

**Record of Proceedings
Village of Peninsula Council
REGULAR SESSION
ELECTRONIC ZOOM MEETING**

Held: Monday, September 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The Village of Peninsula Council convened at 7:00 p.m. electronically via Zoom Meeting. Mayor Daniel Schneider, Jr. called the meeting to order, and the following members were present.

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Mayor Daniel Schneider, Jr.	Present	John Krusinski	Present
Richard Fisher, Jr.	Present	Chris Weigand	Present
Michael J. Kaplan	Present	Daniel Schneider, Sr.	Present
George Haramis	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT: Solicitor Brad Bryan and Fiscal Officer Trevor Elkins.

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA: None

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:
July 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the July 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes that was seconded by Mr. Haramis.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The Minutes were approved.

August 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Weigand made a motion to approve the August 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The Minutes were approved.

August 21, 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Haramis made a motion to approve the August 21, 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The Minutes were approved.

SPECIAL MATTERS AS DETERMINED BY THE CHAIR: None

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: None.

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REPORTS:

Mayor Daniel Schneider Jr.: The Mayor stated Peddlers' Day in the Village will take place on October 3, 2020. If anyone has any questions, Pam Schneider is in charge and can be reached at #330-592-2707. The Mayor also announced Trick-or-Treating will take place on October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Mayor stressed that all COVID-19 guidelines need to be followed so that these events can occur without incident. The Garden Club will place a memorial bench in the Green at the corner of Center Street and Route 303 in memory of the late Mary Booth. The Garden Club is accepting contributions for that memorial. The Mayor stated he was approached by Bob Laurel about removing the scrap metal from the Village Maintenance Yard. Since the cost of scrap metal is down, the Mayor stated it is financially beneficial for the Village to allow Mr. Laurel to remove it. Councilperson Schneider made a motion to permit Mr. Laurel to remove the scrap metal from the Village Maintenance Yard that was seconded by Mr. Haramis.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The motion was approved.

Finally, the Mayor asked the Councilpersons who have not yet signed the Lifetime Service Award Proclamation to Richard Fisher, Sr. to please stop by the office and do so.

Fiscal Officer Trevor Elkins: Mr. Elkins stated the audits for the JEDD and the Village are going well. The Village budgeted \$16,000 for the audit, and it looks like it will cost the Village about \$14,000. The Village should receive the first draft of the audit report in the next few weeks. When the audit is complete, the accounts will be fully reconciled. Mr. Elkins stated the Village has spent only 57% of its appropriated budget as of the end of August, which is the two-thirds mark of the year. The Village has received its first two CARES Act payments totaling \$110,000. Another payment in the amount of \$19,000 will be received soon. The money will be used for Police salaries and technology upgrades for Village Hall.

Street Commissioner Douglas Anderson: The Mayor stated the Village is looking into drainage problems at the top of Riverview Hill. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Andexler will be meeting with Cardinal Paving to look at fixes for some road issues. Due to the train track repairs, Summit County had to delay material delivery for the Riverview Road Bridge Project. The anticipated completion date is currently September 25, 2020.

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Finance Liaison Richard Fisher, Jr.:

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports: Mr. Fisher made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the August Financial Reports that was seconded by Mr. Kaplan.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The motion was approved.

Ratification of Submitted Bills List: Mr. Fisher made a motion for Ratification of the Submitted Bills List for August that was seconded by Mr. Kaplan.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The motion was approved.

Police Department Liaison Daniel Schneider, Sr.: Councilperson Schneider stated he had nothing to report.

Roads and Public Works Liaison George Haramis: Mr. Haramis stated he has three motions to present to Council this evening: (1) the Richfield storage space lease for winter equipment storage; (2) the Boston Township lease extension; and (3) the purchase of a new snowplow. Mr. Haramis made a motion to extend the \$500 per month Boston Township lease agreement on the same terms for the period of October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Krusinski.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The motion was approved.

Mr. Haramis made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a lease for storage space in Richfield in order to store equipment during the cold weather months for a term starting October 1, 2020 and terminating March 31, 2021 for \$900 a month with a \$900 security deposit. That motion was seconded by Councilperson Krusinski.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The motion was approved.

Mr. Haramis made a motion authorizing the Mayor to purchase a new snow plow for an amount not to exceed \$8,250 that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider. Councilperson Haramis informed Council there are sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement budget to make this purchase.

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Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The motion was approved.

Planning Commission Representative Christopher Weigand: Mr. Weigand stated the Planning Commission held its Regular Meeting via Zoom on August 24, 2020. The Commission will conduct a final review of the Zoning Code changes at its September Meeting and will most likely will send them on to Council after that Meeting. Mr. Weigand and Mr. Royer walked and surveyed the Village sidewalks in connection with the Commission's review of the Village sidewalks and effort to come up with recommended sidewalk ordinances and/or policies.

Zoning Officer Charles Hemming: Mayor Schneider stated he is working on purchasing an identification badge and a fluorescent inspector vest for Mr. Hemming, the Zoning Officer to help residents identify Mr. Hemming when he responds to an inquiry or arrives to perform an inspection.

Board of Zoning Appeals: The Mayor stated the BZA has not met recently, and there is nothing new to report.

Buildings and Grounds Liaison John Krusinski: Mr. Krusinski stated he has two bids, one verbal and one written, to remove the concrete from the old Service Department property. The written quote is for \$6,000 and the verbal quote is for \$4,000. Council decided it would prefer to accept the cheaper \$4,000 quote on the condition that a written quote for that amount it provided prior to the commencement of the work. Councilperson Krusinski made a motion to authorize the Mayor to accept the \$4,000 quote from Haeberle Excavating Company of Brecksville on the condition that a written quote in that amount is provided. The motion went on to state if that written quote is not provided in a form acceptable to the Mayor, the Mayor is authorized to accept the \$6,000 bid from Alden Excavating. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaplan. Mr. Bryan confirmed the funds to pay for this project can come from the insurance fund.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The motion was approved.

Mr. Krusinski reported the Village was approached by the United Methodist Church to donate seven slabs of sandstone from the Village's sandstone inventory to the Church. The Church would then pay Mike Collins to replace the broken sandstone sidewalk slabs in front of the Church. Mr. Kaplan asked how much the Village paid for the slabs. Ms. Holody, who was online for the meeting, informed Council the Village purchased the sandstone for \$8.00 a square foot. This donation would be 140 square feet, which cost the Village \$1,200. Mr. Kaplan stated he would like to recoup the Village's investment. Lois Bradford, Chair of the Trustees of the United

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Methodist Church, participated in the meeting on behalf of the Church. Councilperson Schneider made a motion to donate the seven slabs of sandstone to the United Methodist Church for this sidewalk repair project that was seconded by Mr. Haramis.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, abstain; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The motion was approved.

Mr. Krusinski informed Council the Mayor was provided with a letter of intent by a couple interested in leasing the Players Barn property and turning it into a wine bar. They would invest between \$300,000 to \$500,000 to refurbish the barn and property, preserve the historic nature of the building, pay rent to the Village, and be responsible for all expenses, including real estate taxes, utilities, and insurance. This opportunity could generate income for the Village and turn a Village liability into an asset. Mr. Bryan stated if the Village is interested in looking into leasing the property, by law, it needs to seek proposals and advertise the request for a period of five weeks before pursuing any proposal or offer. Mr. Kaplan asked about the amount of the advertising costs. Mr. Bryan stated it would be a minimal amount that would sure to be within the Fiscal Officer's \$500 spending authority. Mr. Krusinski made a motion to authorize Mr. Bryan to issue and advertise a Request for Proposals for the Players Barn that was seconded by Mr. Haramis.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, abstain; Mr. Fisher, no; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The motion was approved.

Mr. Krusinski stated he spoke with the owner of General Die Casters and asked if the Village could use the parking lot for evening and weekend public parking. The owner stated he had no problem with allowing the Village to do so or the Village charging for parking. There are approximately 60 parking spaces that would be available for use. Mr. Krusinski made a motion for Council to authorize Mr. Bryan to speak with both General Die Casters and Terry Lumber regarding this matter as well as the Village insurance company to investigate whether the proposal is feasible and the requested and necessary terms of any such agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haramis.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The motion was approved.

Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison Christopher Weigand:

Mr. Weigand stated the Chamber determined Music on the Porches and Christmas in Peninsula will not take place this year. He also mentioned the Economic Committee met for the first time.

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Policies & Procedures Liaison Michael J. Kaplan: Mr. Kaplan stated he was asked by Council last year to create Rules of Council, the guidelines Council follows during a meeting. When they were approved, they were scheduled to sunset at the end of this year unless additional action was taken by Council to keep them in effect going forward. He commented Council has not been following the Rules in strict fashion and asked Councilmembers to review them and determine if they would like them to remain in effect or prefer to let them expire at the end of the year.

Fire Board Liaison Daniel Schneider, Sr.: Mr. Schneider informed Council that Matt Levit was appointed as a Fire Department Lieutenant, and the new Fire Truck is scheduled arrive from Florida on September 22.

Cemetery Board Liaison Daniel Schneider, Sr.: Mr. Schneider stated he had nothing new to report regarding the Cemeteries.

JEDD: Mr. Elkins stated the State Auditors are recommending that the JEDD Board formally adopt the Township's Record Retention Policy as the JEDD's Policy.

Wastewater: Mr. Bryan stated the EPA is looking for funding opportunities for the Village, and the Village is waiting for additional information from the Summit County Department of Sanitary Sewer Services.

Solicitor Brad Bryan: Mr. Bryan stated the City of Cuyahoga Falls paid the first annual Tax Sharing Agreement payment to the Village related to the Woodridge Intermediate School move. This year's payment compensates the Village in the amount of 50% of its revenue loss due to the move. There will be additional payments for the next four years in percentages that decrease by 10% each year.

LEGISLATION:

Third Reading: None

Second Reading: None

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First Reading:

Resolution No. 18-2020

Requested by Councilperson Haramis and Service Department Supervisor Andexler

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Boston Township for the Purchase of Road Salt

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Haramis and seconded by Councilperson Schneider.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The motion was approved.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 18-2020 was made by Mr. Haramis and seconded by Mr. Krusinski.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 19-2020

Requested by Fiscal Officer Trevor Elkins

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Summit County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Mr. Haramis and seconded by Councilperson Schneider.

Roll call Vote: Mr. Kaplan, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Krusinski, yes; Mr. Weigand, yes; Mr. Schneider, yes. The motion was approved.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 19-2020 was made by Councilperson Schneider and seconded by Mr. Krusinski.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Krusinski stated the Additional Revenue Exploration Committee, consisting of himself, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Weigand, and Karen Walters met last week. The General Die Casters parking proposal, other paid parking ideas in the Village, and the Players Barn were discussed at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed): None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weigand and seconded by Councilperson Schneider. All were in favor of the motion; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

Date

Trevor Elkins, Fiscal Officer
