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Regular Village of Peninsula Council Meeting
Held: Tuesday, January 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schneider at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Daniel Schneider, Jr.	Present	Steve Schultz	Present
Richard Slocum	Present	George Haramis	Present
Daniel Schneider	Present	John Najeway	Present
Douglas Steidl	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT: Solicitor Brad Bryan, Fiscal Officer Katie Iaconis, and Chief Jay Nagy.

ELECTION OF 2024 PRESIDENT PRO-TEM OF COUNCIL BY COUNCIL

Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to nominate Councilperson Schneider as President Pro-Tem of Council for 2024. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

No amendments.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

December 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Councilperson Schneider made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to approve the December 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, abstain; Mr. Slocum, abstain; Mr. Schultz, abstain; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The Minutes were approved.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mo Riggins brought up problems with speeding in the community and thanked the Village for installing the no parking signs he requested. She asked the Village to tighten the short-term rental regulations.

Mayor Schneider read a letter regarding short-term rentals submitted by Lois Unger who was not able to attend the meeting.

Jodi Padrutt expressed her opposition to short-term rentals, urged the Village to enforce the regulations more strictly, and asked for clarity regarding the parking provisions. Mr. Bryan explained the parking requirement is one space per bedroom plus one extra space.

REPORTS

Mayor, Daniel Schneider, Jr.

The Mayor thanked outgoing Councilpersons John Krusinski and Rich Fisher for their time, effort, and dedication to the Village during their periods of service. With their help and the assistance of the rest of Council, the Village was able to move forward with the wastewater

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project, continue to upgrade the roads, and make improvements to the Police and Service Departments. He hopes to continue to work with Council on bringing water to the Village, make additional improvements to Village Hall and the Police Station, and move forward with the Area Master Plan. He then congratulated new Councilpersons Steve Schultz and Richard Slocum on their election to Council.

Mayor's Request for Council Motion to Confirm the Mayor's Reappointment of Ed McCabe/McCabe Engineering as the Village Engineer for 2024

Mr. Steidl made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis to confirm the reappointment of Ed McCabe/McCabe Engineering as the Village Engineer for 2024. Mr. Slocum asked for more details about Mr. McCabe and the firm. He was advised Mr. McCabe has been the Village Engineer for the past 3 years and was selected after applications were solicited and interviews took place. Mr. Bryan stated Mr. McCabe bills his time at the rate of \$125 per hour and works when requested. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis

Ms. Iaconis reviewed the highlights of the financial reports and specific portions of the reports requested by Mr. Slocum.

Street Commissioner

Mayor's Request for Council Motion to Confirm the Mayor's Reappointment of Douglas Anderson as the Village Street Commissioner for 2024

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to confirm the Mayor's Reappointment of Douglas Anderson as the Village Street Commissioner for 2024. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Finance Liaison

The Mayor suggested that liaisons could be appointed at the next Council Meeting and explained the positions held by the returning Councilmembers. Mr. Schultz volunteered to be the Finance Liaison. Mr. Najeway asked to keep his current responsibilities. Mr. Slocum offered to act as the Chamber of Commerce Liaison.

Police Department Liaison, Councilperson Schneider

Councilperson Schneider made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to accept the quote from Great Lakes Telecom & Electric, LLC in the amount of \$550 for labor and materials for an additional police station surveillance camera. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Councilperson Schneider made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to accept the quote in the Amount of \$7,328.36 from Vasu Communications Inc. for 2 Viking In-Car Police Radio Systems. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

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Chief Nagy stated the Village K9 and K9 Officer are expected to start training in March. The new police vehicles are waiting to get in to be outfitted and striped. He also explained that per the Summit County Chiefs Meeting, a plan is being developed for coordination on the April 8, 2024 Eclipse.

Roads and Public Works Liaison, Mr. Haramis

Mr. Haramis discussed the County Road Program Resolution on this evening's agenda. The proposed Village Road Project for this year involves the north and south portions of Riverview Road that were not completed in the past two years.

Planning Commission Representative

Appointment of Council Planning Commission Representative by Council

Councilperson Schneider made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis to appoint Mr. Steidl as the Council Planning Commission Representative. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Zoning Officer, Mr. Hemming

Nothing to report.

Board of Zoning Appeals, Mayor Schneider

No report.

Buildings and Grounds Liaison, Mr. Steidl

Mr. Steidl reported the plans for the Village Hall first floor renovations have been submitted to the County Building Department and some changes were requested. The architect is working on getting the revised plans approved.

Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison, Mr. Najeway

Mr. Slocum, who is taking over as Liaison, made a suggestion for a Village sign to announce upcoming events in the Village. Mr. Schultz requested modifications to the Village website to make it more searchable. Mr. Slocum asked if the Village could look into being able to issue email or text blast notifications to residents about emergencies.

Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Najeway

No report.

Fire Board, Councilperson Schneider

Councilperson Schneider stated there is a Board Meeting on Monday.

Cemetery Board, Councilperson Schneider

No report.

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JEDD Board, Councilperson Schneider

Councilperson Schneider stated there will be a Board Meeting in January or February. Mr. Bryan explained that aside from Councilperson Schneider, there are 2 additional Village appointed seats on the JEDD Board that need to be filled due to Mr. Krusinski and Mr. Fisher being off of Council. He stated there are usually 2 to 3 Board Meetings per year. Mr. Schultz and Mr. Slocum agreed to serve on the JEDD Board if appointed. Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to appoint Mr. Schultz and Mr. Slocum to the JEDD Board. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Wastewater/Stormwater/Water Liaison

Mr. Najeway reported he has no updates on wastewater, but stated the Peninsula Live dates for 2024 will be posted in the "Your Community News" newsletter. Letters are being sent to last year's vendors asking them if they want to participate this year.

Area Master Plan

The Mayor asked who was interested in serving as the two Council representatives to the Area Master Plan Steering Committee. Mr. Schultz and Mr. Slocum stated they were interested. Mr. Najeway made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider to appoint Mr. Slocum and Mr. Schultz as the two Council representatives to Area Master Plan Steering Committee. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Mr. Najeway made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to appoint Steve Craig and Amy Frank-Hensley as the two resident representatives to the Area Master Plan Steering Committee. Before a roll call was made, Mr. Najeway asked everyone if there is a conflict due to Mr. Craig being on the Foundation Board. Mr. Bryan stated there is no legal reason preventing Mr. Craig from being appointed. Mr. Craig stated if he is appointed, he will consider stepping down from the Foundation Board.

Mr. Schultz made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to amend the motion to vote for the candidates one at a time. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Mr. Najeway made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Schultz to appoint Amy Frank-Hensley as a citizen representative to the Steering Committee. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Mr. Najeway made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider to appoint Steve Craig as a citizen representative to the Steering Committee. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Solicitor, Mr. Bryan

Mr. Bryan explained he is working on legislation for the next Council Meeting related to the Mayor's spending authority. He explained the Mayor is requesting authority to approve expenditures up to \$10,000 rather than his current \$500 authority amount. The maximum amount

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before the necessity of advertisement and formal bidding was recently raised by the Ohio Legislature from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Different communities set spending limits for their Mayors at different amounts depending on their level of comfort. Mr. Bryan stated the other community he represents, the Village of Northfield, has a Mayor's spending threshold of \$25,000. Trevor Elkins stated his spending limit as Mayor of Newburgh Heights is \$10,000. Ms. Iaconis stated she feels \$10,000 is reasonable for the Village. Establishing that level of spending authority would avoid the need to schedule Special Council Meetings to approve smaller, necessary, unforeseen purchases over \$1,000 that arise from time to time. Council began to discuss the appropriate level for the Village. Mr. Schultz stated he is comfortable with the current \$1,000 threshold for purchases approved by the Fiscal Officer/\$500 for the Mayor and does not mind attending Special Meetings. Mr. Bryan advised no decision needs to be made at this time. He just wanted to make Council aware that he is working on the legislation. A proposal will be provided at the February Meeting for Council's consideration.

LEGISLATION

Third Reading: None.

Second Reading: None.

First Reading:

Resolution No. 01-2024

Requested by Councilperson Haramis

An Emergency Resolution Indicating the Village of Peninsula's Desire to Participate in the County of Summit 2024 Road Pavement Maintenance and Marking Program and Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Summit, through the Summit County Engineer, for Certain Road Pavement, Maintenance, and Marking Work through the Program

Mr. Bryan read the Resolution by title. Mr. Haramis made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Councilperson Schneider made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to approve the Resolution. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Greg Canda asked about water and wastewater and what the process will be for updating the Planning Commission, Council, Area Master Plan Steering Committee, and the public on these issues. He suggested that three people be designated to keep Council, Planning Commission, and residents informed. Mr. Bryan shared that once the County accepts the Village of Peninsula into the District, the next step is for the County to request the submission of qualifications from engineers desiring to perform the design engineering work for the project and then select and enter into an agreement with an engineering firm. That process will take a couple of months. Mr. Najeway suggested waiting on the next step from the County before the Village

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determines who will be designated to keep in touch with the County. Mr. Najeway said he would attend Planning Commission Meetings to provide updates until then.

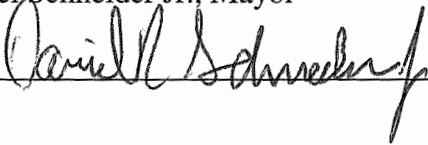
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Najeway made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM

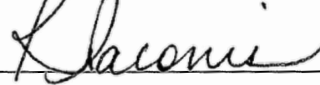
Respectfully submitted:
Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor



Date

2-16-2024

Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer



Date

2.17.24