

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

Held: Tuesday, December 9, 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	Absent
Daniel Schneider	Present	Eliud Rosales	Present 6:31
Douglas Steidl	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT: Solicitor Bryan, Fiscal Officer Iaconis, Administrative Assistant Dorton, and Police Corporal Pongracz

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Ivan Kassovic, CVNP Director of External Affairs, reported the National Park Service funded a study on pedestrian safety improvements in the W. Mill Street area. The Park is currently struggling to secure funding for improvements and wants any solution to align with the timing for future plans for Oxbow Meadow to avoid wasting taxpayer money. The Park is forwarding the plans and schematics to the Village for its review. The Park wants to meet with the Village on this issue to evaluate the existing options.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:

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Mr. Steidl made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis to approve the Minutes. Mr. Slocum then made a motion that was seconded by Councilperson Schneider to amend the Minutes to indicate in the Roads and Public Works Report that the new backhoe was delivered rather than a new truck. Roll call vote (on motion to amend): Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes. Mr. Bryan then called for the vote to approve the Minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes. The Minutes were approved as amended.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Amy Frank-Hensley thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their service and encouraged them to assist incoming members by sharing their notes, key contacts, and institutional knowledge, noting she sent a sample form to Mr. Slocum to help facilitate the transfer of that information. Mr. Slocum added there is extensive documentation on wastewater, water efforts, and the General Die Casters property, which would be valuable to pass along. Mr. Haramis reflected on his many years on Council, highlighting that the Village made significant improvements in infrastructure, equipment, and staffing without incurring debt or raising taxes. He expressed hope that future Councilmembers will continue that same careful, detail-oriented approach.

REPORTS

Mayor Schneider: The Mayor stated he is going to save some remarks for the end of the meeting. He noted that due to staffing constraints, Mike Andexler has been prioritizing leaf and

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snow removal over the placement of the digital speed signs. The Mayor stated he discussed with Mr. Andexler getting to that task as soon as he is able. Mr. Slocum shared a resident's concern about speeding on Rt. 303 and a box truck that recently overturned, suggesting a reduced speed zone to improve safety. The Mayor and Mr. Slocum discussed potential locations for the speed signs, such as the Coffee Shop area and where the speed drops to 25 mph. Mr. Slocum also requested the Village to consider contributing to Share Christmas. Mr. Slocum suggested the amount of \$500 or \$1,000. The Mayor indicated a willingness to approve such a contribution once an appropriate budget source is confirmed by the Fiscal Officer.

Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis: Ms. Iaconis explained that the year-end budget amendment resolution is meant to finalize the appropriations for the year, noting she will update and post the reports once the Resolution is approved. A discussion then focused on the list of uncashed checks. Ms. Iaconis recommended that those funds be moved into the Village Unclaimed Funds account. That transfer would clean up the financial records and preserve documentation to permit future claims. After five years, the funds can then be transferred to the Village General Fund if permitted by the Auditors. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Stiedl to move the uncashed check funds to the Unclaimed Funds account. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes. The motion was approved.

Street Commissioner, Mr. Anderson: The Mayor announced Mr. Anderson has nothing to report. He stated he would ask Mr. Anderson if he is interested in being reappointed as Village Street Commissioner for 2026.

Finance Liaison, Mr. Slocum:

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

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

Ratification of Submitted Bills List

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. The motion was approved.

Police Department Liaison, Councilperson Schneider:

Motion Authorizing the Payment of One-Time \$500 Uniform Allowance Stipends to the 4 Village Reserve Police Officers that Have Served in that Capacity for At Least 1 Year

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

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Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Accept the Quote from Midwest Public Safety in the Amount of \$22,475.52 for a New Body Worn Camera System and Cameras

Corporal Pongracz explained that the current body cameras are outdated and have short battery lives. The new system will allow for longer recording times and less time spent downloading the videos. Councilperson Schneider made the above motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes. The motion was approved.

Roads and Public Works Liaison, Mr. Haramis: Mr. Haramis reported that snow removal is going well. The Village is seeking additional help since Mr. Andexler is currently working alone. The Mayor publicly thanked Mr. Andexler for deciding to stay with the Village after being offered a higher-paying job elsewhere, noting that he worked during his vacation to plow snow and has shown a strong commitment to the community.

Planning Commission Representative, Mr. Steidl: Mr. Steidl reported the Planning Commission approved a lot split for the Quarry property and advanced zoning code amendment legislation to amend the Village Off-Street Parking Ordinance and an amendment to Chapter 1113 that limits building coverage to 50% of the parcel in commercial, mixed-use, or recreational zones. He added that the Commission also considered future zoning code amendments, including supplemental regulations for commercial or industrial uses adjacent to residential areas and potential mixed-use zone changes that will require more meetings. Potential new exterior lighting standards were also discussed. Mr. Slocum asked whether the Village will pursue taxes owed for an unregistered short-term rental on Rt. 303. Mr. Bryan confirmed the application will not be approved unless the back taxes are paid.

Zoning Officer, Mr. Collins: The Mayor announced Mr. Collins had nothing to report.

Board of Zoning Appeals, Mayor Schneider: The Mayor noted there is still a vacancy on the Board for anyone who is interested in filling the seat. The BZA application for the accessory dwelling unit/trailer on N. Locust was withdrawn by the applicant. Mr. Slocum stated he wants the Planning Commission to review the issue of permitting accessory dwelling units.

Buildings and Grounds Liaison, Mr. Steidl
Intent to Sell Old Player's Barn Property

Mr. Steidl explained that efforts to sell the old Players Barn site have stalled because the two parcels are zoned Public Institution and Conservation/Recreation. Mr. Bryan outlined the complications with putting the property up for sale, including the present zoning on the two parcels, statutory limitations requiring sealed bids and selling to the highest bidder, and limited exceptions under state law. He stated there would be little interest in the properties under those zoning categories. Past proposals for the property included a wine bar, a recording studio/sound stage, and a cell tower. He emphasized that clearer direction is needed before proceeding to put the property up for sale. Options include referring the matter to the Planning Commission to determine how the parcels should be zoned and potential desirable uses. Other options could involve utilizing the County Land Bank or forming a Community Improvement Corporation. The Mayor noted that prior soil testing on the property demonstrated the site could not support larger

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septic use, further limiting development options. Council determined the matter should be referred to the Planning Commission to determine how the parcels should be zoned.

Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison, Mr. Rosales: Mr. Rosales reported the Chamber plans on holding a meeting at Fisher's after the first of the year to decide on its leadership going forward. The plan is to move to quarterly, rather than monthly, meetings. The Mayor thanked Margo Snider for her time and dedication to the Chamber over the last several years, noting her efforts to support local businesses despite not being a business owner herself. Ms. Snider shared she is ready to move on to other endeavors and highlighted the Christmas festivities. She and others distributed hundreds of handmade candle lights. Extremely cold weather significantly reduced event attendance over both days.

Community Events Liaison, Mr. Najeway: The Mayor announced that Mr. Najeway did not provide him with a report.

Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum

Cybersecurity Policy

Mr. Slocum noted that Mr. Bryan prepared and distributed a Cybersecurity Policy and asked whether Council wanted to vote to adopt document now or take more time to review it. Mr. Bryan explained that adoption is not required until July 1, 2026, but suggested that the Village put it in place as soon as it is comfortable with doing so. He noted the Village should adopt a more detailed readiness document that will require collaboration with the Village's IT provider that includes an equipment inventory, identification of vulnerabilities, and event response procedures. It was determined that the Policy would be placed on the January Meeting agenda for approval by the new Council.

Fire Board, Mr. Slocum: Mr. Slocum reported that the Fire Department call volume remains high, with 807 calls as of the end of November. The Board made several policy updates, including a new three-minute limit on public comments at Board Meetings and a weapons ban at the fire stations. He thanked Chief Nagy and Officer Westfall for providing security at the November Meeting. He explained the Board is working on implementing a fee for non-emergency calls to businesses and long-term care facilities to reduce the strain on emergency resources. The Department participated in a holiday toy fill-the-squad event at Costco.

Cemetery Board, Councilperson Schneider: Councilperson Schneider announced there will be a meeting next week.

JEDD Board, Councilperson Schneider: Councilperson Schneider stated there is nothing to announce other than that JEDD Board Members will need to be appointed in January. The next JEDD Board Meeting will take place before the second Township Meeting in January on January 28th.

Wastewater/Stormwater/Water Liaison, Mr. Najeway: The Mayor reported on a recent meeting about the possibility of forming a Water District that included representatives from the

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City of Akron, the Township, the National Park, Boston Heights, and the Village. Akron Water provided valuable information and agreed to continue exploring options, at no cost so far. He emphasized the potential benefit of extending water service to the top of Rt. 303 to serve Peninsula, Boston Heights, and the Park Visitors Center. Broader participation would make the project more financially feasible. Akron's involvement is a positive step. Mr. Kassovic added that Summit County has endorsed the work to date and that the likely next step is an engineering feasibility study. Dan Krachinsky asked about the OPWC grant application. The Mayor explained that no determination on the award of the grant has been made. He participated in an appeal hearing before the Regional Committee to try to get more discretionary points.

Solicitor, Mr. Bryan: Mr. Bryan thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their years of service to the Village, noting it was a pleasure to work with them over the past several years.

LEGISLATION:

Third Reading:

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

Second Reading:

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

First Reading:

Resolution No. 25-2025

Requested by: Fiscal Officer Iaconis

A Resolution Authorizing Amendments, Transfers, and/or Revenue Adjustments to the 2025 Appropriation Resolution

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

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Resolution. Roll call vote: Mr. Stiedl, yes; Councilperson Schneider, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Mr. Haramis, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes. The legislation was adopted.

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. This Resolution will advance to a second reading at the next Council Meeting.

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. This Resolution will advance to a second reading at the next Council Meeting.

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. 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. Bryan noted there were not sufficient votes to suspend the three-reading rule. Therefore, the Ordinance will advance to a second reading at the next Council Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

PayByPhone Process Functionality: The Mayor announced he is still working on setting up a meeting with PayByPhone regarding this issue.

IT Migration from Gmail to Microsoft: The Mayor reported there is a meeting on December 17 to discuss this issue.

Mayor Schneider thanked his father, Councilperson Schneider, for his 47 years of continuous service in elected office for the Village, including one term as Mayor, and congratulated him on his retirement from Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY): None

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson Schneider made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Haramis 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 7:59 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:



Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

1/13/26
Date



Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer

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Date