

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

Held: Tuesday, September 9, 2025

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

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Solicitor Brad Bryan, Fiscal Officer Katie Iaconis, and Administrative Assistant Faith Dorton.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:

July 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to approve the July 8, 2025, Minutes. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, abstain; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The Minutes were approved.

August 25, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to approve the August 25, 2025, Minutes. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The Minutes were approved.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Amy Frank-Hensley asked if the Village could permit all the Council candidates to put information about themselves on the Village website.

Jodi Padrutt noted the last Village State Audit that has been posted was for the years 2020 and 2021 and that the posted Village financial information is not up to date. She asked about the status of subsequent audits and whether more recent bank reconciliations could be posted. Ms. Iaconis explained the time to complete the most recent audit was extended by the State due to an illness in Ms. Iaconis' immediate family. Mr. Bryan explained Villages undergo State audits every two years rather than every year, so the audit that is being completed is for 2022 and 2023. Ms. Iaconis stated she could provide a copy of the financial reports on a monthly, rather than quarterly, basis if that is what Council prefers.

REPORTS

Mayor Schneider: Mayor Schneider reported he asked the Village Engineer to provide a cost estimate for fully converting the old Service Department garage property to a public parking lot. It was determined that an expanded, finished, paved, and striped lot with 40 to 50 spaces could be constructed for around \$175,000 to \$200,000, if the soil conditions proved stable. Fortifying and striping the existing, smaller area where parking is currently available would cost around \$60,000 to \$70,000. Mr. Haramis expressed skepticism that reducing the project size would

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significantly cut costs, noting the preparation required. Mr. Slocum countered that part of the expense was tied to correcting soil conditions in the unused areas. The Mayor emphasized this matter is still under review. The Mayor then stated he attended a recent Summit County Council Meeting with representatives from the County Department of Sanitary Sewer Services and Tony Burgoyne of OHM. Summit County agreed to partner with the Village on the St. Rt. 303 corridor safety and improvement project and contribute \$50,000. Mr. Bryan noted that action by the County would add valuable points to the Village's OPWC grant application. Mayor Schneider thanked Boston Township Trustee Amy Anderson for arranging for favorable priced joint road salt agreement with Summit County, which is expected to save the Township and Village about \$20 per ton and improve logistics.

Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis: Ms. Iaconis explained the County reviewed and accepted the Village tax budget. There are no changes to the property tax rates, and she requested that Council approve the tax budget acceptance and authorization legislation at tonight's meeting so that the County's October 1 deadline can be met. Ms. Iaconis stated she could get the full financial reports to Council monthly and asked Council to advise her as to what information it wants in the reports. Mr. Slocum stated the reports should provide revenues and expenses for the month. Ms. Iaconis reported the Village finances are stable, but the County mistakenly withheld the Village's State local government funds due to the Village traffic camera program, believing the Village utilizes unmanned, stationary cameras rather than handheld units. She stated she and Trevor Elkins are working with State and County officials to resolve the issue. Mr. Bryan confirmed with Ms. Iaconis that the Village receives approximately \$120,000 per year in local government funds from the State. If unmanned, stationary cameras are utilized, the Village does not receive the local government funds.

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

Finance Liaison, Mr. Slocum:

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

Mr. Slocum made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of financial reports that was seconded by Mr. Haramis. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Ratification of Submitted Bills List

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Rosales to ratify the submitted bills list. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Police Department Liaison, Councilperson Schneider:

Motion to Authorize the Purchase of a 2025 Police Interceptor Vehicle from Montrose Ford for \$49,798.75

Councilperson Schneider made the above motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

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Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Accept the August 26, 2025, Quote from Hall Public Safety Upfitters in the Amount of \$24,841.79 to Upfit the New 2025 Police Interceptor Vehicle

Councilperson Schneider made the above motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Roads and Public Works Liaison, Mr. Haramis:

Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Accept the Quote from Pat Flowers, Inc. in the Amount of \$14,896 for Certain Pavement Marking Work and an Additional \$1,050 for On Street Parking and No-Parking Zone Pavement Markings

Mr. Haramis made the above motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Planning Commission Representative, Mr. Steidl: Mr. Steidl reported the Village Planner, Ms. McMahon, is making proofreading and other edits to the Area Master Plan for final review and approval by the Planning Commission. No action was taken regarding rezoning matters.

Zoning Officer, Mr. Collins: Mayor Schneider reported the Village was notified of a possible unregistered short-term rental operating in the community. The property is the Winding River home. The Mayor noted the property was previously registered, but now it may be active without a license. Mr. Najeway asked whether such violations would prevent the property from obtaining a future license and emphasized the need to amend the regulations to bar eligibility for those found in violation. Mr. Bryan clarified that the current ordinance prevents those found in violation of the ordinance from being able to register for a period of one year. The Mayor confirmed the Village would investigate the issue and address it.

Board of Zoning Appeals, Mayor Schneider: The Mayor noted there is still a Board vacancy.

Buildings and Grounds Liaison, Mr. Steidl: Mr. Steidl stated he had nothing to report.

Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison, Mr. Rosales: Mr. Rosales stated he was unable to attend the meeting. Chamber President Margo Snider shared she is stepping down from the President role at the end of the year. She noted there are some great performers lined up for the September 20th Music on the Porches event.

Community Events Liaison, Mr. Najeway: Mr. Najeway announced that Peninsula Live had a successful summer and will return in 2026 and possibly add a September event. He stated he should have revenue numbers to share at the next Council Meeting.

Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum: Mr. Slocum stated he had nothing to report.

Fire Board, Mr. Slocum: Mr. Slocum reported the Department handled 72 calls in August. The Boston Heights tanker truck will not be repaired due to its age and condition. He explained that Villages and Cities must have cybersecurity policies in place by the end of this year, while

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Townships and Fire Districts have until next summer. One of the two Department Lieutenant positions remains open. The Valley Firefighters Association steak fry fundraiser is scheduled for September 27 at the Boston Heights station. A last call ceremony was recently held for Dave Morehouse, who served with the Peninsula and Valley Fire Departments for 47 years. Dave also worked for the Village Service Department. The Mayor shared additional ways Mr. Morehouse impacted the community and provided the calling hours. It was agreed that flowers would be sent by the Village to honor his memory.

Cemetery Board, Councilperson Schneider: Councilperson Schneider reported there will be a meeting on Thursday. The military marker for Barbara Lindley, who served in a company with her husband James Smith during the Civil War, has been installed at the cemetery.

JEDD Board, Councilperson Schneider: Councilperson Schneider announced Don Beal was appointed to take Bill Clifton's place on the Board. New members will need to be appointed at the January Meeting.

Wastewater/Stormwater/Water Liaison, Mr. Najeway: Mr. Najeway reported that the wastewater project is on hold until spring while funding sources are clarified. He stated the County is still working on bringing water to the Village. Summit County Council discussed water district rates and the City of Akron plans to raise its water rates over the next few years, which could impact local supply decisions. Mr. Najeway asked about the parking lot project at the old Service Department site previously discussed in July. The Mayor expressed concern about laying new asphalt, only to have it damaged by heavy equipment used to build the new sewer plant. Mr. Slocum opposed allowing the area to be used as a staging site, citing disruption to residents and loss of parking. Mr. Bryan added that Burgess & Niple confirmed alternative arrangements could be made for construction equipment staging if the lot were deemed unavailable.

Area Master Plan, Mr. Slocum and Mr. Steidl

Motion to Authorize a Letter of Support from Council for the Village S.R. 303 Corridor Improvements OPWC/ODOT State Capital Improvement/Local Transportation Improvement Program Grant Applications

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to authorize the letter of support. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved.

Solicitor, Mr. Bryan: Mr. Bryan stated he had no report.

LEGISLATION:

Third Reading: None.

Second Reading: None.

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First Reading:

Resolution No. 16-2025

Requested by: Fiscal Officer Iaconis

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Summit County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Fiscal Officer

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: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis to adopt the legislation. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The legislation was adopted.

Ordinance No. 17-2025

Requested by: Councilperson Slocum

An Ordinance Repealing Section 521.14 of the Health, Safety, and Sanitation Chapter of the Village General Offenses Code Pertaining to Facial Coverings

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

Resolution No. 18-2025

Requested by: Mayor Schneider

An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Village of Boston Heights to Prepare and Submit a Joint Application on Behalf of the Village of Boston Heights and Village of Peninsula to Participate in the Ohio Public Works State Capital Improvement Program and/or Provide Survey and Design Tasks for the OPWC District 8 Application PY 40 OPWC for Akron-Peninsula Road Paving

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: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved. Councilperson Schneider made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Najeway to adopt the legislation. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The legislation was adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

PayByPhone Process Functionality

The Mayor announced there is a new account manager, and the Village is working on setting up a meeting.

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Village Hall Sign

Mr. Najeway announced he would share the proposal he received with Ms. Dorton.

Mr. Slocum suggested exploring a subscription-based text communication system for residents with Text My Gov, which allows both reporting issues and receiving notifications from departments. It costs \$9,000 annually, plus a \$1,000 setup fee. Mr. Najeway noted Summit County has a complimentary Reverse Alert system which is already available for residents to receive area-specific alerts. Mr. Najeway raised concerns about redundancy and overuse if residents reported non-emergencies. Ms. Dorton confirmed information and sign-up links for the County Reverse Alert system have been available on the Village website for over a month. She emphasized that Summit County provides liability coverage and administrative support that the Village lacks. Mr. Najeway suggested adding a reminder about the County service in Your Community News.

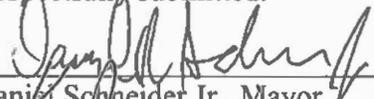
The Mayor noted residents have raised ongoing concerns about Ohio Edison power outages. Jerry Schall spent over \$9,000 on a generator and the Flemings invested in a battery backup for their sump pump. Many residents are failing to report outages, which limits the documentation needed for leverage. Jodi Padrutt expressed surprise at the lack of utility records concerning this issue. Mr. Slocum, Mr. Najeway, and Mr. Haramis discussed the limitations of FirstEnergy's system, stressing the importance of coordinated reporting and suggesting outreach through the media. Ms. Dorton confirmed outage reporting links are already on the website, but more participation is needed. Ms. Padrutt reported Barberton residents experienced similar issues, and the City filed a PUCO complaint against First Energy. It was suggested that Windstream could provide router data that would track the outages.

Mr. Najeway reported a few Councilmembers recently toured the General Die Casters property. The property has environmental issues but has potential for redevelopment. It is not clear at this time whether partial demolition, encapsulation, or full remediation would be required. He suggested acquiring the five-acre property if the current owner is willing to carry the note for a short period of time to secure parking, reduce garage rental costs, and create other opportunities. Mr. Bryan noted government grants might be available to clean up the property. Ms. Iaconis affirmed the Village could probably find a way to pay for the property. Council agreed the Village should continue to investigate this opportunity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY) None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Najeway made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

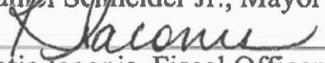
Respectfully submitted:



Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

10-14-25

Date



Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer

Date