

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

Held: Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Daniel Schneider, Jr.	Present	George Haramis	Present
Richard Slocum	Present	John Najeway	Present
Daniel Schneider	Present	Eliud Rosales	Absent
Douglas Steidl	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT: Solicitor Brad Bryan and Police Chief Jay Nagy

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to add an update on the short-term rental renewals and a discussion of the AT&T tariff application request to the Unfinished Business/New Business portion of the agenda. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

ELECTION OF 2025 PRESIDENT PRO-TEM OF COUNCIL BY COUNCIL: Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to appoint Councilperson Schneider as the President Pro-Tem of Council for 2025. Mr. Bryan asked if there were any other nominations, and none were made. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: The Mayor thanked reserve officers Jason Burdette and Dr. Robert Murphy for their assistance to the Department during the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad derailment. The Mayor also thanked Police Officers Skrypek and Beichler for their assistance to the Fire Department at a local house fire. Chief Nagy presented letters of commendation to the Officers honoring their work during these incidents.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
December 10, 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. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The Minutes were approved.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mo Riggins raised concerns about persons parking on the street that were visiting a short-term rental property and asked about whether the certificate for the Bronson House property was renewed.

Jodi Padrutt asked whether Council would be discussing the renewal of the Solicitor's contract and whether Council would be asking for applications from other candidates. Mr. Najeway stated the Solicitor's compensation going forward was just approved in December along with the rates of pay for all other Village employees. Mr. Slocum suggested the Solicitor's contract issue be put on the agenda no later than the March Council Meeting.

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Greg Canda announced the Peninsula Art Academy was holding a reception for Carol Adams to celebrate her work and commemorate the Academy's 20th anniversary.

REPORTS

Mayor, Daniel Schneider, Jr.: The Mayor read his statement of the condition of the Village and his goals and plans for the year. A copy of that statement is attached.

Mayor's Request for Council Motion to Confirm the Mayor's Reappointment of Ed McCabe /McCabe Engineering as the Village Engineer for 2025

Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Ed McCabe/McCabe Engineering as the Village Engineer for 2025. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Mayor's Request for Council Motion to Confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Douglas Anderson as the Village Street Commissioner for 2025

Councilperson Schneider made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Douglas Anderson as the Village Street Commissioner for 2025. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Mayor's Request for Council Motion to Authorize Him to enter into a 5 Year Lease Agreement with ComDoc for a New Xerox XC405 DN VERSALINK Copier/Printer at the Rate of \$250 per Month Plus Any Copy Overage Fees, in Accordance with the Terms Set Forth in the Agreement, or Terms Substantially Similar Thereto.

Mr. Najeway made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis to approve the 5-year lease agreement with ComDoc for a new Xerox XC405 DN Versalink copier/printer at the rate of \$250 per month plus any copy overage fees, in accordance with the terms set forth in the agreement or terms substantially similar thereto. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Mr. Slocum made everyone aware that AT&T made a request to the PUCO that would permit it to charge municipalities if it is required to move its lines in connection with municipal improvement projects. Mr. Bryan stated the Village notified the Ohio Municipal League that the Village could be named as supporting entity in any action the Municipal League takes to oppose AT&T's tariff application before the PUCO. The Municipal League is not asking for financial support from municipalities. If it does ask for contributions in the future, the Village can reevaluate whether it wants to participate.

Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis: The Mayor stated Ms. Iaconis was not present this evening due to illness.

Street Commissioner, Mr. Anderson: The Mayor stated Mr. Anderson had nothing to report.

Finance Liaison, Mr. Slocum: Mr. Slocum announced there is nothing to report.

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Police Department Liaison, Councilperson Schneider: Councilperson Schneider reported one of the new cruisers is in use, and the other one is being upfitted and striped. The Chief is in the process of moving forward with scheduling evaluation interviews with the candidates for the Sergeant and Corporal positions.

Roads and Public Works Liaison, Mr. Haramis: Mr. Haramis reported the new service department truck is working out well for winter duties.

Planning Commission Representative, Mr. Steidl: Mr. Steidl stated the Commission did not meet in December.

Zoning Officer, Mr. Hemming: The Mayor noted there is legislation on the agenda regarding the Zoning Officer's compensation.

Board of Zoning Appeals, Mayor Schneider: The Mayor stated there is nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds Liaison, Mr. Steidl: Mr. Steidl reported the Village Hall Renovations Project is scheduled to start tomorrow. It is a four-month project. He is reviewing furniture packages with the Administration to replace the existing furniture. He expects to request approval of that package at the February Council Meeting.

Mr. Najeway provided an update on the Players Barn. The asbestos has been removed, and quotes have been received for demolishing the Barn. He is recommending acceptance of the quote from the Cardinal Group, which performed the asbestos removal work and submitted the lowest quote for the demolition work in the amount of \$31,250. Mr. Najeway made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis to approve the demolition of the Barn and accept the quote from the Cardinal Group for that work. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison, Mr. Rosales: Mr. Rosales was not present for the Meeting due to a work commitment. The Mayor stated he attended the meeting along with Councilperson Slocum. The Chamber reviewed its annual report and discussed hurdles it needed to overcome. The Chamber asked if the Village could cooperate by allowing its events to be insured under the Village's policies, since insurance for the Chamber was proving to be expensive. At its last meeting, the Chamber reviewed the past year and the difficulties it overcame. The Mayor checked in with Councilperson Rosales on his availability for upcoming meetings. The next Meeting is Wednesday February 5 at the Peninsula Library.

Community Events Liaison, Mr. Najeway: Mr. Najeway reported Peninsula Live is on its way to thrive in 2025. The bands for June and July are already booked.

Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum: Mr. Slocum offered to look into a better sound system for meetings. He is getting some advice from a friend who does sound work for a church. Conference room speakers appear to cost under \$1,000, which would be well below the Mayor's spending authority. He stated that he was interested in reviewing the Village's contracts with

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Google and Microsoft to see if their AI systems can meet expectations for producing rough drafts of the meeting minutes.

Fire Board, Mr. Slocum: Mr. Slocum reported the new Chief has officially stepped into his role. The Department is looking into hiring a second and possibly a third full-timer. If that occurs, additional Department funds will be needed.

Cemetery Board, Councilperson Schneider: Councilperson Schneider reported there will be a meeting on Thursday.

JEDD Board, Councilperson Schneider: Councilperson Schneider stated there is a meeting on January 22 at 5:30. He will let Mr. Rosales know about the meeting.

Wastewater/Stormwater/Water Liaison, Mr. Najeway: Mr. Najeway reported the engineers completed more core drilling last week. He expects to hear from the project manager soon about a date for a public meeting. Mr. Slocum asked if he could receive the core data from the drilling to see how it may or may not affect his property.

Area Master Plan, Mr. Slocum and Mr. Steidl: Mr. Steidl stated a Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 28 at 3:30 p.m. at the G.A.R., Hall. A public open-house type meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall.

Solicitor, Mr. Bryan: Mr. Bryan stated he had nothing additional to report at this time.

LEGISLATION:

First Reading:

Resolution No. 01-2025

Requested by: Mayor Schneider

An Emergency Resolution Amending the Employee Position List and Wage Scale Relating to the Position of Zoning Officer

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. He stated Mr. Hemming has requested a slight pay increase due to the time that is being required to perform his duties. Mr. Hemming would like to continue as the Village Zoning Officer if his request can be met. 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, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved. Councilperson Schneider made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to approve the legislation. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The legislation was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

PayByPhone Process Functionality

The Mayor reported that he and Mr. Slocum had a meeting with PayByPhone to look for a solution to make the system more user-friendly.

Mr. Najeway asked about the short-term rental update. Mr. Bryan stated the applications that met the requirements have already been approved and received their certificates. Some

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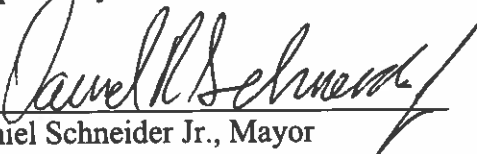
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property owners got their applications in on time but need to update some documents before their certificates can be issued. Faith is waiting for the fourth quarter returns to be filed for some applicants to see if they will meet the 60-day minimum threshold before issuing certificates for those properties. Mr. Najeway asked about the “Bronson House” property and its application status. Mr. Bryan stated the application for the Barn property was approved since it now meets the requirements and is not considered as an accessory structure. The Barn is on a separate parcel and has a separate address from the Bronson House. Only the Barn is allowed to be used as a short-term rental payment; the Bronson House could get an additional certificate if the Village was not maxed out on the available number of permits. Mr. Bryan reminded residents they need to call the police to advise them if the short-term rental regulations are not being followed so that those incidents can be documented. It is hard for the Village to take enforcement action about noise, occupancy, or parking complaints if they are reported several days after they occur.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY): None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Steidl, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr.; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

2-13-25
Date



Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer

2-13-25
Date

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Statement of Condition of Village and Goals and Plans for the Year

In 2024, the Village of Peninsula achieved several significant milestones that strengthened its operations and community services.

These were:

1. Working on an Area Master Plan that focuses on identifying priority projects, and pointing out potential areas for future investment or redevelopment. The final plan is moving towards a presentation to the Village Planning Commission and Village Council for review and approval.
2. The hiring of officers to fill all six full-time positions on the police department, ensuring a strong and reliable police presence in the community, with the help of our Auxiliary and Reserve officers which step-up daily, to supplement our the full-time team.

One of those officers, being our new K-9 handler which has enhanced the department's capabilities, providing specialized skills to support law enforcement, public safety efforts and other communities with the same.

3. The hiring of a much needed second road and maintenance employee to assist our supervisor, that was a one person operation for months.
4. The wastewater project moving forward.

Looking forward to 2025, the Village of Peninsula is looking to build on the successes of 2024

Such as:

1. Completion of the Area Master Plan
2. Renovation of Village Hall
3. Continued progress on the wastewater project.
4. Continuing to support our employees so they can provide needed Village services.
5. And to work with other communities and organizations to make the Village of Peninsula a great place to live and visit.