the hard cap.

Council Members Dandalides and Lamb and President Rutt supported remaining with the hard cap, citing current circumstances and the impact on employees.

Steve Matter of Corporate Benefit Solutions noted that this was the first year the Village exceeded the hard cap due to rising health care costs and stated that remaining with the hard cap would be less disruptive to employees than moving to an 80/20 contribution.

Since Village Council accepted the hard cap limits, no action is required.

D. Request for Preparation of Disincorporation Ballot Proposal FAQ (Request from Dandalides)

Council Member Dandalides requested discussion on developing an unbiased FAQ to provide residents with factual information regarding the potential implications of disincorporation, including the process, transition of services and employees, debts, assets, and the DDA. He suggested using a neutral third party or other impartial resource.

Council Member Lamb raised concerns regarding the timing of the Oakland County Election Commission's action and the pending emergency court hearing concerning placement of the proposal on the ballot. He stated that the Village should remain neutral or use an independent third party to provide factual information.

President Rutt stated that many questions regarding disincorporation could not be answered definitively because the Village would not control all aspects of the process. She favored allowing the citizen-led process to continue without Village involvement or expenditure of funds for consultants.

Council Member Comparoni Jr stated that Council had previously voted to take no action and supported remaining out of the process unless a future proposal was brought before Council.

President Pro Tem Ford agreed that the process should remain citizen-led, with residents on either side conducting their own research.

Council Member Papacek acknowledged the importance of providing factual information but noted that Council had previously decided not to undertake a formal study. He supported allowing the matter to proceed to a vote, if placed on the ballot, and expressed concern regarding the cost and perception of a Village-sponsored effort.

Council Member Moshier stated that many questions could not be addressed until it was known whether the proposal would appear on the ballot and supported waiting for the outcome of the pending proceedings.

Council Member Lamb noted that residents can obtain Village financial and other public information through available reports and FOIA requests to conduct their own research.

Police Chief Amundson reiterated that Village staff had been directed to remain neutral and would neither advocate for nor oppose the disincorporation proposal while continuing to provide Village services.

Steve Samet stated that residents should not assume that all Village taxes would disappear if the Village were disincorporated and referenced potential obligations associated with existing Village debt and changes to police funding. Council Member Lamb requested that the comments remain within the scope of the agenda item, and Mr. Samet agreed to address the matter during public comment.

Harry Stephen stated that factual financial information, including audited financial records, should be made available to residents to assist them in making an informed decision.

Robert Reighard stated that the Council should remain out of the citizen-led petition process and that factual information should be provided to residents. He also raised various financial and service considerations related to the Village, but Council Member Lamb asked that arguments concerning the petition not be made during the discussion.

Scott Gabriel described Orion Township's approach to providing factual information regarding its proposed fire and police millages while leaving advocacy to a citizen-led effort.

Rosemary Ford requested clarification regarding who received notice of the pending court proceedings, who initiated the litigation, the role of Village Administration, and the court's authority regarding placement of the proposal on the ballot.

Lee Marriott questioned how the matter reached Oakland County Circuit Court after Council voted to take no action on the petition and why information regarding the proceedings had not been made public.

Gaspar Vitale stated that residents have questions regarding the potential consequences of disincorporation but believed the immediate priority was understanding the pending court proceeding and whether the proposal would appear on the ballot.

Don Connery questioned who initiated the litigation, what action had been taken to ensure the proposal was placed on the ballot, and whether the Village's legal counsel had adequately represented Council's direction. He also questioned whether a special election could be pursued if the proposal did not appear on the November ballot.

Donald Kindred questioned why Council Member Lamb received notice of the court proceeding and expressed concerns regarding transparency in the process.

A resident stated that residents should have sufficient information to make an informed decision and expressed concern that some petition signers may not have fully understood the petition. The resident also referenced the prior discussion regarding researching the potential advantages and disadvantages of disincorporation.

Council Member Lamb disclosed that he and Robert Reighard, acting as private citizens, had filed a complaint in Oakland County Circuit Court seeking to compel the County Clerk and Oakland County Election Commission to place the disincorporation proposal on the ballot. He stated that an emergency hearing was scheduled for the following morning and emphasized that the action was taken independently and not on behalf of the Village Council.

Council Member Dandalides stated that his intent in proposing the FAQ was to provide residents with objective, data-based information to assist them in making an informed decision and indicated that he was comfortable with the direction of the discussion.

11. Call to the Public

Steve Samet discussed financial obligations and services that he stated could remain following disincorporation, including water and sewer costs, Village debt, pension obligations, and potential changes to garbage collection. He also raised potential impacts to the DDA and its tax capture and stated that tax reductions may be less than anticipated.

Robert Reighard questioned the actions of the Village Manager and Village Attorney regarding the disincorporation petition and pending litigation. He disputed statements regarding the financial impacts of disincorporation and suggested that the Village could reduce expenses and operate more affordably if it remained incorporated.

Harry Stephen suggested using bulk mailing for monthly utility bills to reduce postage costs and questioned the timing of the Village Manager's temporary coverage.

A resident expressed concern regarding a collaboration between a Village Council Member and the original petitioner concerning the disincorporation effort.

Rosemary Ford expressed concerns regarding Council Members' participation in the disincorporation litigation as private citizens and suggested recusal may be appropriate to avoid public perception concerns. She also discussed potential challenges with township services and funding and encouraged residents to consider the Village's existing services when evaluating the proposal.

Scott Gabriel, a Township resident, discussed the Township's proposed fire and police millages and the funding needed to maintain public safety services. He also discussed the costs and lifespan of fire equipment and the financial responsibilities associated with local government.

Paul Montgomery questioned the Village's debts, assets, and infrastructure needs and suggested greater transparency regarding the Village's financial position. He also discussed simplifying local government and the potential continuation of the DDA under a successor government.

Donald Kindred expressed concerns regarding transparency in the disincorporation petition and pending litigation and raised concerns regarding the handling of FOIA requests. He stated that these concerns contributed to his support for disincorporation.

Lee Marriott questioned whether the Village Manager and Village Attorney's involvement in the Oakland County litigation regarding the disincorporation petition was consistent with their roles and employment responsibilities.

Christina Reighard stated that her family was responsible for collecting most of the petitions and that Council's decision to take no action was consistent with the petition process. She expressed concern that Village employees acted independently regarding the matter and stated that private citizens subsequently sought to ensure the petition was placed on the ballot as requested by the petitioners.

12. DDA Executive Director Comments

None.

13. Council Comments

Council Member Lamb clarified that he voted to take no action on the disincorporation petition so that the matter could be decided by voters and reiterated his support for residents' right to vote on such petitions. He stated that the Village, Township, and their respective attorneys were not involved in the pending litigation. He also clarified that, under state law, the DDA would continue under the successor governmental entity if the Village were disincorporated, though it could experience a reduction in funding and would be subject to the Township's oversight.

Council Member Comparoni Jr expressed concerns regarding a fellow Council Member and referred the matter to the Ethics Committee. He promoted the upcoming Sick Race Stop and Woodward Dream Cruise, noting their anticipated benefit to Downtown businesses. He also commended the DPW for its prompt response to a recent sewer leak on Bellevue that resulted in a small amount of discharge into the lake.

President Pro Tem Ford stated that he supports the services provided by the Village but acknowledged that the disincorporation petition process should proceed as previously approved, noting that he wants the matter resolved one way or the other.

Council Member Dandalides clarified that the Village Manager's absence was due to a recent loss in his family and expressed his condolences.

Council Member Moshier clarified that, despite serving on the Village Council, she is also a private citizen and may participate in matters affecting her as a resident in that capacity. She emphasized that Council Members are also Village residents and should be able to express their views as private citizens while continuing to serve the community.

Council Member Papacek expressed concern regarding the upcoming disincorporation vote and the process for placing the petition on the ballot. He noted that the petition had been certified by the appropriate authorities and encouraged residents to educate themselves on the issues and available information before making their decision. He stated that the Council should respect the outcome of the vote.

President Rutt encouraged residents to enjoy the remaining weeks of summer and highlighted the upcoming Teen Movie Night at Children's Park and Dragon on the Lake. She also encouraged residents to volunteer and support local events, parks, and businesses throughout the community.

14. Village Manager Comments

Police Chief Amundson clarified that the Village has not received information from Oakland County regarding whether the disincorporation proposal will appear on the ballot. He explained that the Village Council and Administration, followed by the Township, had completed their respective roles in the process and that the Village remains neutral on the proposal. He also clarified that the pending litigation does not involve the Village Administration, Council, or Township.

15. Closed Session Items

16. Business From Closed Session

17. Adjournment

MOTION made by Council Member Lamb, Seconded by Council Member Moshier.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Carried

The August 10, 2026, Village Council Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Teresa Rutt
President

Lynsey Blough, CMC
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Sonja Stout, MiCPT
Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: as presented on August 24, 2026

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