

VILLAGE OF LAKE ODESSA
MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 10, 2025
PAGE MEMORIAL BUILDING
839 FOURTH AVENUE
LAKE ODESSA, MICHIGAN 48849

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by Village President Banks.

ROLL CALL

Council present: President Karen Banks, Trustee Mike Brighton, Trustee Terri Cappon, Trustee Ben DeJong, Trustee Bob Green, Trustee Roy Halfmann, Trustee Martha Yoder.

Absent: None

Staff present: Manager Gregg Guetschow, Chief Kendra Backing, Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Forman, Jake Hanson

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Cappon, supported by DeJong, to approve the agenda. All ayes; motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Beth Barrone – Shared comments about the hiring process for the Village Manager position.

NEW BUSINESS

A recap of the last meeting was given. Manager Guetschow handed out a diagram of skill and knowledge areas for the Village Manager. Summarized where we have been in the search and now, we are looking for a Deputy Village Manager. Manager Guetschow would like to move forward with an internship for Jake Hanson during the next three months. During this internship Jake would split his time between the Village Manager's office and his DPW responsibilities. This would give the Village an opportunity to evaluate Jake's potential and give Jake a chance to decide if this is what he is interested in. Specific assignments and projects would help with the evaluation. Council members discussed their thoughts about the internship.

Motion by Green, supported by Brighton, to recommend Jake Hanson for a 90 Day Internship in the Village Manager's office. All ayes; motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Halfmann, supported by Green, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy S. Forman
Village Clerk / Treasurer