

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

**Held: Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**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:** Fiscal Officer Katie Iaconis, Solicitor Brad Bryan, Administrative Clerk Faith Dorton, and Police Chief Jay Nagy.

**PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA:** Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The agenda was approved.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None.

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

**March 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider to approve the 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.

**March 21, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to approve the 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:**

Daniel DeAngelo requested an update on the sewer project and the specific issues as to whether the design engineering contract has been finalized later in the meeting and asked if there is opportunity for discussion and input from residents regarding project matters.

Councilperson Haramis thanked the Chief and Police Department, in his capacity as a Village resident, for their recent efforts with locating a lost teenager on a trail near his property.

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor, Daniel Schneider, Jr.:** The Mayor announced it turned out the Village over planned for yesterday's solar eclipse, and because of those efforts, there were no problems. Some of the extra staff were able to be sent home early.

**Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis:** Ms. Iaconis shared that she is in the beginning stages of the liability insurance renewal process. When she receives the quotes from the Village's insurance agent, she will let everyone know.

**Street Commissioner, Mr. Anderson:** The Mayor indicated there was nothing to report.

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**Finance Liaison, Mr. Schultz:**

**Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports**

Ms. Iaconis stated she was not able to complete the financial reports for this meeting.

**Ratification of Submitted Bills List**

Mr. Schultz made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum 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:** Chief Nagy shared the Police K9 is in the process of being trained. She has already received her drug recognition certifications from the State and is currently training for her search and tracking certification.

Mr. Slocum asked whether the camera traffic program press release that was requested at the last Council Meeting has been prepared. Mr. Bryan explained the statement was drafted and released. Mr. Bryan reported a final meeting with Stow Court was held on Friday to finalize the new citation form and make sure everyone is on the same page as to how the new procedures will work. The hope is that the Village will be able to resume issuing citations within a few weeks.

Mr. Slocum asked the Chief whether the Village should purchase decibel meters for the police cars. The Chief stated, based upon his experience, the meters and that method of enforcement are not reliable. Mr. Bryan stated the Village has an ordinance in place that allows for enforcement of loud noise complaints without decibel meters.

**Roads and Public Works Liaison, Mr. Haramis:** Mr. Haramis reported standard road maintenance work was recently performed on upper Akron-Peninsula Road. The Mayor added that work included road patching and ditch cleaning.

**Planning Commission Representative, Mr. Steidl:** Mr. Steidl reported at its March 25 meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed the short-term rental ordinance. Mr. Bryan and Village Planner Rita McMahan were asked to update the ordinance and provide alternatives, including more stringent enforcement provisions and additional restrictions. Those amendments will be discussed at a Special Planning Commission Meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday April 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**Zoning Officer, Mr. Hemming:** The Mayor reported Mr. Hemming is working on some property maintenance code violations, and there is another issue that may require assistance from the Village Engineer.

**Board of Zoning Appeals, Mayor Schneider:** Nothing to report.

**Buildings and Grounds Liaison, Mr. Steidl:** Nothing to report.

**Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison, Mr. Slocum:** Mr. Slocum reported the Chamber discussed solar eclipse planning at its last meeting. Ramp-Up Peninsula will take place on April 27. Volunteers are needed for set up and take down for that event. Yoga

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classes are being held on the deck of the Coffee Shop on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. There is a 10-person limit, and reservations are required.

**Community Events Liaison, Mr. Najeway:** Mr. Najeway stated Peninsula Live event planning is on track. The dates have been set, most the sponsors have renewed, and the food trucks and bands have been booked.

**Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum:**

Mr. Slocum suggested new photos for the public officials should be taken for the website. Mr. Najeway suggested that everyone be dressed appropriately and be ready to take them at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Schultz reported he has reviewed other communities' websites and spoken to vendors. He asked if he was authorized to request more information and quotes. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to permit Mr. Schultz to obtain quotes from vendors to update the Village website. 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 stated he would like the minutes to be completed sooner and suggested that the Administrative Assistant be provided with additional help to make that happen. Mr. Slocum also reiterated his request for a community information sign on the Village Hall property. He stated the posting places and website are not effective for many people. He suggested that any resident surveys ask whether residents want a sign.

**Fire Board, Councilperson Schneider:** Councilperson Schneider announced his resignation from the Fire Board. Mr. Steidl made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to accept Councilperson Schneider's resignation, with much gratitude to Councilperson Schneider for all his hard work on behalf of the Board over the last several decades. 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 suggested that Mr. Slocum be appointed to replace him. Mr. Slocum asked if anyone else was interested. When no one expressed interest, Mr. Slocum agreed to serve. Councilperson Schneider made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis to appoint Mr. Slocum as the Village Fire Board 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.

**Cemetery Board, Councilperson Schneider:** Councilperson Schneider stated the Memorial Day events will be discussed at the May Meeting.

**JEDD Board, Councilperson Schneider:** Ms. Iaconis announced she attended the Boston Township meeting and had a discussion in executive session. Mr. Slocum mentioned there is a withholding tax issue with one employer. Ms. Iaconis stated she is working with RITA to find a solution and emphasized she cannot publicly discuss matters that are confidential.

**Wastewater/Stormwater/Water Liaison, Mr. Najeway:** Mr. Najeway reported the County selected the Burgess & Niple firm to perform the design engineering work for the sewer project.

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EDG will remain on the project as a consultant. The County plans on reaching out to the Village once the contract is finalized and approved. He will pass along any updates when they are received.

**Area Master Plan, Mr. Schultz and Mr. Slocum:** Mr. Slocum reported the next steps are an additional Steering Committee Meeting with the OHM Team, followed by a public meeting with residents. Ms. Dorton confirmed she has a meeting scheduled with Arthur Schmidt from OHM for later in the week to discuss posting project information on a dedicated area of the website. Mr. Slocum suggested OHM have a booth at the Ramp-Up event to get public input.

**Short-Term Rentals:** The Mayor announced inspections are being scheduled. He requested that the Zoning Officer be compensated in the amount of \$35 per inspection, since this work is above and beyond his regular duties. A Council discussion took place about the Zoning Officer's regular rate of pay and the amount of time the job requires. Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway for the Zoning Officer to be paid an additional \$35.00 per short-term rental property inspection. 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 April 16 Special Planning Commission Meeting for the purpose of discussing short-term rental ordinance amendments was referenced; and current issues with some permit holders, enforcement matters, and posting permit holder information on the website were discussed.

**Solicitor, Mr. Bryan:** Mr. Bryan reported Ohio House Bill 422 has been introduced. That Bill would require all parking meters to take cash. He is not sure if there is any support for this Bill in the legislature and whether it will go anywhere. He will monitor it and let Council know.

**LEGISLATION**

***Third 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**

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

**Ordinance 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 legislation by title. Mr. Steidl made a motion to pass the ordinance that was seconded by Mr. Haramis. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, no; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The legislation was adopted.

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***Second Reading:*** None.

***First Reading:*** None.

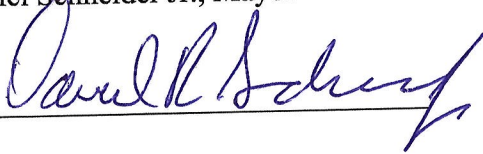
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Steidl expressed his gratitude to Ms. Dorton for her hard work and dedication. Mr. Najeway and other members of Council echoed those sentiments.

Mr. Najeway asked about the status of the property maintenance code enforcement efforts with respect to the Main Street property bushes blocking the sidewalk. The Mayor and Mr. Bryan stated a final notice letter was just sent out warning that corrective action will be taken by the Village if it is not taken care of within the next two weeks.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY):** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Najeway 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 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted:  
Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

  
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Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer

  
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