

**MINUTES
ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2026
7:00 PM**

1. Council President Lisa Perry called the Council Meeting of February 11, 2026 to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call

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

4. A Motion to confirm the appointment of Michael Hounshell as an Orange Village Police Officer was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Chief Roberts provided Mr. Hounshell's background including 13 years' full-time experience as a police officer, State Trooper for 9 years and was promoted to Sergeant. He laterally transferred to the Euclid Police Department for 4years.

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

Council President Lisa Perry administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Hounshell.

5. A Motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Ford Interceptor Explorers from Montrose Ford for a total amount not to exceed \$99,478, which is part of the State Bid was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mr. Boyle.

Chief Roberts explained that we went to purchasing two vehicles per year, which he feels is a good sound practice. When these vehicles are in service they will come back to council to surplus two vehicles to be sold on GovDeals. We applied for a reimbursable grant that we hope will offset a large portion of the cost.

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

6. A Motion to approve the outfitting of two (2) Ford Interceptor Explorers from Hall Public Safety not to exceed \$40,785 was made by Mrs. Ullner seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

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

The cars will be available within 30 days and the outfitting depends on how vehicles are ahead of us.

7. A Motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD 4WD regular cab from Tim Lally Chevrolet, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$46,732.00 that was priced using GMC bid express purchasing program was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mr. Bilsky.

Service Director, Bob Zupan stated Council approved the purchase of a Dodge last week but when we ordered it there was a \$3000 clerical error which made the vehicle more expensive. We did due diligence and found that we could purchase this vehicle with the same equipment from the GMC bid program for less. We will not proceed with purchasing the Dodge but we would like to move forward with the purchase of this vehicle.

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

8. A Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December, 2025 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mr. Bilsky.

Mrs. Kavander explained the Treasurer's Report

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

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

Mrs. Kavander explained the Tax Administrator's Report

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

10. A discussion of the Bills to be paid in the month of February in the amount of \$328,321.15 and additional January expenses in the amount of \$80,929.32.

11. Audience comments relating to agenda items only

- No comments

12. Old Business of Pending Legislation and Motions

A. ORDINANCE 2026-3

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE MAP OF SURVEY, CONSOLIDATION, VACATION AND DEDICATION FOR A PORTION OF ORANGE PLACE AND PARCEL "D", AND BLOCKS OF "A", "B" AND "C". 2nd Reading

Referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission

B. ORDINANCE 2026-4

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1144.04 OF CHAPTER 1144, AMENDMENTS AND EXCEPTIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE(S) FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING CODE OF ORANGE VILLAGE. 2nd Reading

Referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Law Director, Steve Byron, stated he will reformat the Ordinance into bullet point form. He will send the revised version to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Boyle stated that this language will be the same as what is in the charter. Also, the information for posting a variance. Ms. Ullner stated there will be more of these Ordinances because Mr. McLaughlin will be reviewing all of the codes/Ordinances.

13. New Business and Consideration of:

A. ORDINANCE 2026-5

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF ORANGE VILLAGE DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026.

Administration requests suspension of the rules

A Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2026-5 was made by Mr. Foster seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

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

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2026-5 was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Mrs. Kavander explained that we are increasing the appropriation in the Police Department in order to purchase software for the police department from Lexipol. This software was discussed during the budget meetings but we did not add it at that time. After further review it was decided that it would be valuable for the department. The other increase was in the IT Department Other for a cyber security upgrade. We were recently notified that we were awarded a grant that we applied for in 2024. This is a reimbursement grant, so we will be receiving funds after we purchase the upgrades. Mr. Boyle stated that Lexipol is a great system and he was surprised we didn't have it yet.

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

B. ORDINANCE 2026-6

AN ORDINANCE ENGAGING CALFEE, HALTER & GRISOLD LLP, TO PROVIDE SPECIAL COUNSEL TO ORANGE VILLAGE IN UTILITY RELATED MATTERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading

A Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2026-6 was made by Mr. Foster seconded by Mrs. Perry.

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

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2026-6 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Mr. Byron stated that Woodbran provides sewer services to a great deal of residents. This will be paid from a fund we collect for franchise fees. They will analyze the fees to determine if they are over or underpaying for services. This provides Council with a way to negotiate. Ms. Ullner stated now is the time for anyone that uses Woodbran to let any member of council know if you have any concerns with service. The last time they had a rate increase was 2011. This has to come to council to set the rate. By state law they are entitled to cost plus 10% profit. Mr. Byron stated they should provide any issues to council within the month.

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

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

John Loftus, 4231 Lander Road

- Sustainability Committee – had NOPEC attend
 - o Many items they can bring to the table
 - Hopes Council will explore those opportunities
- Solar panel language in our zoning requested to review by Mayor Kline
 - o Submitted information to the committee
 - Has not received a great deal of comments
 - Wants language that encourages solar panels (currently it does not)
- No language in our zoning for wind energy
 - o Something to think about and get ahead of it
 - Mrs. Perry stated she looked into this there is a company but they are not ready to install this yet
 - o Ms. Ullner suggested Mr. Byron look into what other communities have in place
 - It is currently not permitted in the Village
 - o Anna will send out a survey to the Council Clerks Association to see if other communities have legislation concerning wind energy
 - Mr. Loftus suggested we contact NOPEC as well

15. Comments by the Mayor

- Mrs. Perry read Mayor Kline's comments
 - He stated he misses everyone
 - Monday is President's Day – Village Hall is OPEN and there is NO change in trash/recycling pick up. Please have your bins out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday
 - Ramadan begins at sundown on Tuesday, February 17 – I would like to wish everyone a blessed Ramadan
 - Paper shredding is Friday, February 20 from 9am – noon at the Service Department, 4680 Lander Road
 - Orange schools are closed this Friday and Monday, please drive carefully
 - February is Black History Month - It's a time to honor the contributions of Black Americans and a reminder to keep elevating Black voices and fostering inclusion throughout the entire year
 - February is also American Heart Month - I encourage everyone to take a moment this month to focus on their well-being and take advantage of any health resources available to us – including Active Orange Physical Wellness on February 14 at 2pm at Village Hall
 - Last but not least, Happy Valentine's Day to everyone on Saturday
 - He would like to thank everyone for their well wishes while he is at home recovering
 - Thanked the Service Department again for their work during the snow and cold weather

16. Comments by the Council President

- No comments
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17. Committee Reports and Comments by Council Members

Bilsky

- Active Orange – February 14 and 21 at 2pm at Orange Village Hall
- Snow plowing of the trails - fantastic job
 - o Why we are not able to do the ones in the neighborhoods
 - Recreational trails were installed with maintenance and repairs by the Village
 - Sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowners
 - Trails are wider than the sidewalks – obligation is to the trails only
 - Sidewalks are 5’ wide – plow and machine is 5’ wide – no room for error
- Mrs. Perry received a letter from a resident why are we not clearing the trails properly
 - o He suggested we may have a lawsuit
 - Mr. Byron stated there is zero liability

Ms. Ullner thanked the Service Department for cleaning the areas around the fire hydrants.

Foster

- Happy Black History Month
 - o Each group needs to celebrate themselves but also celebrate others, so we are more inclusive as a community

Vincent

- Thanked the Charter Review Commission
- Shared School Board President thanks to the Service Department staff for keeping the roads clear
- Call for local artists – organize a directory and showcase their work
- Arts & Culture – first Tuesday of the month
- Orange Library – Feb 21- 10am - noon – Art Supply Swap – Free and open to all
- Wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day, Happy Ramadan and Happy Chinese New Year

Kurland

- Congratulated Michael Hounshell on joining our wonderful Police Department
- Thanked Service Department for uncovering the fire hydrants
- Get solar panels for the Village expansion
 - o Residents can get in on that to decrease the cost
- Charter Review Meeting was very interesting
 - o If any residents have suggestions, please let on council know and they will pass it on
- Sustainability Meeting update
 - o Will meet second Tuesday of the month

Ullner

- First Aid training – April 2 @ 6pm
- Womens Self Defense Workshop – June 4 at 6pm
- Kiwanis Meeting – Wednesday at 7pm at Orange Senior Center
- If someone is having issues with Mental Health
 - o Mental Health Crisis - *988

Boyle

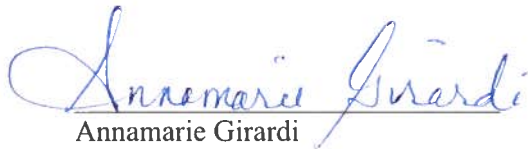
- Charter Review – 2nd and 4th Monday of the month
 - o Scott Lewis is the Chair
- Wish the Mayor good luck in his recovery

18. Adjournment of the Council Meeting of February 11, 2026

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mr. Foster

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

Council Meeting of February 11, 2026 was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



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Annamarie Girardi
Council Clerk



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Lisa Perry
Council President