

**Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting**

Held: Tuesday, January 13, 2026

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

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBERS: Mr. Bryan administered the Oath of Office to new Councilmembers Amy Frank-Hensley and Dan Krachinsky.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Daniel Schneider, Jr.	Present	Amy Fank-Hensley	Present
Richard Slocum	Present	Daniel Krachinsky	Present
Jodi Padrutt	Present	Eliud Rosales	Absent
Moe Riggins	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT: Solicitor Bryan, Fiscal Officer Iaconis, Chief Nagy, Administrative Assistant Dorton, and OHM Engineer Burgoyne.

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND AMENDMENT OF AGENDA: Mr. Slocum stated that he would like time on the agenda to discuss the Village contracts and Council Liaisons and Committees. Mr. Bryan suggested those matters could be discussed during the Policies and Procedures portion of the agenda or be addressed later under Unfinished/New Business, depending on Council’s preference.

ELECTION OF 2026 PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE OF COUNCIL BY COUNCIL: Mr. Slocum made a motion to nominate himself. The motion was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, abstain; Ms. Riggins, abstain. Mr. Bryan advised Council that members should only abstain in situations in which they have a conflict of interest, there may be an appearance of impropriety, or on issues on which they are unable to vote. Ms. Padrutt stated she had reservations about voting for Mr. Slocum for the position at this time. The motion was approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: OHM Engineer Tony Burgoyne congratulated the new Councilmembers. He reported the Village has been awarded \$2 million from the Ohio Department of Transportation for safety improvements to St. Rt. 303. At least an additional \$500,000 is expected to be awarded to the Village in connection with the OPWC grant application for that project (\$1.5 million was requested). Mr. Burgoyne shared that the City of Akron will be released from completing the final requirements from its sewer consent decree, which could potentially permit previously allocated County sewer funds to be redirected toward a water system for the Peninsula area. The Village’s sewer project is expected to be fully funded through grants, relieving any local financial pressure for that project. Mr. Burgoyne discussed efforts to establish a Valley Water District encompassing the Village, Boston Heights, and Boston Township to address aging wells, fire protection concerns, and the need for a reliable drinking water system. This effort involves coordination with the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Conservancy and could leverage \$20–\$25 million in Federal grant funding. He concluded by emphasizing that these advances are the result of long-term collaboration between Village leadership, regional partners, and Federal and State agencies. In response to a question from Steve Craig, Mr. Burgoyne explained that while his firm does not represent Summit County, discussions with County staff indicate that if the water

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district is formed; the lines can be installed concurrently with the sewer improvements and be coordinated with the Ohio Department of Transportation work. The Mayor added that, based on conversations with County officials, the goal remains to begin the wastewater project by the end of this summer, with careful planning to minimize impacts on traffic and local businesses. Greg Canda asked about the status of funding approvals. Mr. Burgoyne clarified that two major funding sources are involved, with one secured and the second still pending, meaning the final project scope depends on the total amount ultimately awarded. Mr. Slocum asked whether storm sewers would be replaced. Mr. Burgoyne confirmed that stormwater infrastructure is included in the Rt. 303 Project design work. Questions from Tony Dibenedetto focused on on-street parking and sidewalks along Rt. 303, with Mr. Burgoyne clarifying that the current plan involves minimal changes to the current street parking setup. Daniel DeAngelo explained that the Federal Highway Administration has initiated a nationwide study on improving access between gateway communities and national parks. Peninsula has been selected as one of the five parks included in Phase One, which runs through the middle of April. He reported that representatives from the City of Akron, the Village of Peninsula, the National Park, Cleveland Metroparks, and other regional partners met with Federal officials and emphasized Peninsula's strengths, such as the Towpath Trail, the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, the Merriman Valley plan, and the Village's master plans, all of which support non-car access to the Park. Mr. DeAngelo stated that federal officials expressed strong interest in the area, and the study will be narrowed to two parks for a more in-depth Phase Two review, which could lead to future funding opportunities. During that discussion, Ms. Frank-Hensley asked whether Boston Heights would be included, citing its prior bicycle connectivity planning. Mr. DeAngelo explained that while Phase One is high-level, additional communities would likely be involved if Peninsula advances to Phase Two. The Mayor noted that Peninsula's central location and parking challenges were highlighted as key issues during the meeting and that more discussions will take place.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:

December 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Ms. Frank-Hensley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to approve the Minutes. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, abstain; Ms. Riggins, abstain. The Minutes were approved.

December 9, 2025 Council Public Hearing Minutes

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley to approve the Minutes. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, abstain; Ms. Riggins, abstain. The Minutes were approved.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Tony Dibenedetto raised concerns about speeding and safety along Rt. 303. He inquired about activating speed feedback signs, parking a police vehicle visibly along the roadway to slow traffic, or installing protective barriers. The Mayor agreed that while his safety concerns are valid, placing protective barriers could create liability issues. John Najeway offered to permit a sign to be placed along Rt. 303 on his property.

Liz Biddick requested Council to reconsider the one-rooster policy in the downtown area, describing how a neighbor's rooster begins crowing around five in the morning during warmer months and significantly disrupts sleep. She also asked whether residents would have an

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opportunity to comment on the sidewalk plans, particularly regarding preserving the historic sandstone sidewalks. Tony Burgoyne responded that the project is currently in the funding application and preliminary design stage, and that there will be opportunities for public, Council, and Planning Commission input before the plans are finalized. He explained that the funding is intended for roadway and pedestrian safety improvements, the sidewalks are currently deficient, but the final details have not yet been decided.

Paul Kaczmarek asked whether plans for the Rt. 303 improvements are available, whether they are currently in engineering, and when the public will be able to view them. Mr. Burgoyne stated that conceptual imagery is already included in the Downtown Master Plan posted on the Village website and that the draft construction plans are also available.

REPORTS

Mayor, Daniel Schneider, Jr.

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

The Mayor stated the Village of Peninsula reached several important milestones in 2025, including completion of the Downtown Master Plan, renovation of Village Hall and the Police Station, road resurfacing and striping work, Police Department promotions, replacement of critical Service Department equipment, continued progress on the Wastewater Project, and initial discussions on forming a regional water district with Boston Township and Boston Heights. Looking ahead to 2026, the Village plans to build on this momentum by advancing the State Rt. 303 Safety Improvement Project, beginning construction on the Wastewater Project, continuing efforts toward establishing a water district, organizing past Village records, supporting municipal employees, and strengthening partnerships with surrounding communities to enhance Peninsula as a great place to live and visit.

Mayor's Request for Council Motion to Confirm the Mayor's Reappointment of Ed McCabe /McCabe Corporation as the Village Engineer for 2026 at the Rate of \$135/hr.

Ms. Padrutt asked whether the Village had a written contract with the Engineer. Mr. Bryan explained the firm was selected in response to a request for qualifications, but there is no contract in place. Mr. McCabe bills for his time when he is asked to perform work for the Village at his approved hourly rate. Ms. Padrutt suggested a contract should be put in place. Mr. Bryan stated he could prepare such a contract. Mr. Slocum made the above motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, 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 2026

Mr. Slocum made the above motion that was seconded by Ms. Padrutt. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis: Ms. Iaconis explained she is in the process of closing out the 2025 financial year and preparing reports that show the appropriations and actual expenditures for recent years, noting she plans to compile additional historical data and a detailed revenue report highlighting the Village's generally stable income. Mr. Slocum expressed a desire for clearer

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financial reports broken down by departments and major expense areas. He stated while that information exists in the reports, it is difficult to interpret in its current format. Ms. Iaconis responded that she could revise the reports within the limits of the accounting system. Mr. Slocum suggested that given the volume and complexity of the financial information, Council should consider special meetings or a committee-style approach to review the reports in depth, collaborate on what information is most useful, and work more effectively outside regular Council meeting time. Ms. Padrutt requested more transparency through monthly reporting of specific revenue sources such as short-term rentals and traffic cameras. She questioned an expenditure related to the police canine. Ms. Iaconis and the Mayor explained that the cost reflected the annual canine training and recertification, which was higher this year due to a change in the dog's handler. Chief Nagy clarified the canine is a narcotics, tracking, and article-search dog that requires regular training, lives with her handler, and is on call to assist Village officers when needed when the handler is off duty. Ms. Padrutt asked about usage and regional sharing of canines. The Chief noted that some nearby departments also have dogs and detailed canine activity reports are maintained. Mr. Slocum suggested including a monthly summary of canine activity and costs, noting earlier expectations that grants and donations would offset expenses. Ms. Iaconis confirmed that while the canine itself was obtained through a grant, ongoing training and certification costs remain the Village's responsibility. Ms. Padrutt asked for an update on the status of the audit. Ms. Iaconis explained the audit report has been submitted to the State and is currently in a waiting period due to the holiday. She confirmed the audit was conducted by the Charles Harris & Associates CPA firm. Ms. Riggins stated that the payment listing is difficult to interpret because it lists names and amounts without explaining the services provided, which is especially challenging for new Councilmembers. Ms. Iaconis explained that many of the entries reflect payroll. The Village recently transitioned payroll processing from its accounting software to ADP, meaning employee names will no longer appear in future payment listings. Mr. Slocum stated he would prefer summarized wage information by department rather than individual pay details, along with clearer labelling of other expenses so that Councilmembers do not have to infer how funds are being used.

Street Commissioner, Mr. Anderson: The Mayor noted the Street Commissioner was not present because he had not been asked to attend, but there is nothing to report. Ms. Frank-Hensley raised a concern about the placement of a Boston Heights sign along the extension of Akron-Peninsula Road, stating it appears to incorrectly suggest that several residences beyond the sign are part of Boston Heights. The Mayor explained the road is split between the jurisdictions. He stated he would review the map, have the Service Department Supervisor determine whether the sign should be relocated, and coordinate with Boston Heights officials, if necessary.

Finance Liaison, Mr. Slocum

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley to acknowledge the receipt of the financial reports. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

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Ratification of Submitted Bills List

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley to ratify the submitted bills list. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

Police Department: Chief Nagy reported the Department received a vest grant through the Attorney General's office and that they are replacing the outdated body cameras that are losing their charge. He answered Ms. Frank-Hensley's question, stating he is unaware of any ICE raids or incidents in the area.

Roads and Public Works: The Mayor reported he has been coordinating with Service Department Supervisor, Mike Andexler, on road and public works issues. He explained plans to rotate a portable speed feedback sign around problem areas to collect traffic data for several days at a time before relocating it, noting the Village currently has one such sign that was donated or loaned to the Village by the Park. Mr. Slocum suggested placing the sign eastbound on Rt. 303 near the Coffee Shop. With Mr. Craig's permission, his property near Center Street was discussed as an effective first location. Additional concerns were raised about speeding on Stine Road and Bronson. The Mayor noted past data showed high speeds in those areas, reinforcing the need to continue rotating the sign to address traffic safety throughout the Village.

Planning Commission:

Election of Council Planning Commission Representative by Council

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Padrutt to appoint Ms. Frank-Hensley to the position. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved

Zoning Officer, Mr. Collins: Greg Canda requested that Mr. Collins be at the next Planning Commission Meeting. The Mayor stated he would let him know his presence was requested.

Board of Zoning Appeals, Mayor Schneider:

Board Vacancy

The Mayor reminded everyone that there is still a vacant seat on the BZA.

Buildings and Grounds: The Mayor reported that Mr. Andexler has identified deteriorating sandstone sidewalk sections near the Village Hall entrance that need repair or replacement due to cracking and disintegration. Options discussed included reusing existing materials, splitting damaged stones, or hiring outside help if necessary. Ms. Riggins remembered that John Najeway may have extra sandstone available. Mr. Najeway confirmed he has multiple usable pieces from a previous sidewalk removal. The Mayor stated he would have Mr. Andexler coordinate with Mr. Najeway to review the materials and determine whether they can be used to address the damaged sidewalk areas.

Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison, Mr. Rosales: Mr. Slocum reported the Chamber will now meet quarterly rather than monthly.

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Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum:

Motion to Approve Village of Peninsula Cybersecurity Policy

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley to approve the Village Cybersecurity Policy. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

Proposed Council Standing Committees

Mr. Slocum initiated a discussion on whether Council work should be handled through committees, liaisons, or additional meetings, noting past frustrations with work being done by liaisons without adequate reporting back to Council. He outlined the procedural challenges of committees under the open meeting laws and suggested alternatives, including more frequent Special Council Meetings or regularly scheduled work sessions with defined agendas. Mr. Bryan emphasized the legal differences between committees, liaisons, special meetings, and work sessions, noting that committees trigger public-meeting requirements whenever two committee members confer on committee business, while liaisons provide more flexibility. Ms. Frank-Hensley and Ms. Riggins supported the idea of workshops or work sessions focused on specific topics such as safety or finance, while Mr. Slocum suggested a blended approach that preserves transparency, establishes clear scopes, and allows focused discussion without overburdening procedure.

As the discussion continued, Ms. Padrutt questioned whether simply holding an additional Regular Council Meeting each month would be clearer and more efficient, allowing legislation to move faster and reducing procedural complexity. The Mayor agreed that predictability and scheduling clarity would benefit both Councilmembers and the public, sharing past experience with multiple monthly meetings. Mr. Krachinsky cautioned that for technical areas like finance, a liaison model may be more effective than committees, allowing experienced members to work directly with staff and report back. Mr. Slocum, the Mayor, and Mr. Bryan emphasized that liaisons function strictly as information gatherers who report to Council, not as decision-makers. Fulfilling communication expectations is essential.

Ms. Padrutt proposed adding a second Regular Meeting each month, tentatively on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. It was noted that formal legislation would be required for that change. After discussion, Mr. Slocum moved to schedule a Special Council Meeting for January 27 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bryan advised that the purpose of the meeting needs to be stated in the motion. It was determined that the purpose would be to discuss the agenda format for the second meetings of the month, the Rules of Council, and safety issues. Ms. Frank-Hensley requested that the safety topics include traffic, speeding, and parking. A resident raised the issue of the timing of installing speed signs. The Mayor addressed that issue, stating locations for the speed sign had already been identified and the issue would be addressed soon. Mr. Slocum steered the discussion back toward finalizing the special meeting agenda.

Ms. Frank-Hensley proposed that the Special Meeting agenda include the Rules of Council, safety, and utilities, with safety encompassing traffic, parking, and sidewalks. Mr. Slocum clarified that utilities could eventually include discussions on water, wastewater, and electric services. The Mayor suggested that any planning related information would be shared separately. Mr. Krachinsky emphasized that resolving the committee versus liaison structure should be the priority before tackling individual subject areas. Mr. Bryan explained the current rules give the Council President Pro-Tem the authority to appoint the liaisons. Mr. Slocum

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indicated that provision may be revised, and he would prefer Council approval of assignments. Ms. Padrutt asked whether legislation could be considered at the Special Meeting. Mr. Slocum responded that it could be, depending on how Council chose to proceed.

It was confirmed that the off-street parking and maximum lot coverage legislation were on second reading. Ms. Padrutt suggested not taking any further action on those ordinances at the Special Meeting because the extended discussion indicated the legislation may continue to evolve. Mr. Slocum asked whether contracts should also be discussed at that meeting. The Mayor advised limiting the agenda to avoid overloading it, noting that reviewing the proposed amendments to the Rules of Council alone could take significant time. Ms. Frank-Hensley proposed compiling a list of priority topics for future meetings, so that Council could better plan and sequence discussions. Mr. Slocum asked members to email the specific topics they would like to discuss to Ms. Frank-Hensley without engaging in deliberation. Mr. Bryan reminded Council that sharing information by email is permitted, however, back and forth emails on substantive violate the Sunshine Law requirements.

Ms. Riggins made motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to schedule a Special Council Meeting for January 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. for the purposes of discussing the Rules of Council; safety matters relating to traffic, speeding, and parking; electric and other utilities; and generating a list of priority items for future discussion. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

Fire Board, Mr. Slocum: Mr. Slocum reported that the Fire Department ended the year with 879 calls, which is a significant increase from prior years. He noted that they approved a cybersecurity policy and updated a non-emergency fee schedule that imposes a \$1,000 charge after repeated non-emergency calls to the same address that is particularly aimed at addressing frequent lift-assist calls to nursing homes. Mr. Slocum highlighted the reappointment of the Clerk with a raise, the resignation of some firefighters and EMTs, and a commitment to pay a minimum of 3 hours pay for callouts. The Board also authorized a small stipend for the members who participated in the "Fill the Squad" holiday effort. Mr. Slocum emphasized the success of the long-standing contract with Boston Heights that allowed for 24/7 emergency coverage for all the communities. He announced his intention to step down from the Board. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley to appoint Mr. Krachinsky to the Fire Board. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

Cemetery Board

Village Cemetery Board Appointment

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Padrutt to reappoint Jerry Rich to the Village Cemetery Board. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved. Ms. Frank-Hensley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to appoint Ms. Padrutt to the Board. Roll call

vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

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JEDD Board

Village JEDD Board Appointment

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Padrutt to appoint Ms. Riggins to the JEDD Board. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

Wastewater/Stormwater/Water: The Mayor noted the wastewater and stormwater topics have already been discussed and offered that Council needs to decide who should serve as the liaison for those matters. Mr. Slocum stated his view that, at this stage, the full Council should be involved. The Mayor explained, in practice, outside meetings often only include one or two representatives, typically himself, and if appropriate, a Council member serving as liaison. Otherwise, the meeting needs to be a public meeting. Mr. Bryan noted that a Water District meeting is expected sometime this month. The Mayor added that he attended the initial meeting to express interest and found the process more complex than anticipated. Ms. Frank-Hensley suggested selecting a Councilmember when meetings arise. The Mayor agreed, indicating he would look for someone available and detail-oriented to assist, concluding that this approach works for him and the Council. John Najeway raised concern if there is not a designated water and sewer liaison, emphasizing from experience that ongoing projects involve multiple moving parts and require a clear point of contact for outside partners. Mr. Slocum agreed there was merit to having a liaison, especially with the upcoming infrastructure projects like the Rt. 303 project. The Mayor said he would continue to attend any meetings until a formal decision is made.

Mr. Slocum proposed appointing Mr. Krachinsky as the Finance Liaison. Mr. Krachinsky agreed to serve in that capacity.

Solicitor, Mr. Bryan: Mr. Bryan stated that he had nothing further to report at this time and apologized for his hoarse voice.

LEGISLATION:

Second Reading:

Ordinance No. 26-2025

Requested by: Councilperson Steidl and Mayor Schneider

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1125 of the Zoning Code Related to Off-Street Parking

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. Ms. Riggins raised several concerns with the proposed parking ordinance, stating that while some changes may be reasonable, others require further analysis before adoption. She questioned increasing the off-site parking distance from 300 to 500 feet without adding sufficient handicap parking, noted inconsistencies in how loading and unloading areas are addressed and expressed concern about reducing apartment parking requirements based on square footage rather than bedroom count, given the lack of public transportation in Peninsula. She also highlighted unresolved issues with accessory apartments, the elimination of all commercial parking requirements, and the apparent shift toward a shared parking model without clearly defining it or evaluating how it has worked in other communities. Ms. Riggins emphasized the Village lacks an accurate inventory of usable public parking,

particularly noting that major lots are frequently full due to park-related use. She concluded that approving the ordinance now would remove existing standards without a realistic replacement, leading her to ask that the ordinance be tabled until sufficient data is available. Mr. Bryan

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explained the Planning Commission's recommended amendments do not eliminate all parking requirements. Instead, the amendments require businesses to submit a parking plan demonstrating their specific needs, allowing flexibility based on use and enabling shared parking to be utilized when appropriate. He stated he cannot see a scenario in which the Commission would permit the Park parking lot to be utilized to count toward the parking spaces needed. Mr. Slocum discussed expanding shared parking distance standards and incorporating larger off-site lots in the future. Ms. Riggins reiterated that although she is not opposed to the concept, she believes the ordinance is premature without supporting data, clear standards, or examples from other communities. She again cautioned against removing existing regulations without an adequate replacement. Ms. Padrutt raised concerns about ambiguities in the loading and unloading provisions, the meaning and enforceability of parking agreements, and unclear restrictions on activities in parking areas. Greg Canda recommended that Council compile its concerns and return the ordinance to the Planning Commission for further review. Mr. Bryan was asked what Council's options were regarding the Ordinance. Mr. Bryan directed that Council may either revise the Ordinance itself or refer it back to the Planning Commission. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Padrutt to refer Ordinance 25-2026 back to the Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

Ordinance No. 27-2025

Requested by: Councilperson Steidl and Mayor Schneider

An Ordinance Amending Section 1113.01, Zoning Code Relating to the Schedule of Regulations and a Maximum Building Footprint Lot Coverage Percentage Limit for Commercial, Mixed-Use, and Public Institution Districts

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. It was clarified that the proposed change added a new provision limiting building size to no more than 50% of the total property area unless otherwise approved. Ms. Padrutt asked about the rationale for the change. Greg Canda explained the limit was added because the issue had not been specifically regulated before and was intended to prevent buildings from occupying an excessive portion of a lot. Ms. Padrutt questioned the lack of approved minutes and documentation from the last BZA meeting, expressing concern about how much of the lot that project covers and how the public can review granted variances. Mr. Bryan explained that written documents regarding the variances that were granted exist. He stated that projects with filed applications are not subject to regulations adopted later. Greg Canda acknowledged that past projects — such as the Coffee Shop—revealed shortcomings in estimating parking, loading, and site impacts that were not fully anticipated during review. Ms. Padrutt expressed concern that new regulations, including the 50 percent lot coverage limit, appear reactive to past approvals and questioned the rationale and timing of the changes. Greg Canda and John Najeway emphasized that the intent of the new standards is to prevent similar issues in future projects and that Council retains full authority to accept, reject, or modify the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Mr. Bryan stated the Ordinance is on second reading and can be advanced, tabled, or sent back to Planning Commission. Ms. Frank-Hensley and Mr. Krachinsky supported moving the

Ordinance forward, arguing that establishing a clear 50% standard is better than having no explicit limit, even if past projects proceeded under older regulations.

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Ordinance No. 28-2025

Requested by: Mayor Schneider

An Ordinance Amending Sections 137.02 and 139.08 of the Codified Ordinances Relating to Service Department and Police Department Uniform Allowances

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. Ms. Riggins made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved. Ms. Riggins made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to adopt the Ordinance. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

First Reading:

Resolution No. 01-2026

Requested by: Councilperson Slocum

A Resolution Amending the Village of Peninsula Rules of Council

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. The Resolution will be considered at the Special Council Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

PayByPhone Process Functionality

The Mayor reported the Village is working to identify a new contact for the PayByPhone system, noting while complaints have decreased, ongoing issues are largely due to users being unable to connect to Wi-Fi rather than an inability to navigate the system. He explained some residents have come to Village Hall to complete their transactions using the available Wi-Fi.

IT Migration from Gmail to Microsoft

The Mayor confirmed this task is moving forward.

Mr. Slocum stated that Amy Anderson thanked everyone who contributed donations to the Township Share a Christmas program.

Ms. Riggins suggested that to improve public communication, a monthly column should appear in the Your Community News (YCN) that is written by individual Councilmembers or the Mayor, to share meeting highlights from a personal perspective. She also requested an update on short-term rental approvals. Ms. Riggins next addressed an October event at the Coffee Shop involving food trucks, creating parking and occupancy issues that she believes violated the rules and regulations. It was noted that event was a permitted private function that was not open to the public. Ms. Riggins emphasized the need to proactively notify businesses of rules to prevent recurrences. She reiterated her Your Community News idea, clarifying that contributors would speak only for themselves and their highlights from Council meetings. Ms. Riggins relayed resident interest in access to police reports and better visibility into Council activities and information channels.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY) None.

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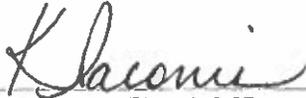
ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Padrutt made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

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Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer

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