

**Record of Proceedings
Special Council Meeting**

Held: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

PURPOSES OF MEETING:

To Discuss, Consider, and Identify Issues Related to, and/or Take Action Related to:

1. Resolution No. 01-2026, A Resolution Amending the Rules of Council;
2. Village Safety Issues, Including Issues Related to Traffic, Speeding, and Parking;
3. Electric and Other Utility Services; and
4. A List of Priority Items for Discussion and Action at Future Meetings.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Slocum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayor's absence.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Solicitor Bryan, Chief Nagy, and Administrative Assistant Dorton.

BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 01-2026

Requested by: Councilperson Slocum

A Resolution Amending the Village of Peninsula Rules of Council

Mr. Slocum read the Resolution by title and conducted a review of the changes. Ms. Frank-Hensley raised concerns about a decorum rule restricting phone use during meetings, noting laptops may be needed for notes or projecting materials. Ms. Padrutt questioned how such a rule would be enforced. Mr. Rosales suggested it would be better to rely on the professionalism of the group rather than establishing and enforcing such a rule. After discussion and acknowledging past issues, Council agreed a Council Rule on this subject is not necessary.

A consensus of Council determined that providing business cards to Councilmembers at the Village's expense was not needed.

The subject of having two monthly Council Meetings was addressed next. It was discussed that the intent was for the first monthly meeting to handle the regular business of Council and legislation and for the second meeting to allow for more in depth discussions and interactions. Mr. Bryan suggested treating both meetings as Regular Council Meetings but with different agendas. Ms. Riggins agreed. It was determined that the second meeting of the month would be a Regular Meeting rather than a Workshop or Work Session.

Moving on to minutes, Mr. Bryan clarified the Fiscal Officer is tasked with overseeing the Village records and minutes but wanted to make sure it was not Council's intent to require the Fiscal Officer to draft the minutes. He noted the Fiscal Officer is a part-time employee who is paid hourly for her financial expertise. Ms. Dorton prepares the minutes during her regular full-time work schedule. Mr. Slocum explained the expectation is that the Fiscal Officer, as Clerk of Council, officially keeps and signs the minutes but can delegate the preparation task to the Administrative Assistant. It was agreed no changes to the wording of that Rule was needed.

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Council next discussed the amendment requiring the Solicitor to sit at a separate staff table away from the dais and not next to the Mayor. Mr. Krachinsky noted the Rule did not reflect the past and current practice of the Village Solicitor sitting next to the Mayor, although he acknowledged he has only attended 4 meetings. Mr. Slocum clarified the goal of the amendment was to limit the Solicitor's participation during deliberations, unless asked. It was determined that this Rule amendment would be left in place.

Mr. Bryan addressed Rule 5 and questioned the wisdom of the proposed amendment that would allow Council to approve a Councilmember having a financial interest in a Village contract. Ms. Frank-Hensley suggested that provision be removed. Mr. Slocum and the rest of Council agreed to delete it so that such conduct would continue to be prohibited.

Meeting agendas under Rule 6 and new proposed Rule 7 were discussed next. Ms. Frank-Hensley and Mr. Slocum suggested the first meeting of the month would follow the standard agenda and the second meeting would follow a different order of business. How the second monthly meeting's agenda should differ from the first was discussed next. Ms. Frank-Hensley supported keeping a distinct format to allow deeper discussion and problem-solving. Ms. Padrutt worried different agendas might be confusing and preferred keeping the same agenda but allowing reports to be optional at the second meeting. Mr. Slocum proposed excusing the Fiscal Officer and Police Chief from the second meeting unless they were needed, with reports being optional. Chief Nagy noted the Police Chief historically attends all meetings. In the end, the group agreed the second meeting would remain a Regular Meeting with optional attendance by the Fiscal Officer and Police Chief and optional reports relating to other regular agenda items. Ms. Frank-Hensley suggested the second monthly meeting should allow more time for citizen participation to encourage greater listening and discussion, while keeping the citizen participation at the first meeting limited to three-minute comments. Mr. Slocum questioned whether this needed to be written into the Rules but proposed adding a provision stating the second meeting could allow extended speaking time. The group discussed adding a specific allowance, at Council's discretion, to make the distinction clear.

Mr. Slocum discussed executive session procedures, explaining he prepared a form used by the Fire Department and Township. The form mirrors the Ohio Revised Code language and creates a stand-alone written record for executive sessions. He noted the Township adopted it after facing a lawsuit related to its executive session practices. Mr. Bryan explained that is why he makes sure to clarify the language for motions to enter into executive sessions to make sure they are made properly. He stated he is not against the use of such a form and agreed to review it and let everyone know if any changes were needed.

Council next discussed the section regarding records of proceedings. Mr. Slocum suggested that Council not rewrite the Ohio Revised Code language into the Council Rules but discussed the desire to have the draft minutes available sooner. He also raised concerns about posting the drafts since they might contain errors. Ms. Dorton explained that the AI assisted method she was asked to use doesn't make drafting faster, but it is less mentally taxing. Council discussed approving minutes two weeks after each meeting and including them in the Council packet, which would be posted five business days before the next meeting. Mr. Bryan emphasized that schedule would require meeting requests and materials to be submitted earlier and result in items that were submitted after the deadline not making the agenda until the next meeting. Delays in approving BZA minutes were discussed. Mr. Bryan stated rules applicable to

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the BZA need to be dealt with in the Codified Ordinances rather than the Council Rules. Ms. Frank-Hensley suggesting the Codified Ordinances be updated to include the requirements.

Mr. Slocum moved on to the proposed requirement that all Village meetings be audio and video recorded, noting audio already exists but video would require new equipment. Mr. Bryan reiterated that any requirement applying to bodies other than Council cannot be imposed by the Council Rules. That type of requirement would need to be handled through legislation. Ms. Frank-Hensley agreed. Council discussed moving those provisions into the Codified Ordinances. After further discussion, it was decided the proposed deadline for uploading the recordings should be changed from one day to four business days. Mr. Bryan explained this Rule would only be applicable to Council Meetings. Concerns were raised on how long it takes the Board of Zoning Appeals to approve its minutes. The discussion then turned back to video recording meetings. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Rosales to authorize Ms. Frank-Hensley to investigate technological solutions for recording and archiving meeting videos. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes.

Council next discussed that the Rules would be amended to require the Police Chief to provide Council with a written monthly report.

The discussion then moved to the section related to Council Committees. The proposed requirement that non-elected official committee members be registered voters was discussed. Ms. Frank-Hensley favored requiring registration as proof of community investment. Questions were asked about enforcement of that requirement and whether it would prevent new residents from participating. It was pointed out the Board of Elections website contains the list of registered voters and new residents can immediately register to vote in the Village after moving into town. The one-year resident requirement only applies to eligibility to serve in elected office, not to register to vote. It was determined the elector requirement should be retained in the amendments. Mr. Krachinsky suggested that outside experts serve only as committee advisors, not voting members. It was determined that Council Liaisons provide value to Council and that system should be retained.

Council then discussed the proposal to remove language designating the Mayor as the spokesperson for Council. Mr. Bryan noted that Council can require Council action before any person is authorized to speak for Council but reminded Council that the Ohio Revised Code designates the Mayor as the President of Council. Even if the language designating the Mayor as the spokesperson for Council is removed, the Mayor still has the ability to speak on behalf of the Village as its Mayor.

With respect to the language permitting the Solicitor, in addition to the Mayor, to announce whether a vote of Council passed or not, Mr. Bryan explained the Solicitor acting in that capacity can help with making correct determinations and avoiding mistakes, since he is better trained than the Mayor to know the particular voting threshold for matters before Council. Based upon that information, Council decided to keep the language in the current Rules on that matter. Mr. Slocum stated he preferred requiring Council to act to authorize anyone to speak for Council. Council agreed to remove the provision in the Rules allowing the Mayor to act in that capacity.

The provision requiring Councilpersons to provide reasonable notification if they cannot be present at a meeting was reviewed next. Mr. Bryan asked whether Council desired to formally

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vote to excuse an absent Councilmember so that there would be a record of whether the absence was excused or not. Council thought that practice would be helpful.

Council next reviewed the training, accountability, and provision of certain documents to new members section. Ms. Dorton explained most documents are shared digitally unless printed copies are specifically requested. It was confirmed the Rule provides for print copies unless a member prefers electronic ones. It was requested that those packets also include a copy of the Zoning Code and short-term rental regulations.

Steve Craig asked whether Liaisons were being eliminated in the new version of the Rules. Mr. Slocum explained the liaison system is provided for in an existing Council Resolution that is separate from the Council Rules. That system would likely remain in place, with fewer liaison positions, since department heads already attend meetings. Mr. Bryan clarified that Liaisons are authorized to gather information and report that information back to Council. They do not have any authority to make decisions themselves. Council determined the amended Rules would govern any committees while Liaisons would continue to operate under the current authority.

Discussion and Identification of Village Safety Issues, Including Issues Related to Traffic, Speeding, and Parking

Ms. Frank-Hensley proposed a structured approach to define the problems, gather evidence, and determine measurable success. Council members identified speeding hotspots on roads and discussed solutions such as speed signs, police enforcement, and collecting better data on ticket locations and speeds. Residents requested the return of a speed sign, and the Mayor obtained a quote for another sign. Staffing issues in the Service Department and weather constraints have prevented installation. Council agreed success would mean slower traffic, fewer complaints, and improved safety. Additional data and information from the Mayor and Police Chief were requested before deciding on a specific course of action.

Council next discussed traffic congestion and parking, particularly during peak tourism times and events. Suggestions included clearer parking signage, directing visitors to lots, and traffic control personnel. Improving coordination for events on matters such as insurance, estimated attendance, and government notifications per the checklist was referenced. The Music on the Porches event was used as an example for when stricter parking violation enforcement is needed. Council decided to continue discussions on these issues at a future meeting after more information is collected.

Discussion and Identification of Issues Related to Electric and Other Utility Services

Mr. Slocum emphasized the need to prioritize ensuring the reliability of electric service in the Village. Ms. Padrutt suggested inviting an Ohio Edison representative to speak with Council and the residents. She stated she planned to obtain a copy of the Park's tree-maintenance plan and noted utilities are requesting longer outage response times, which some communities are opposing. Mr. Bryan shared that the First Energy public relations department is characterizing its request as only affecting response times in connection with smaller outages, not major weather event outages, since there are no designated response time requirements when those major events occur. The company representatives also purport that the short, flickering outages are designed to prevent the power from going out fully and necessitating a technician line repair to restore power. He noted that electric rate increases are also being requested by the power companies.

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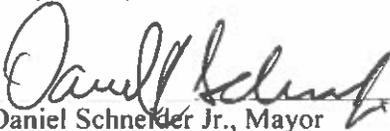
Council decided it was amenable to Ms. Padrutt contacting First Energy to see if a representative would attend a future meeting.

Discussion and/or Establishment of List of Priority Items for Discussion and Action at Future Meetings

Mr. Slocum asked what issues Council wants to prioritize. Ms. Frank-Hensley suggested collecting everyone's priority list and organizing those matters into a collective list for discussion at the next Council Meeting. Ms. Padrutt proposed that members submit their personal priorities individually to Ms. Frank-Hensley. Ms. Frank-Hensley said she would compile the submissions and make sure everyone's viewpoints are represented at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Krachinsky made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

2/25/2026
Date


Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer

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Date