

**MINUTES
ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2026
7:00 PM**

1. Council President Lisa Perry called the Council Meeting of January 14, 2026 to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call

Members Present: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Members Absent: Foster
Others Present: Jud Kline, Mayor
Steve Byron, Law Director
Michael Roberts, Police Chief
Larry Genova, Fire Chief
Dana Kavander, Treasurer
Robert Zupan, Service Director
Anna Girardi, Council Clerk

4. A Motion to excuse Council Member Jeffery Foster from the January 14, 2026 Council Meeting was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

5. Mayor Kline presentation of proclamation to Sarah Korland

Mrs. Vincent congratulated Sarah Korland as Kiwanis senior of the month for December, 2025. Mayor Kline presented her with the proclamation. She was in attendance with her family.

6. A Motion to confirm the appointment of Danding Wu as Assistant Treasurer effective January 16, 2026 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mr. Bilsky.

Mrs. Kavander explained that Ms. Wu began her career at Orange Village as our part-time Accounts Payable Clerk in 2021. She was promoted her as full-time Finance Administrator in 2022. She has over 16 years of internal operation and financial auditing experience.

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

Mayor Kline administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Wu.

7. A Motion to confirm the appointment of Michael Debeljak as Deputy Police Chief effective January 16, 2026 was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Chief Roberts provided Michael Debeljak's background as a police officer with Orange Village. He joined the Orange Village Police Department in 2000. He respectfully requests confirmation of Mr. Debeljak's appointment.

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

Mayor Kline administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Chief Debeljak.

8. A Motion to confirm the appointment of Stephen Attewell as Police Lieutenant effective January 16, 2026 was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Chief Roberts provided Stephen Attewell's background as a police officer and high level of technology. He respectfully requests confirmation of Mr. Attewell's appointment.

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

Mayor Kline administered the Oath of Office to Police Lieutenant Stephen Attewell.

9. A Motion to confirm the appointment of Maicheal Ghobrial as Police Sergeant effective January 16, 2026 was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Chief Roberts provided Maicheal Ghobrial's background as a police officer with Orange Village. He is a field training officer for our department. He respectfully requests confirmation of Mr. Ghobrial's appointment.

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

Mayor Kline administered the Oath of Office to Police Sergeant Maicheal Ghobrial.

10. Appointment of council representative to the Planning and Zoning/ABR commission for 2026

Council President Perry appointed Councilwoman Ms. Ullner as council representative to the Planning and Zoning/ABR Commission for 2026.

Mayor Kline administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Kimberlee Ullner as a council representative of the Planning and Zoning/ABR Commission.

11. A Motion to ratify the purchase of the Village's 2026 Insurance and Risk Management program for the January 2026 to January 1, 2027 policy period in accordance with the Wichert Insurance proposal was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Ms. Ullner.

Mrs. Kavander explained that we went out for proposals for our insurance and this was the most responsive bidder. This is a 7.7% increase despite increasing building values, vehicles and adding some part time employees.

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

12. A Motion to appoint 2 Council persons, Ms. Kurland and Mr. Boyle, to the serve as Board Members of the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Ms. Ullner.

Chief Genova explained that this an annual board in case a firefighter is killed in the line of duty. Due to the fact that we are a part-time fire department we are considered a Volunteer Fire Department.

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

13. A Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November, 2025 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Mrs. Kavander explained the Treasurer's Report for November, 2025.

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

14. A Motion to approve the Tax Administrator's Report for November, 2025 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Mrs. Kavander explained the Tax Administrator's Report for November, 2025.

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

15. A discussion of the Bills to be paid in the month of January in the amount of \$812,449.63 and additional December expenses in the amount of \$275,358.50.

16. Audience comments relating to agenda items only

- No Comments

17. Old Business of Pending Legislation and Motions

A. ORDINANCE 2025-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN L. BYRON AND SINGERMAN, MILLS, DESBERG & KAUNTZ, CO. L.P.A., FOR LEGAL SERVICES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN L. BYRON AS LAW DIRECTOR, REPEALING SECTION 123.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd Reading

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2025-26 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Mr. Boyle stated we have had a lot of discussion concerning this Ordinance. He will be voting in favor. He thinks it is important that we have looked into other companies to make sure there was a bidding. He feels there should be a change in the expiration date to the middle of the year. He feels Steve Byron is capable.

Ms. Ullner stated she prefers any contracts come to council prior to the contract expiring and we not have to get this done faster. Mrs. Perry stated we should have them come to us prior to 90 days. Mr. Bilsky agreed with the suggestion.

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

18. New Business and Consideration of:

A. ORDINANCE 2026-1

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XI OF THE ORANGE VILLAGE CHARTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading

Administration requests suspension of the rules

A Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2026-1 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Mrs. Perry read the people that will be members of the committee. Thanked them for their time for this important committee. The first meeting will be February 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry

Nays: None

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2026-1 was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

The members will be sworn in at the first meeting. If they cannot attend they will be sworn in at the following meeting. The meetings are open to the public but the public is not permitted to vote. It will be up to the chair when people from the audience can participate.

Mr. Boyle stated he was on two commissions and it was very interesting. Mrs. Vincent thanked them for their time and participation.

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry

Nays: None

- Ohio Division of Liquor Control – New Social Cleveland, LLC (Pinstripes – Pinecrest)

Council discussed the liquor license application. This is for Pinstripes in Pinecrest. They were purchased by another entity. Chief Roberts stated they did a local record check and found no objections with the company. They plan to keep running the business as is.

19. Audience comments relating to matters which advance the good of the Village

- No comments

20. Comments by the Mayor

- Proud of our Police Department
- Holiday Tree Collection will be Tuesday, January 20 and the last one will be on Monday, January 26. Please note we are NOT branch chipping, this is only for holiday trees. Our equipment is not set up to chip branches.
- Knee surgery on February 2 – Lisa will be acting Mayor at that time
- Thanked the Charter Review Commission members for their volunteering their time. Also thank Scott Lewis and Rifka Claypool for assuming the roles of Chair and Vice Chair.

- Please remember to register your dog with Cuyahoga County. The deadline to get your dog's license is January 31. It is the law but it will also assist you if your dog is lost. If someone finds a dog with a license number on their collar, the county has the ability to identify the owner.
- Pinecrest – appreciative of Sgt. Sherwood as liaison
 - o Would like to work with them for events and for funding
 - Concerts
 - o Security training from our police department
- Planning Commission – clarifying language in the codes we have
 - o Asked Village Planner to review the language
 - o He will come back with the changes and Steve Byron will review it
- Sustainability – John Loftus – energy strategies and opportunities
- Orange CARES Committee
 - o reviewed items they did last year and will bring back some of the events like the bike tune-up
 - o No Child left behind
- In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Administrative, Building and Service Departments will be closed on Monday, January 19. Police and Fire are staffed 24/7
 - o **NO CHANGE IN TRASH PICKUP - TRASH AND RECYCLING WILL BE PICKED UP ON MONDAY**

21. Comments by the Council President

- Ryan Bilsky will chair the Finance Committee
- Kim Ullner will represent council on the Planning & Zoning Committee
 - o Thanked them both
- Move meetings along – Mrs. Vincent will no longer be providing a school board report
 - o If you have any questions concerning the schools, please see here
- Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20 at Orange Village Hall – all are welcome

22. Committee Reports and Comments by Council Members

Ullner

- Congratulated the police department
- P & Z Meeting - January 20 meeting – Tanger will attend to discuss the new plan for the greenspace
- Kiwanis – Wednesday, January 21
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Boyle

- Thanked the department heads especially Dana, they have been very helpful
 - o Reflection of the work that they do
- Member of the Grateful Dead passed away this weekend
 - o Social Justice issues
 - If they value democracy, they should get out and vote

Bilsky

- Great to see all the people here
- Economic Development Committee meeting will be will be on Thursday, January 22 at 7pm Orange Village Hall – all are welcome
- Active Orange – posted on website – this is open to all
 - o February 14 at 2pm at Orange Village Hall – Physical Wellness
 - o February 21 at 2pm- Financial Wellness
 - o Other dates to follow

Vincent

- Orange Arts & Culture – Tuesday, February 3 at 7pm
- Orange Artisan and Farmer’s Market have tentatively set their dates
 - o It is the second Saturday of the month from June to September
 - o Spring pop-up in May
- Congratulated Danding Wu, Debeljak, Attewell and Ghobrial
- MLK quote: “The time is always right to do what is right.”

Kurland

- Congratulated Sarah Korland
- Congratulated Danding Wu, Debeljak, Attewell and Ghobrial
- Orange Sustainability Committee Meeting update
 - o Will update

23. A Motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing pending or prospective litigation was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Law Director Steve Byron was asked to join the executive session

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Council reconvened the Council Meeting of January 12, 2026 at 8:37 p.m.

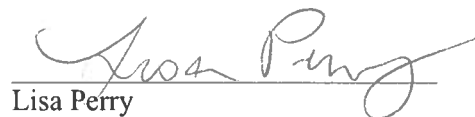
24. Adjournment of the Council Meeting of January 14, 2026

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of January 14, 2026 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mr. Boyle.

Ayes: Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Vincent, Kurland, Perry
Nays: None

Council Meeting of January 14, 2026 was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.


Annamarie Girardi
Council Clerk


Lisa Perry
Council President