

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

Administer the Oath of Office to Council Members:

James P. Boyle

- Dr. Rebecca Boyle, Orange School Board Member administered the Oath of Office to James Boyle (her husband)

Mayor Kline administered the Oath of Office to Council Members:

Jeffrey Foster

Amanda Kurland

Lisa Perry

A Motion to take a brief recess to enjoy cake was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

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

Nays: None

1. Council President Pro-Tem Staci Vincent called the Special Council Meeting of January 7, 2026 to order at 7:27 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call

Members Present: Bilsky, Ullner, Foster, Kurland, Boyle, Perry, Vincent

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Jud Kline, Mayor

Steve Byron, Law Director

Michael Roberts, Police Chief

Bill Mandich, Assistant Fire Chief

Robert Zupan, Service Director

Anna Girardi, Council Clerk

4. Nomination to appoint the Council President for 2026

Mrs. Vincent nominated Lisa Perry for Council President for 2026 seconded by Mr. Foster.

Mrs. Vincent stated Mrs. Perry has been a member of Orange Village Council for 28 years and served as Council President many times. She believes she will make an excellent president once again. Additional call for nominations read twice. There were no other nominations.

Mrs. Vincent made a motion to close nominations and instruct the Clerk to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Perry as Council President seconded by Mr. Foster.

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

Nays: None

Mrs. Perry thanked Council members and appreciates their support.

5. Nomination to appoint the Council President Pro-tem for 2026

Mrs. Perry nominated Mrs. Vincent for Council President Pro-Tem 2026. Additional call for nominations read twice. There were no other nominations.

Mrs. Perry made a motion to close nominations and instruct the Clerk to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Vincent as Council President Pro-tem seconded by Mr. Boyle.

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

Mrs. Vincent thanked Council members for allowing her this honor.

6. A Motion to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2025 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mr. Foster.

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

7. A Motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025 2025 was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mrs. Perry.

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

8. A Motion to declare a 2017 Ford Explorer, VIN #1FM5K8AR7HGC78839 and Step Right Up stair climber Model #ST-9000 as surplus, to be disposed of at the Mayor's discretion 2025 was made by Ms.Ullner seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Assistant Chief stated it has over 100,000 miles and was a police cruiser prior. The step machine is beyond repair.

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

9. Audience comments relating to agenda items only

- No Comments

10. 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, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd Reading

Mrs.Perry asked that we table this until next week – there were no objections

11. New Business and Consideration of:

- None

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

- No Comments

13. Comments by the Mayor

- Welcomed the new council members – look forward to working with them advancing the community’s objectives and goals
- Congratulated Mrs. Perry on her appointment of Council President and Mrs. Vincent as the Council President Pro-Tem
- Last Holiday light collection will take place this Friday, January 9 from 7am – 3pm at the Service Department, 4680 Lander Road
- Holiday Tree Collection continues each Monday through January 26 with the exception of January 19, we are closed so the pickup will be on Tuesday, January 20
- 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
- Thanked everyone that submitted their information for the Charter Review Commission
 - o Council will be reviewing the candidates and will contact you prior to the January 14 meeting
- First Call Program – working with area communities to produce the program
 - o A portion of the funding will be coming from Cuyahoga County
- MOU for Beachwood/Orange for Orange Place is completed
- Beachwood Inn is gone and the homes that are off Walnut Hills
- Canyons grand opening – many homes have already been sold
- Challenges with water issues – valve issues and watermain break in Solon
 - o Cleveland Water is working on the cause
- Friday is Law Enforcement Day – thank our police department for the great work they do for our Village
- Service Department continues to clean the roads
 - o Now that snow has melted please clean up the area around your home from trash that might have accumulated during the winter storms
- Will not be at February 3 meeting – knee replacement surgery may miss February 10 as well
- Happy New Year to all
 - o Look forward to working with our community and this council for Orange’s future

14. Comments by the Council President

- Welcomed old and new councilmembers looking forward to working with everyone
 - o Goal to help move our work forward in the most productive way and efficient manner possible
 - While respecting each and every single one of your voices
 - o Looking forward to working with Mayor Kline and administration to move Orange Village forward to benefit the residents and businesses
- Thanked everyone for your trust

15. Committee Reports and Comments by Council Members

Vincent

- Thanked Anna for the cake and the gathering earlier

- Happy New Year to everyone
- Welcomed the new council members and reelected members
- Thanked council for trusting her as Council Pro-Tem
- Congratulated new and old Mayor of Woodmere
- Arts & Culture did not meet in January
 - o If you are interested in joining the committee, please attend the next meeting – listed on website
- Orange Schools update
- Kiwanis meet on January 21 – Mayor Kline is the speaker
- Dr. Faith Durden – 2026 Cleveland Magazine feature
 - o She will be featured at our next Orange Spotlight
- Water issues with Solon
 - o Know it is not the fault of our administrative team
 - o Please contact the Water Department with any issues
 - o Bob Zupan stated the repair was delayed
 - Cleveland Water has been working diligently to try and find the reason for the issues
- Resident Zula Williams passed away – condolences to her family

Bilsky

- Welcomed new council members – looking forward to working with you
- Economic Development Meeting – January 22 at 7pm
- Active Orange – 3 sessions
 - o Financial Wellness
 - o Physical Wellness
 - o Mental Wellness
 - Stay tuned for more information

Ullner

- Welcomed new council member – will be a great year working together
- Orange CARES meeting – January 13 at 7pm
- Shop with a Cop – able to be a part of it
 - o It was really special to see the interaction with the children and the officers
- Challenge fellow council people over the next year
 - o Feels we are missing something and what we can do more for our youth (14-17)
 - Going on a date and they can't go to movies due to age restrictions
 - Opportunities/things we can do for our youth
- Planning and Zoning Commission update
 - o Pinecrest would like to make a change for the greenspace (by Condado's) into parking
 - o Made a strong argument concerning allowing the restaurants and stores to succeed
 - o The area will still be available to have events

Foster

- Cognizant of the military and their families due to events over the weekend
- Things that happened in Minnesota can happen anywhere
 - o Please give the officers space to do their job

Kurland

- Thanked the residents of Orange Village for instilling their trust in her
- Congratulated her fellow councilmembers
- Encourage outside lighting in residents' homes
 - o For safety – illuminate your address
- Noise increase from freeway – inquired about a wall
- Sustainability Committee will be Tuesday, January 13 – John Loftus will be the committee chair

- Council's job to give out the welcome packets previously feels she would like it to come back to council
 - o Mayor Kline stated we will go back to Councilmembers – contact Anna if you are interested

Boyle

- Thanked administration members for providing information for him as a new council member
 - Parents instilled public leadership is very important and we need more people to become involved
 - Campaign aspect – a great deal of important matters
 - o Going to be a busy and important year happy to be a part of it
16. A Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, compensation, and discipline of Village employees was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Ms. Ullner.

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

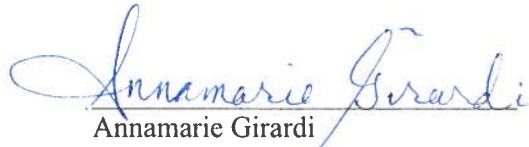
Entered into executive session at 8:06 p.m.

Reconvened the Special Council Meeting of January 7, 2026 at 9:45 p.m.

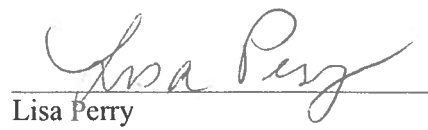
17. Adjournment of the Special Council Meeting of January 7, 2026

A Motion to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of January 7, 2026 was made by Mr. Foster seconded by Mr. Boyle.

Special Council Meeting of January 7, 2026 was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Annamarie Girardi

Council Clerk


Lisa Perry

Council President