

**Record of Proceedings
Regular Village of Peninsula Council Meeting**

Held: Tuesday, February 13, 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 and Fiscal Officer Katie Iaconis

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Slocum asked about the status of the short-term rental renewals. Mr. Bryan stated the Administrative Clerk, Faith Dorton, has been diligently working on all the submissions to ensure all necessary information has been submitted before the 2024 certificates are distributed. Those who have deficiencies have been notified. The requested additional information has been received from some applicants. Faith is waiting for information from others. After a reasonable period of time, the property owners that are still non-complaint will receive letters stating they are not permitted to operate. Necessary inspections can be performed at a later date. Mr. Steidl indicated that the Planning Commission would be considering the short-term rental ordinance in future meetings. Councilperson Najeway asked if there was a compliance deadline for the open applications to which Solicitor Bryan replied that there was none.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

December 21, 2023 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to approve the December 21, 2023 Special Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to amend a typo in the citizen participation section to correct the spelling of Mike Yajko's name. 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 approve the Minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, abstain; Mr. Schultz, abstain; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The Amended Minutes were approved.

January 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to approve the January 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to amend a typo in the citizens participation section to change the pronoun used for Mo Riggins from "he" to "she". 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. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to approve the Minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The Amended Minutes were approved.

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January 22, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis to approve the January 22, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The Minutes were approved.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Greg Canda spoke about the Chamber of Commerce Short-Term Rental Property Tour. He indicated that some units were non-compliant but thought that the owners likely didn't know the regulations and had good intent. Many had plans for expansion of their current offerings. He confirmed the Planning Commission intends to review the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

REPORTS

Mayor, Daniel Schneider, Jr.

The Mayor stated the information he wanted to share regarding the short-term rental compliance work has already been discussed.

Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis

Ms. Iaconis shared she is working on the Village Financial Statement for 2023 that needs to be filed with the State by the end of February. This year is an audit year, which will be the third audit in which she has participated for the Village. She is working with Mr. Schultz to put the financial statements into a form with which he and Council will be more comfortable. She will separate the short-term rental permit fees from the other Village permit fees so they can be tracked separately.

Street Commissioner, Mr. Anderson

No report.

Finance Liaison, Mr. Schultz

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

Mr. Schultz made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to acknowledge the receipt of the financial reports. 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.

Ratification of Submitted Bills List

Mr. Schultz made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider to ratify the submitted bills list. 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.

Police Department Liaison, Councilperson Schneider

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Councilperson Schneider reported the new car radios have been delivered and will be installed soon. The Department has vehicle decals that can be salvaged and used for the new vehicles.

Mr. Slocum asked about an update for the upcoming solar eclipse. It was noted that cell phone coverage could be unavailable during the influx of so many visitors watching the eclipse. The Mayor reported the Department plans on having more officers on duty both in vehicles and on foot to make sure the roads are clear and traffic is moving.

Roads and Public Works Liaison, Mr. Haramis

Mr. Haramis reported the Village received revised numbers from the County for the Riverview Road Project. As a result, there is an updated Resolution on the agenda reflecting the new numbers. The portion being repaved on the south side is slightly longer than previously measured and the portion on the north side is slightly wider. The new numbers result in an approximate \$35,000 increase to the estimate.

Mr. Slocum asked about whether the Village could do anything about the condition of the north part of Akron-Peninsula Road by the Spicy Lamb Farm. The Mayor stated it is in bad condition due to the number of heavy trucks driving on the road to access the property. It was noted that portion of the roadway is a lower priority due to there being only 4 Village properties in the area. The Mayor stated he would see what the Village could do with respect to patching the bad spots. The Mayor said that he would meet with Boston Height Village road department head Charlie Riedel to discuss an arrangement to address the Peninsula end of the road when Boston Heights paves after the construction of the STEM center.

Planning Commission Representative, Mr. Steidl

Mr. Steidl reported one of the main topics of the Meeting was parking related to the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad offices and train. Those discussions will continue at the next Meeting.

Zoning Officer, Mr. Hemming

The Mayor discussed property maintenance code violations. Mr. Najeway asked about the Main Street house with the bushes overhanging the sidewalk. Mr. Bryan stated an updated violation letter will go out, and if the situation is not remedied, further action will be taken. That action will include performing the work and billing the property owner and/or citing the property owner into court.

Board of Zoning Appeals, Mayor Schneider

The Mayor stated a meeting may need to be scheduled in the near future if it is determined that a variance is needed for a submitted project.

Buildings and Grounds Liaison, Mr. Steidl

Mr. Steidl reported the Village is working on extending the Service Garage lease, which expires this year. He hopes to have the lease renewal ready for next month's agenda. A window in the Administration office hallway needs to be replaced. It will be partially paid for through a NOPEC grant. The Village is waiting for plan approval and permits from the Stow Building Department for the Village Hall Renovation Project.

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Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison, Mr. Slocum

Mr. Slocum stated he missed the January meeting but learned the main topic of the meeting was the April 8, 2024 Eclipse. Boston Mills and Brandywine will be selling parking spots on that date. Boston Mills has 600 spaces, and Brandywine has 1,000.

Community Events Liaison, Mr. Najeway

Mr. Najeway reported Peninsula Live planning is ongoing. The entertainment is booked for the first two events. Three or four returning vendors are lined up, and half of the sponsors have already renewed their sponsorships.

Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum

Mr. Slocum discussed his recent Sunshine Law training seminar. He noted he emailed information on how to take the seminar to other members of Council. He encouraged everyone to sign up. Mr. Schultz and the Mayor stated they took the course as well.

Mr. Slocum stated he has reviewed the Rules of Council and the Village Employee Handbook, and that he would propose some edits to both. He discussed the onboarding process for new Councilmembers and brought up the idea of creating a separate employee category for Councilmembers. He thanked the Administrative Clerk for distributing printed copies of the Zoning Laws to Councilmembers.

Mr. Slocum stated he spoke with Mr. Clark, who was interested in designing a new sign for Village Hall in conformance with the Historic Character of the Village.

Fire Board, Councilperson Schneider

Councilperson Schneider noted there is a vacancy on the Fire Board. The candidate needs to be chosen by the concurrence of the Village and Township. He is proposing John Krusinski, who has prior experience with the Department. He is not sure where the Township stands on that suggestion at this point.

Cemetery Board, Councilperson Schneider

Councilperson Schneider reported there will be a Board Meeting on Thursday.

JEDD Board, Councilperson Schneider

Councilperson Schneider reported there will be a Board Meeting on Wednesday.

Wastewater/Stormwater/Water Liaison, Mr. Najeway

Mr. Najeway reported the Village is waiting for the County to choose and contract with the engineering firm that will perform the design engineering. As for water, the Mayor spoke with the Hudson City Manager. Discussions are still taking place between the City and Summit County about bringing water to the Village. The County has offered to make the project financially beneficial to Hudson, but there is still no agreement on terms at this point. He noted there is a map that references what the sewer district may look like, but that map is preliminary. Changes can be made based upon the design engineering work. Mr. Shultz expressed his doubts about that statement. Greg Canda asked for clarity about the communications process with the County and whether it would go through Mr. Najeway or the Planning Commission. Mr. Bryan

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stated if anyone has concerns or requests to pass on to the County, they should send them to Mr. Najeway or him.

Area Master Plan, Mr. Slocum

Mr. Slocum reported the first Steering Committee meeting went well. The next meeting and the first public meeting have not yet been scheduled. Mr. Bryan reminded everyone on the Steering Committee they have until the end of the day tomorrow to submit their homework to OHM.

Solicitor, Mr. Bryan

Mr. Bryan noted there was a quote added to the agenda packet for purchasing and installing security cameras at the Service Department building. The quote is not ready to be approved at this time. The Mayor stated someone tried to break into the building recently. He is not sure whether the quote includes the ability to monitor the cameras remotely in real time. More information will be sought before next month's meeting. Ms. Iaconis stated she is familiar with the company, and the cameras have remote, online capability as long as there is internet service.

LEGISLATION

Third Reading: None.

Second Reading: None.

First Reading:

Resolution No. 02-2024

Requested by Mayor Schneider

A Resolution Providing Consent to the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Bridge Deck Sealing Work on the St. Rt. 303 Peninsula Cuyahoga River Bridge

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. Council determined this Resolution will advance to a second reading at next month's Council Meeting.

Resolution No. 03-2024

Requested by Mayor Schneider

An Ordinance Amending Section 133.03 of the Village Administrative Code Related to the Spending Authority of the Mayor

Mr. Bryan read the Resolution by title. Mr. Slocum noted that there was not agreement on council at the January meeting regarding the \$10,000 spending limit. Several Council members were at \$10,000, one at \$5,000. Councilperson Schultz was at \$3,000, and Slocum indicated he was between \$3,000 and \$5,000. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to amend the Resolution to adjust the spending authority amount from \$10,000 to \$5,000. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, no; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The Resolution was amended.

Mr. Najeway made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum,

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no; Mr. Schultz, no; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion failed. The Amended Resolution will advance to a second reading at next month's Council Meeting.

Resolution No. 04-2024

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

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. Councilperson Schneider made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to suspend the three reading rule. Mr. Slocum asked for clarification as to whether this Ordinance was amending Ordinance 01-2024 that was previously passed. Mr. Bryan explained this Resolution is a separate piece of legislation that repeals and supersedes the prior Resolution.

Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

None.

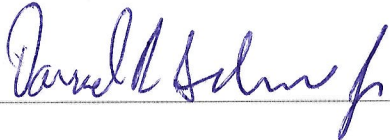
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Steidl made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis 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 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

Date



3-12-24

Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer

Date



3/12/2024