

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

**Held: Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Schneider called the meeting to order 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:**

No amendments.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None.

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

May 14, 2024 Joint Cemetery Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider to approve the May 14, 2024 Joint Cemetery 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.

May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider to approve the May 14, 2024 Regular 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:**

Amy Frank-Hensley stated she is in support of banning marijuana dispensaries in the Village. She noted it is illegal to smoke marijuana on federal land, and she is worried the Village may lose out on grant opportunities if the Village permits a dispensary.

Sarah Dollhauser stated she agreed with Ms. Frank-Hensley.

Greg Canda asked about the wording in the marijuana ordinances permitting research to be conducted by state universities, academic medical centers, and accredited private research and development organizations. Mr. Bryan stated that language mirrors the State Code, and the Village is required to permit that activity.

Daniel DeAngelo expressed his gratitude to those who helped with getting the signs up for the recent Area Master Plan Workshop. He feels people would like a permanent sign somewhere on the Village Hall property.

Joann Carey shared her concerns about the lack of parking for the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad staff and how it affects the community. The Mayor stated he understands this is an ongoing problem, and a temporary solution has been reached.

Amy Frank-Hensley also noted that trash is getting picked from businesses and residences in the Village earlier than the time allowed by the Village ordinance.

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**REPORTS:**

**Mayor, Daniel Schneider, Jr.:** The Mayor reported the long-promised picket fence has now been put up between the last residence on N. Locust Street and the old Village Service Department property. He thanked the Township Service Department for its help on this project.

**Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Accept the Quote from Summit Memorial, Inc. of Akron, Ohio in the Amount of \$18,000 for 18, 6 Foot Granite Street Signs.**

Mr. Najeway made the above motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis. Mr. Schultz asked whether this purchase was worth the money and whether people would just prefer the green street signs. Mr. Najeway stated the Village should be consistent with maintaining the decorative granite signs. The Mayor noted that 20, rather than 18 signs, were needed. Mr. Najeway amended his motion to request approval for the purchase of 20 signs for \$20,000. That motion was seconded by Mr. Haramis. 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 then made a motion to approve the amended motion authorizing the purchase of the signs that was seconded by Mr. Haramis. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Schultz, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes.

Mr. Slocum brought up the issue of getting a Village Hall sign. His prior efforts to get Council to authorize a local architect to design an appropriate sign for the location for a small fee were discussed. Mr. Najeway stated he used to be in the sign business and offered to get some quotes for a Village sign for Council to consider.

**Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis:** Ms. Iaconis reported she would be preparing the Village tax budget for approval at the July Council Meeting. She stated it has no effect on property tax rates and is a ministerial task that needs to be completed by July 15 of each year to justify the Village receiving all of its property tax revenues. She stated Village tax collections are slightly up this year to date.

**Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Accept the Quote from and Enter into a 1 Year Agreement with ADP, Inc. in the Amount of \$10,617.75 for Payroll Processing and Related Services.**

Ms. Iaconis explained the advantages of retaining a payroll service to handle the Village payroll and withholding matters, W-2s, and the recordkeeping related thereto. Mr. Slocum made the above motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis. 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.

**Street Commissioner, Mr. Anderson:** The Mayor indicated the Commissioner had 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.

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**Ratification of Submitted Bills List:**

Mr. Schultz made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to accept the ratification of 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:** No report.

**Roads and Public Works Liaison, Mr. Haramis:** Mr. Haramis reported this summer's Riverview Road paving project is scheduled to start around the end of July.

**Planning Commission Representative, Mr. Steidl:** Mr. Steidl reported the Planning Commission approved a certificate of appropriateness for the G.A.R. patio and pergola. The Commission also discussed short-term rentals. They hope to approve their preferred version of the short-term rental ordinance amendments at this month's Meeting.

**Zoning Officer, Mr. Hemming:** The Mayor indicated Mr. Hemming had no report.

**Board of Zoning Appeals, Mayor Schneider:** No report.

**Buildings and Grounds Liaison, Mr. Steidl:** Mr. Steidl reported the two new Village Hall administrative office windows have been ordered and should be delivered soon. Some additional Village Hall projects may be completed in the fall.

**Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison, Mr. Slocum:** Mr. Slocum reported the Boston Mills Art Festival will be held the weekends of June 28-30 and July 5-7. The Heron project is also moving forward. Each Heron will be designed by a different artist and will be placed somewhere in the Village next year for the year. At the conclusion of the project, the Herons will be auctioned.

**Community Events Liaison, Mr. Najeway:** Mr. Najeway reminded everyone the next Peninsula Live event will take place on July 12. A minimum of 1,000 people attended in June.

**Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum:** No report.

**Fire Board, Mr. Slocum:** Mr. Slocum reported there is a meeting next Monday. Five new firefighters are being onboarded and trained.

**Cemetery Board, Councilperson Schneider:** No report.

**JEDD Board, Councilperson Schneider:** Ms. Iaconis reported the JEDD attorney and business attorney are working on a settlement agreement.

**Wastewater/Stormwater/Water Liaison, Mr. Najeway:** Mr. Najeway reported Burgess & Niple is currently conducting field work relating to wetlands and geotechnic conditions, and EDG is collecting data. He spoke with the project manager and reiterated the need for advance

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warning of what work is being conducted. The project manager promised to keep him advised in the future. A public meeting will take place upon a certain percentage completion of plans. It was noted there are two different versions of the sewer district on the website. Mr. Najeway stated the engineers are working on figuring out what the district should be. If anyone wants to give input as to their property, they should contact Mr. Najeway to get their question answered. Mr. Slocum noted he was contacted by a resident who wants to tie in but is not sure if he is in the district.

Mr. Najeway stated there is continuing communication with the City of Hudson to get water. He encouraged residents to mail letters directly to the City of Hudson requesting Hudson to provide water to the Village. He asked if the Village could put information its website providing the proper Hudson address to which to send those communications. The Mayor stated, as of right now, the next nearest tie-in for water is from Cleveland Water behind Costco in Boston Heights.

**Area Master Plan, Mr. Schultz and Mr. Slocum:** Mr. Slocum reported on the walking tour with the OHM officials and certain members of the Steering Committee. Daniel DeAngelo shared that there are different options to pursue for parking and community access. The Mayor discussed a pedestrian crosswalk. Mr. Slocum shared ideas about signs for parking.

**Short-Term Rentals:** Mr. Bryan explained the Planning Commission is getting closer to recommending an option to present to Council. He said the current certificate holders are listed on the Village website, and those who are not in compliance have been notified. The Mayor thanked the administrative office and zoning inspector for their hard work and due diligence with inspecting the properties.

**Solicitor, Mr. Bryan:** Mr. Bryan shared he has had multiple conversations with the Stow Court IT representative. The Village contractors and court are currently engaged in a testing process for electronically filing the citations with the court. The program should be back live in the next few days.

**LEGISLATION:**

First Reading:

**Resolution No. 09-2024**

Requested by Mayor Schneider and Chief Nagy

**A Resolution Authorizing the Approval and Adoption of the 2024 Summit County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. He explained this plan needs to be updated by the County and authorized by FEMA and the State every five years. The Village needs to approve the plan for Village residents to be eligible for FEMA disaster relief funds. The deadline for the Village to approve the plan is August. The Resolution will advance to a second reading at the July Council Meeting.

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**Ordinance No. 10-2024**

Requested by Mayor Schneider and Fiscal Officer Iaconis

**An Ordinance Amending Section 137.02 of the Village Administrative Code Pertaining to the Service Department Employee Uniform Allowance**

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. Council asked the Mayor if it was urgent that this Ordinance be passed at this meeting. He stated it was not. The Ordinance will advance to a second reading at the July Council Meeting.

**Resolution No. 11-2024**

Requested by Mayor Schneider

**An Emergency Resolution Amending the Employee Position List and Wage Scale Relating to the Position of Full-Time Administrative Assistant**

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to suspend the three-reading rule. 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. Haramis made a motion to adopt 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 Resolution was adopted.

**Ordinance No. 12-2024, Version 1**

Requested by Mayor Schneider

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 731 of the Village Business Regulation Code Relating to Medical and Adult Use Marijuana**

**Ordinance No. 12-2024, Version 2**

Requested by Mayor Schneider

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 731 of the Village Business Regulation Code Relating to Medical and Adult Use Marijuana**

Mr. Bryan read both versions of the legislation by title and described each option. A discussion took place about the pros and cons of permitting a dispensary in the Village, how other surrounding communities have handled the issue, and whether there are any potential dispensary locations in the Village commercial zone, keeping in mind the state distance requirements from schools, churches, and parks. Mr. Steidl suggested this topic be further discussed at the next Council Meeting. It was determined that both versions of the Ordinance would advance to a second reading at the July Council Meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Najeway confirmed he would obtain sign proposals and expressed his thoughts that a crosswalk by Canal Street should be considered. Mr. Bryan explained a detailed plan would need to be submitted to ODOT for approval. It was agreed that OHM had this issue on its radar and might be able to find out from Richfield how their crosswalk was handled. Ms. Iaconis stated Parma Heights recently installed one across a state route and offered to try to get more information on the approval process. Mr. Najeway next brought up the previously discussed issue of an additional parking lot further up east on Rt. 303. Mr. Bryan explained that that is also something ODOT, along with the National Park, would

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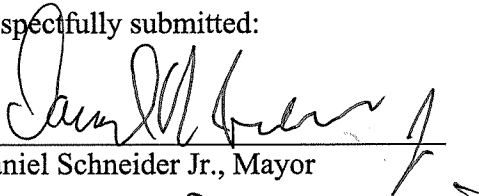
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need to approve. He stated he would raise the issue of that lot with OHM to make sure it is something that is evaluated in connection with the Area Master Plan. Mr. Najeway also asked about the Player's Barn, the status of the proposed property trade, and whether the barn property has any value. Mr. Steidl confirmed a realtor's appraisal of the property was conducted in the past few years. Mr. Steidl stated the barn itself is a liability, and he encouraged everyone to let the land trade process with the National Park move forward.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY):**

**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 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

7-08-2024  
Date

  
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Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer

7-09-2024  
Date