

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

**Held: Monday, December 14, 2020**

**PUBLIC HEARING CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The Village of Peninsula Council convened for a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. electronically via Zoom Meeting for the purpose of soliciting public comments on proposed Village Ordinance No. 21-2020, An Ordinance Amending Title 11 of the Codified Ordinances Constituting the Village Planning and Zoning Code. 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.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:** No citizens chose to speak.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made by Councilperson Kaplan and seconded by Councilperson Schneider. All were in favor of the motion; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The Village of Peninsula Council convened at 7:03 p.m. electronically via Zoom Meeting. Mayor Daniel Schneider, Jr. called the meeting to order, and the following members were present.

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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, Fiscal Officer Trevor Elkins, Police Chief Joseph Varga, and Goodwin & Bryan, LLP attorney Diane Calta.

**PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA:** Since Mr. Bryan may have to leave the meeting early, Mr. Kaplan requested that the Mayor and Council

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move to the Solicitor's Report and Legislation portion of the meeting at this time. The Mayor and Council agreed to proceed in that manner.

**Report of Solicitor, Brad Bryan:**

Potential Village Purchasing Policy Adjustments: Mr. Bryan stated at the last Council meeting, Mr. Kaplan requested Mr. Bryan and Mr. Elkins to look into how routine purchases that occur every year that exceed \$500, such as the purchase of new tires for the police cruisers, can be approved without having to wait for a Council Meeting. Mr. Bryan stated he and Mr. Elkins discussed the matter and determined that in conjunction with adopting the 2021 budget, Council could adopt a resolution containing a list of those regular purchases and not to exceed amounts for each of those items that could be approved by the Mayor, Fiscal Officer, and appropriate department head through the regular purchase order process.

**LEGISLATION:**

**Third Reading:**

**Ordinance No. 21-2020**

Requested by Mayor Schneider and Councilperson Weigand

**An Ordinance Amending Title 11 of the Village's Codified Ordinances Constituting the Village Planning and Zoning Code**

The Ordinance was read by title by Mr. Bryan. Councilperson Fisher inquired about the benefit of changing the West side of North Locust Street from Mixed Use to Commercial. Mr. Bryan stated the rationale is that it will allow for the commercial district to organically expand and permit the creation of additional tax revenues. The change will not restrict the existing residential uses because residential uses are permitted in the commercial district.

Mr. Weigand made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-2020 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 Ordinance was adopted.

**Second Reading:**

**Resolution No. 23-2020**

Requested by Mayor Schneider and Fiscal Officer Elkins

**A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Renew the Village's Employee Health Insurance Agreement with NFP Corporate Services through the Summit County Health Connection for the 2021 Calendar Year**

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The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. Mr. Kaplan made a motion to suspend the three reading rule 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 motion was approved.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to pass Resolution No. 23-2020 that 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 Resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 25-2020**

Requested by Solicitor Bryan

**A Resolution Designating Solicitor Bradric Bryan as the Public Records Act Training Designee for 2020 for Mayor Daniel Schneider, Jr. and Councilpersons Michael J. Kaplan, Richard Fisher, Jr., George Haramis, John Krusinski, Christopher Weigand, and Daniel Schneider, Sr.**

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. Mr. Kaplan made a motion to suspend the three reading rule 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 motion was approved.

Mr. Weigand made a motion to pass Resolution No. 25-2020 that 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 Resolution was adopted.

**First Reading:**

**Resolution No. 27-2020**

Requested by Fiscal Officer Elkins

**A Resolution Authorizing the Fiscal Officer to Establish a Village County Coronavirus Relief Grant Fund in Order to Receive and Account for Federal CARES Act Funds Received from the County of Summit**

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The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. Mr. Kaplan made a motion to suspend the three reading rule 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 motion was approved.

Mr. Weigand made a motion to pass Resolution No. 27-2020 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 Resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 28-2020**

Requested by Fiscal Officer Elkins

**A Resolution Authorizing Final Amendments, Transfers, and/or Revenue Adjustments to the 2020 Appropriation Resolution**

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. Mr. Kaplan made a motion to suspend the three reading rule 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 motion was approved

Mr. Krusinski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 28-2020 that was seconded by Councilperson Weigand.

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. 29-2020**

Requested by Fiscal Officer Elkins

**A Resolution to Make Temporary Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Period from January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021**

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. Mr. Kaplan made a motion to suspend the three reading rule that was seconded by Councilperson Fisher.

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.

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Mr. Schneider made a motion to pass Resolution No. 29-2020 that was seconded by Councilperson Fisher.

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. 30-2020**

Requested by Solicitor Bryan

**A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to Renew the Village's Agreement with the Legal Defender's Office of Summit County, Ohio for Indigent Representation in the Stow Municipal Court**

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. Mr. Kaplan made a motion to suspend the three reading rule that 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. Kaplan made a motion to pass Resolution No. 30-2020 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 Resolution was adopted.

**Ordinance No. 31-2020**

Requested by Police Chief Varga

**An Ordinance Amending the Village Parking Violations Bureau Fine Schedule**

The Ordinance was read by title by Mr. Bryan. Mr. Kaplan made a motion to suspend the three reading rule 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 motion was approved.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 31-2020 that was seconded by Councilperson Krusinski.

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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 Ordinance was adopted.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:**

**November 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilperson Weigand made a motion to approve the November 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes that was seconded by Councilperson Haramis.

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

**SPECIAL MATTERS AS DETERMINED BY THE CHAIR:** None.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:** Richard Slocum and Kathy Bertsch commented that the Public Hearing agenda stated the Village Zoning Code amendments were attached to the agenda, but they were not attached. Mr. Bryan stated he was looking at the Public Hearing agenda, and it does not state that the ordinance was attached to the agenda. Both Solicitor Bryan and the Mayor stated the Zoning Code amendments contained in the ordinance have been posted on the Village website for the past four months, and the Planning Commission and Council have asked for public input regarding the amendments at every meeting since August of this year.

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor Daniel Schneider Jr.:**

Old Service Garage Pad Removal: The Mayor reported all of the asphalt and concrete has been removed from the old Service Garage site and fill has been added. Final grading and seeding will take place as weather permits.

Akron-Peninsula Road Closure: The Mayor stated Akron-Peninsula was closed on November 20, 2020 due to the danger caused by the erosion of the hillside. The Mayor is working with the Summit County Engineer on possible solutions. The closure is indefinite at this point.

Officer Andrew Watson will be leaving the Peninsula Police Department as of December 18, 2020. The Mayor thanked him for his years of service.

**Fiscal Officer Trevor Elkins:** Mr. Elkins stated the Village 2018-2019 Audit has been completed and released. He stated most issues have been corrected, and all monies are accounted for. Mr. Elkins thanked Council for adopting the finance related legislation this evening. That action will alleviate future citations and update the yearly certificate of estimated resources so the Village will stay in compliance for the year.

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**Street Commissioner Douglas Anderson:** The Mayor stated he has nothing to report from the Street Commissioner.

**Finance Liaison Richard Fisher, Jr.:**

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports: Mr. Fisher made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the November Financial Reports 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.

Ratification of Submitted Bills List: Mr. Fisher made a motion for Ratification of the Submitted Bills List for November 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.

**Police Department Liaison Daniel Schneider, Sr.:** Mr. Schneider stated all the accessory equipment for the new Police Cruiser is in and scheduled to be installed.

Approval of 2021-2023 Dispatch Agreement with Village of Richfield: Mr. Bryan stated the Village Dispatch Agreement with the Village of Richfield expired in June, 2020. Richfield extended the agreement for six months at no additional cost. Chief Varga stated this agreement with Richfield is the Village's best and only option. The agreement contains a 3.3% increase per year for three years with a ninety day termination notice. Councilperson Schneider made a motion to approve the 2021-2023 Dispatch Agreement with the Village of Richfield that 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.

Councilperson Schneider made a motion for all Village employees who started their employment with the Village prior to the beginning of 2020 to receive a Christmas bonus, with full-time employees to receive \$125 and part-time employees to receive \$65. 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.

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Police Department Parking Lot: The Mayor stated due to the season and the desire to conserve funds, the Police Department parking lot was just patched.

**Roads and Public Works Liaison George Haramis:**

Roads and Public Works Long Range Plan: Mr. Haramis stated he would like to hire an outside consultant to help create a Long Range Plan for the Village Service Department and Roads. Mr. Kaplan suggested we seek requests for qualifications and Mr. Haramis should seek Mr. Bryan's advice as to how to proceed.

Service Department Hot Box Equipment: No further information has been gathered at this time.

**Planning Commission Representative Christopher Weigand:** Mr. Weigand stated the Planning Commission held its Regular Meeting via Zoom on November 23, 2020. The Planning Commission continues to work on Village sidewalks, parking, hiring a consultant for a traffic study, and downtown light issues.

**Zoning Officer Charles Hemming:** Mayor Schneider stated there is nothing new to report from the Zoning Department.

**Board of Zoning Appeals:** The Mayor stated the BZA has not met recently.

**Buildings and Grounds Liaison John Krusinski:**

Proposed New Service Garage Building: Councilperson Krusinski stated Mr. Bryan is preparing the necessary documents to send to the CVNP to request permission for a new Village Service Garage to be built on the Valley Fire Department property.

General Die Casters Parking Agreement: Councilperson Krusinski stated the Village is waiting on pricing for sealing the existing asphalt of the General Die Casters parking lot before moving forward. The Village will revisit whether to enter into this agreement in the spring.

**Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison Christopher Weigand:** Mr. Weigand stated the Chamber has determined Christmas events in Peninsula will not take place this year due to COVID-19. The Chamber encouraged all residents to decorate their doors and front porches for the season. Twenty-five homes participated. The Perry Family on Main Street won the competition and received a gift basket. The Library will be holding a mini-tree raffle. The trees are on display in the library lobby.

**Policies & Procedures Liaison Michael J. Kaplan:** Mr. Kaplan stated he had nothing to report.



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**Fire Board Liaison Daniel Schneider, Sr.:** Councilperson Schneider stated he had nothing new to report.

**Cemetery Board Liaison Daniel Schneider, Sr.:** Councilperson Schneider stated he had nothing new to report.

**JEDD:** Mr. Elkins stated the JEDD revenue is down \$10,000 for the year. He will not have final numbers until the end of December.

**Wastewater:** The Mayor stated the Village should receive an update from the Summit County Department of Sanitary Sewer Services after the first of the year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** (as needed): None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schneider and seconded by Councilperson Kaplan. All were in favor of the motion; none were opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

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Trevor Elkins, Fiscal Officer

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