

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

Held: Tuesday, November 11, 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	Present
Douglas Steidl	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT: Solicitor Bryan, Fiscal Officer Iaconis.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

October 14, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Steidl to approve the 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: None

REPORTS

Mayor Schneider: The Mayor thanked the Veterans for their service and congratulated the newly elected Council members. He stated the Village is looking for a new Service Department employee due to the recent resignation. The Mayor stated the Village and Township Departments are both working with one employee and are doing their best to help each other out. Mr. Slocum asked whether Boston Heights can assist with plowing. The Mayor stated Boston Heights helps with plowing Upper Akron-Peninsula Road in the Village.

Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis: Ms. Iaconis reported the 2026 temporary budget is nearly identical to last year's budget. She stated it does not need to be passed at this meeting, but it will need to be approved prior to the start of the year. Mr. Haramis noted if there are no major cost shifts, there is no reason not to move forward with approving it at tonight's meeting. Ms. Iaconis reported the audit is finished, but the report has not been released by the Auditor's office yet.

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

Finance Liaison, Mr. Slocum

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports and Ratification of Submitted Bills List

Mr. Slocum asked why no financial spreadsheets were posted on the website. Ms. Dorton and Ms. Iaconis stated they would find a spot on the website to post those reports. Ms. Iaconis also explained that switching to ADP would make the line items look different going forward due to the different accounting system for payroll. She stated if Council wants the information in a different format, to let her know. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by

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Councilperson Schneider to acknowledge the receipt of the financial reports. 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 Councilperson Schneider 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: Councilperson Schneider stated there was nothing to report.

Roads and Public Works Liaison, Mr. Haramis: Mr. Haramis announced the delivery of the new backhoe.

Planning Commission Representative, Mr. Steidl: Mr. Steidl shared that the Planning Commission did not vote on anything and the meeting's main discussions related to zoning regulation modifications relating to off-street parking requirements. Those matters will be further discussed at this month's meeting.

Zoning Officer, Mr. Collins: The Mayor explained that a violation letter for an unauthorized short-term rental unit was sent out. The owner responded and explained that they were not aware that a permit was required. The owner has since removed their advertising and said they are in process of applying for a certificate since the property is in the R-1 district. Mr. Najeway asked if they will be required to pay back taxes owed for prior rentals. Mr. Bryan stated that is required before any certificate is issued.

Board of Zoning Appeals, Mayor Schneider: The Mayor announced there is still a vacancy on the Board. Mr. Bryan reported a property owner is in the process of appealing the Zoning Officer's denial of their request to permit a wheeled house trailer to be placed on the R-2 property on S. Locust, which already contains a house, for a family member to live in. A variance request is also associated with that appeal. Once the appeal/variance application is complete, a BZA Meeting will be scheduled. Mr. Bryan stated the request clearly violates the Village Code.

Buildings and Grounds Liaison, Mr. Steidl: Mr. Steidl announced there was nothing to report.

Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison, Mr. Rosales: Mr. Rosales shared that some Chamber members opined that the Village is not sufficiently involved with the Chamber's events. Margo Snider announced that the Ramp Up event will not be taking place this year, and the Chamber meeting schedule is changing from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings. Ms. Snider stated that she and Denise English are stepping down from their duties at the end of the year. Ms. Snider clarified that the Chamber is grateful for the assistance the Village Administration and Council have provided to the Chamber with the Chamber events, especially relating to closing off streets and providing police staffing. She feels that the Village has provided valuable support for the Chamber events, and the views of some Chamber members are not reflective of everyone.

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Community Events Liaison, Mr. Najeway: The Peninsula Live group is preparing for next year. Two of the three bands have already been booked, and vendor applications have been sent out. Proceeds from last year have been donated to the Peninsula Art Academy.

Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum: Mr. Slocum reported receiving an email from the Village IT specialist and stated they are trying to schedule a meeting for next week. He emphasized the need for a dedicated consultant to serve as the Village's cybersecurity lead, stating it should not be a Councilmember. Mr. Slocum added that one of the first priorities will be having the consultant inventory all equipment.

Fire Board, Mr. Slocum: Mr. Slocum noted the call volume is still up from prior years. He stated that discussions with Boston Heights regarding renewal of the fire services contract are in process. That contract is up in September of 2026. He reported a resident attended the Fire Board meeting to complain about fire trucks and ambulances running sirens and exceeding the speed limit near their residence. Mr. Najeway noted that these instances are likely to occur when crews are responding to emergencies. Mr. Slocum emphasized the Board's support for allowing speeds over the limit when necessary for patient safety. The resident wanted to know who owned the Fire Department. Mr. Slocum explained to the resident that the Fire Department wasn't owned by anyone and that it was a government entity.

Cemetery Board, Councilperson Schneider: Councilperson Schneider announced there is a Board Meeting next week.

JEDD Board, Councilperson Schneider: Councilperson Schneider said there was nothing to report

Wastewater/Stormwater/Water Liaison, Mr. Najeway: Mr. Najeway reported that preliminary discussions have begun about the possibility of creating a regional water district that would include Peninsula, Boston Heights, and Boston Township. He noted that Akron representatives were surprisingly supportive and optimistic about helping secure funding. They would potentially use the old Coliseum water line to extend service down Rt. 303 and to Stine Road and further into Boston Township. Mr. Najeway added that a \$20 million federal earmark is being sought to help repair the line, which would also benefit the National Park. Akron is still awaiting a federal court ruling from Judge Adams that could unlock further funding. Mr. Slocum asked how the water line would run, and the Mayor explained that it would likely follow Main St. and Stine Rd. to reach the most customers. The Mayor and Mr. Najeway noted the current line is deteriorated and requires at least 11 million dollars in repairs. That amount is not significant when compared to other federal water projects throughout the country.

Solicitor, Mr. Bryan: Mr. Bryan first congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers. He reported that Targeting & Solutions contacted him about the next steps for the potential use of unmanned speed enforcement poles and red-light cameras. Mr. Bryan advised him those discussions would have to wait until the new Council is in place in January. Mr. Slocum noted that fixed speed cameras would result in the Village losing its state local government funds. Mr.

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Bryan confirmed the Village would lose roughly \$120,000 if they installed the fixed cameras. Mr. Najeway asked about the previous month's request to replace the battery on the Village's portable speed unit and redeploy it near the coffee shop and along the hill. He noted that plan could move forward while the fixed cameras are debated.

LEGISLATION:

Third Reading: None.

Second Reading: None.

Ordinance No. 21-2025

Requested by: Councilperson Steidl and Mayor Schneider

An Ordinance Amending the Village Zoning Map Relating to Four Contiguous Main Street Parcels and a Contiguous N. Canal Street Parcel

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title and explained a public hearing on the Ordinance is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on December 9th before the December Council Meeting. This Ordinance will be on third reading at the December Meeting.

First Reading:

Resolution No. 22-2025

Requested by: Fiscal Officer Iaconis

A Resolution Requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer, in the Year 2026, to Advance to the Village Monies to which the Village is Entitled from the Proceeds of Tax Levies for the Tax Year 2025

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. He reminded Council this Resolution is an annual request to the County that permits the Village to obtain its share of the real estate taxes as soon as possible. Mr. Steidl 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 Mr. Najeway to pass the Resolution. 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. 23-2025

Requested by: Mayor Schneider

A Resolution Providing Consent to the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Preventative Pavement Maintenance on St. Rt. 303 from Just East of the West Corporation Limit to the East Corporation Limit

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. It was determined that this Resolution would advance to a second reading at the next Council Meeting.

Resolution No. 24-2025

Requested by: Fiscal Officer Iaconis and Mayor Schneider

A Resolution Establishing a Temporary Operating Budget and Making Temporary Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village for the Period from January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026

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Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, no; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved. Mr. Haramis made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider to pass the legislation. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, no; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The legislation was adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

PayByPhone Process Functionality: The Mayor explained the meeting scheduled with PayByPhone had to be rescheduled.

IT Migration from Gmail to Microsoft: Mr. Slocum shared he is working on scheduling a meeting with the Village IT Specialist.

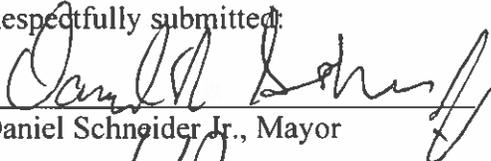
Village Hall Sign: Mr. Najeway reported he spoke with a company called Oak Foundry, which creates large analog flip-style signs reminiscent of vintage airport boards and suggested that type of board might be a visually appealing way to display Village announcements. Mr. Najeway explained the sign could be mounted on the building in a weather-resistant cabinet and programmed via Wi-Fi to display information. Mr. Najeway stated he will request the company to provide a digital rendering and cost proposal.

General Die Casters Property: Mr. Najeway reported on ongoing conversations with Brian Lennon of General Die Casters, noting the company is still evaluating the environmental cleanup costs. He reiterated that the Village's preferred outcome is a fully remediated property with no restrictions. He noted that residents and Councilmembers alike seem supportive of pursuing Village ownership, as it aligns with the Downtown Master Plan, provides greater control over future use, and would assist with parking, traffic circulation, and Service Department relocation issues. A discussion then took place about selling the Players Barn property. It was agreed that actions related to that issue should be investigated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY): None

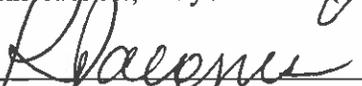
ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Najeway made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Rosales to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Najeway, yes. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

11/13/2026
Date



Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer

11/13/2026
Date