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Village of Peninsula Council
REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 11, 2015

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CALL TO ORDER: The Village of Peninsula Council convened from 7:03 p.m. to 9:08 p.m. in the Peninsula Village Hall. Mayor Douglas Mayer called the meeting to order and initiated the pledge of allegiance with the following members and visitors present:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Michael Matusz	Present	Brian Schall	Present
Carol Kramer	Present	Pamela Schneider	Absent
Dee Holody	Present	Dan Schneider	Absent
Douglas Mayer, Mayor	Present		

BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES:

Amy Anderson	Present
Randy Bergdorf	Present
Jerry Ritch	Present

OTHERS PRESENT

John Stiegel, Connie Hesske, Chief Joseph Varga, Elizabeth Workman, Karen Nathan, Kevin Kramer

CEMETERY AGREEMENT WITH BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Mr. Bergdorf presented the annual report for the Union Cemetery Association of Boston Township. Members of Council and Boston Township Trustees stated that the agreement had been working well and that both parties would like to continue the agreement.

MOTION: TO RENEW THE ONE MIL AGREEMENT, ALLOWING BOSTON TOWNSHIP TO OPERATE THE BOSTON CEMETERY AND THE CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY IN PENINSULA.

Call for discussion by Ms. Holody. No response.

Moved by Mr. Bergdorf, seconded by Mr. Matusz.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dee Holody, aye; Brian Schall, aye; Pamela Schneider, absent; Daniel Schneider, absent; Amy Anderson, aye; Randy Bergdorf, aye; Jerry Rich, aye. **Motion passed with 7 votes.**

(Motion 70-2015)

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

COUNCIL PARTICIPATION

Ms. Holody presented notes from the conference call of March 25, 2015 with MS Consulting.

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MOTION: TO ENTER THE CONFERENCE CALL OF 3/25/15 WITH MS CONSULTING INTO MINUTES.

Call for discussion by Ms. Holody. No response.

Moved by Ms. Holody, seconded by Mr. Matusz.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dee Holody, aye; Brian Schall, aye; Pamela Schneider, absent; Daniel Schneider, absent. **Motion passed with 4 votes.**

(Motion 71-2015)

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mayer reported that he and Michael Matusz attended the Summit County Council meeting, held on May 4th, and received a Proclamation on behalf of the Village as part of Summit County's 175th Anniversary Celebration.

SOLICITOR REPORT

None

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Stiegel asked for consideration of the meeting minutes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE APRIL 13, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES IN FINAL FORM.

Call for discussion made by Ms. Holody. No response.

Moved by Ms. Holody, seconded by Mr. Schall.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dee Holody, aye; Brian Schall, aye; Pamela Schneider, absent; Daniel Schneider, absent. **Motion passed with 4 votes.**

(Motion 72-2015)

MOTION: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Call for discussion by Ms. Holody. No response.

Moved by Ms. Holody, seconded by Mr. Schall.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dee Holody, aye; Brian Schall, aye; Pamela Schneider, absent; Daniel Schneider, absent. **Motion passed with 4 votes.**

(Motion 73-2015)

MOTION: TO PAY THE BILLS.

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Call for discussion by Ms. Holody. No response.

Moved by Ms. Holody, seconded by Mr. Schall.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dee Holody, aye; Brian Schall, aye; Pamela Schneider, absent; Daniel Schneider, absent. **Motion passed with 4 votes.**
(Motion 74-2015)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Stiegel presented 2 Police cruiser lease/purchase proposals with Ford Motor Credit. Mr. Stiegel explained in order to receive the lease agreements, he would need to forward the minutes showing that council had approved the proposal.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE FORD LEASING PROPOSAL PENDING APPROVAL OF THE LEASE.

Call for discussion by Ms. Holody. Council questioned the increase in interest rate going from First Merit to Ford Motor Credit. Interest rate increased from 3.25 to 5.94 with Ford Motor Credit. Council asked why the Village was moving from First Merit to Ford Motor Credit and was told by Mr. Stiegel that First Merit pulled the loan, stating that they would not give the Village the loan unless the Village moved all banking to them. Mayor Mayer suggested paying cash for the cruiser that the Village is waiting on the insurance check for and then replacing the funds with the insurance check once it is received. Council agreed to approve the proposals in order to receive the Ford Motor Credit Lease Agreements.

Moved by Mrs. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Schall.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dee Holody, aye; Brian Schall, aye; Pamela Schneider, absent; Daniel Schneider, absent. **Motion passed with 4 votes.**
(Motion 75-2015)

Chief Varga asked Council to consider adding a fulltime officer to the Peninsula Police Department, stating that according to the fiscal officer the money was in the budget. The Mayor stated that the codify allows for 6 full time officers. Council asked if this position would be to replace Dan Renz, both the Mayor and Chief stated that Dan Renz plans to return, but there is not a firm date at this time. Chief Varga stated that it is difficult to fill 3 full time shifts with 2 full time officers, and part-time and auxiliary officers working full-time jobs for other Departments. He also stated that it is difficult to keep part-time and auxiliary officers at the current pay structure, because as soon as they find a full-time position they leave and the turnover is great. Council asked the fiscal officer what the increase in budget would be for a full-time officer. Mr. Stiegel stated that it would be an additional \$6000/year to replace 2 part-time officers with one full-time officer. Ms. Holody asked if that figure included benefits. Mr. Stiegel said that would be additional, taking the figure to \$14,000/year. The current

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starting rate for a part-time officer is \$13/hour, an auxiliary officer starts at \$12.50/hour and a full-time officer starts at \$18.00/hour. Chief Varga stated that the current challenge facing the Village is having one of 3 full-time officers out, paying him and paying part-time officers to cover his shift. Mrs. Kramer stated that she wanted to put it out there for future requests, when presenting or asking for something that is a big expense, such as this, the person asking needs to bring numbers in order for Council to make an informed decision. Ms. Holody agreed and said that Council is not saying no, that they are trying to understand and need to see a budget. She suggested that the Fiscal Officer and the Chief get together and come up with the numbers to present to Council. Mr. Schall suggested posting the position anyway to see who would be interested in full-time employment. Mayor Mayer stated that the Village cannot post a position that does not exist. Ms. Holody asked if Mr. Stiegel could present the numbers needed to hire a full-time officer, salary, benefits, etc. and questioned how much the Village is spending on uniforms and training of auxiliary officers. She suggested a need to have a Police Department Budget special meeting. Mr. Schall stated that Council did not need to look at what it costs for part-time officers that they will continue to come and go. Council asked Chief Varga what the worst case scenario on time worked for a part-time officer was, and Chief Varga said 8 weeks. Mr. Schall calculated the difference in pay based on hourly rates of \$13/hour part-time and \$18/hour full-time and a benefit amount of \$950/month and stated the increase in payroll would be \$21,800/year. It was agreed by Council to hold a special meeting to discuss adding a full-time officer. Mr. Stiegel and Chief Varga will gather the necessary information to present to Council. The special meeting was set for Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 4:15 pm.

ZONING

The Mayor reported that he received an application to tear down the existing house at 6163 Locust, a new ranch style home w/attached garage will be constructed on the lot, application approved. He also stated that the sign application submitted for Silver Fern B&B at 1856 Main Street was approved. And that the application submitted for demolition of the existing garage at 6004 Locust was also approved.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

Did not meet.

FIRE BOARD

Mayor Mayer announced that the Village Fire District had a great turnout at the annual pancake breakfast. He also stated that the company that the Village uses for towing, Interstate Towing suffered a fatality on the turnpike Sunday night. The driver was hit by a semi and killed instantly.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Mayer reported that Mike Weant, Director of Summit County Department of Environmental Services attended the Planning Commission meeting on April 28th. This is the first of many meetings

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regarding the wastewater treatment system. At this time Summit County is suggesting 2 systems for the Village. The first is a small-scale treatment plant and the second is a pump-based system. Mayor Mayer has had communication with Old Trail School Head of School John Farber who has invited members of Council and Planning Commission to tour the schools "Living Machine" system, an on-site sustainable wastewater treatment system. The Mayor also suggested looking at the system that was recently put in at the trailer park on Akron-Cleveland Rd. The Village will continue to meet with the County, EPA and Health Department regularly regarding the wastewater treatment system.

There was also talk regarding the Woodridge Intermediate School, and it is believed that it is time to start opening communication with the school. Will the Village get the school? Does the Village want the school? Mrs. Kramer asked if this is something that Planning Commission should look at, or something Council should do. Mayor Mayer asked if Council doesn't want the school, should Planning Commission spend time on it. Ms. Holody stated that she would be happy to look into it. Mayor Mayer stated that he would like to have a committee form to decide what it would be used for. There has been conversation with the Park, if the Village owned the building would they want to be housed there, and the Park did not say no. The Village needs to first see if Woodridge is leaving and when. Ms. Holody will contact the Board of Education to find out what the plan is for the building.

CEMETERY

1 mil agreement.

ROADS

Mayor Mayer stated that Mr. Robinson researched the address markers. There was also discussion regarding the sliding of Akron-Peninsula. The Village has not heard anything back from MS Consulting from the conference call of 3/25/15 regarding the slide, crosswalk, traffic calming, pedestrian movement study, guardrails, underground wires, extending the sidewalks to Heritage Farms, Brandywine Bar & Golf Course, Post Office and Quarry.

LEGISLATION

First Readings:

RESOLUTION 11-2015

RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO REPLACE AN EXISTING 3.0 MILL ROAD LEVY, THAT EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2015 FOR THE VILLAGE OF PENINSULA, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 5709.19 AND REQUESTING THE SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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Moved by Ms. Holody. No second to the majority.

Motion failed due to 2 members absent, Dan Schneider and Pam Schneider.

(Motion 76-2015)

Resolution to have second reading at June Council meeting. Solicitor Hesske stated that the resolution must be passed and then she takes it downtown, the latest it should go is July.

Second Readings:

None.

Third Readings:

None.

Tabled:

RESOLUTION 21-2014

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE OF PENINSULA ("VILLAGE") THROUGH THE MAYOR, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA VALLEY PRESERVATION AND SCENIC RAILROAD ASSOCIATION ("RAILWAY") AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: TO HOLD RESOLUTION 21-2014 IN THE STATUS OF TABLED.

Call for discussion by Ms. Holody. No response.

Moved by Ms. Holody, seconded by Mrs. Kramer.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dee Holody, aye; Brian Schall, aye; Pamela Schneider, absent; Daniel Schneider, absent. **Motion passed with 4 votes.**

(Motion 77-2015)

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Mayer moved to terminate Roger Robinson from the Village of Peninsula effective immediately.

Call for discussion by Ms. Holody. No response.

MOTION: TO TERMINATE ROGER ROBINSON FROM THE VILLAGE OF PENINSULA EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Moved by Ms. Holody, seconded by Mrs. Kramer.

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(Motion 78-2015)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN AT 9:08 PM.

Call for discussion by Ms. Holody. No response.

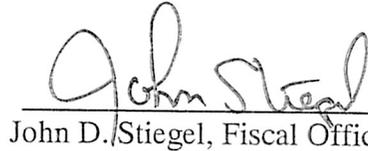
Moved by Mrs. Kramer, seconded by Ms. Holody.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dee Holody, aye; Brian Schall, aye; Pamela Schneider, absent; Daniel Schneider, absent. **Motion passed with 4 votes.**
(Motion 79-2015)

Respectfully submitted:



Douglas G. Mayer, Mayor 6-10-2015
Date



John D. Stiegel, Fiscal Officer 6/9/15
Date

The Village of Peninsula's next regular meeting of Council will be held **June 8, 2015** at the Village Hall within Council chambers. Council Chambers are on the second floor of the Village Hall, 1582 Main Street, Peninsula, Ohio, 44264.
(Corner of Akron-Peninsula Road and State Route 303)

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