

**Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting**

Held: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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		

Mayor Schneider stated Mr. Rosales informed him he was called into work at the hospital, and he would be unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Krachinsky made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley to excuse Mr. Rosales' from the meeting. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

OTHERS PRESENT: Solicitor Bryan, Fiscal Officer Iaconis, Chief Nagy, Administrative Assistant Dorton

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Frank-Hensley asked where to place a discussion on video recording meetings on the agenda. It was agreed that discussion would take place in the new business portion of the meeting. Ms. Padrutt requested time to briefly discuss the Village website and the upcoming meeting with FirstEnergy. The Mayor agreed those topics would also be addressed at the end of the meeting in new business.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

January 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Padrutt to approve the minutes. Ms. Frank-Hensley requested that the minutes be amended to indicate that Councilperson Najeway was going to provide information to Council, not that it had been provided. Mr. Slocum seconded that motion to amend. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The minutes were approved as amended.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Greg Canda asked whether Council would now be meeting twice a month. He was advised that there was legislation on tonight's agenda to make that change.

Liz Biddick thanked the administration and Service Department for their snow removal efforts and plowing Canal Street. Ms. Biddick asked who is responsible for removal of snow from sidewalks. She was advised that the Village does not have the manpower to do so, and the adjoining property owners are required to remove the snow. The Village takes care of the 303 bridge sidewalks.

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REPORTS

Mayor, Daniel Schneider, Jr.: Mayor Schneider stated he would have items to report during the Police Department report.

Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis: Ms. Iaconis discussed presented financials reports to Council, including a general payment listing, a bank reconciliation report with outstanding checks noted for review, and reports showing monthly payments and revenues. She presented a general revenue summary and stated if that format was useful, similar reports could be generated regularly and expanded further. She stated she would discuss the proposed budget when the legislation is presented.

Finance Liaison, Mr. Krachinsky

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Financial Reports

Mr. Krachinsky made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to acknowledge 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.

Ratification of Submitted Bills List

Mr. Krachinsky made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum 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: The Mayor provided updates on police activity and traffic concerns, noting that a police vehicle was being repaired after a storm-related incident. He stated multiple auto accidents occurred in the nearby area during the recent hazardous weather. He shared traffic data collected over a week period showing approximately 5,700 vehicles per day passing through town. The highest recorded speed was 81 mph, and in the downtown area, the highest speed was 60 miles per hour with the overall average speed being 28 mph.

Bain Enterprises Speed Sign Quote: Council discussed purchasing additional portable digital speed signs that can collect traffic data and be mounted on poles and moved between locations. The Mayor explained that the solar-powered signs with data capabilities cost roughly \$3,700–\$4,600 each and could help both warn drivers and gather statistics to guide enforcement. Chief Nagy supported the signs, saying they are effective for slowing traffic and identifying problem areas. Council requested the Mayor, Service Department Supervisor, and Police Chief to review the sign options and return with a recommendation on the number of signs, type of sign, and locations for the signs before Council decides to purchase the signs.

Roads and Public Works: The Mayor informed Council several guardrails have been damaged and will require costly repairs. One repair on Rt. 303 is estimated to cost over \$7,000, and another is expected to be around \$5,000. One guardrail was damaged by an uninsured driver, while another may have been struck by a State plow, though the proof is unclear. The Village will investigate repair, enforcement, and restitution options. Council also discussed a dangerous area near a resident's home where speeding traffic poses safety concerns. Potential aesthetically

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pleasing solutions such as a wood guardrail or other protective barrier were discussed, along with a drainage issue on S. Locust Street that requires evaluation when the weather allows for it.

Planning Commission, Ms. Frank-Hensley: Ms. Frank-Hensley noted the Planning Commission's recent meeting was canceled due to a storm. The parking ordinance amendment that was sent back to the Commission by Council will be discussed at this month's meeting.

Zoning Officer, Mr. Collins: The updated short-term rental list has been posted online.

Board of Zoning Appeals, Mayor Schneider: Mr. Bryan explained two Board of Zoning Appeals applications have been filed and are being reviewed before a meeting is scheduled.

Board Vacancy: The Mayor asked if anyone was interested in filling the vacancy.

Buildings and Grounds: The Mayor reported the sandstone outside Village Hall will be repaired after the winter season ends.

Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison, Mr. Rosales: Council confirmed the Chamber Meetings are now being held quarterly instead of monthly.

Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum: Council discussed updating the Village's records retention policy and public records request policy, basing the updates off the Attorney General's model policies. Mr. Bryan agreed the Village's current records retention policy is outdated and largely paper based. He suggested using the State's model policy as a starting point and making potential adjustments to it. The discussion also covered holding records commission meetings and approving the archiving and disposition of obsolete records. Cybersecurity compliance also needs attention. Mr. Slocum is seeking quotes from cybersecurity firms and consulting with a local IT expert. Councilmembers also noted the need for a public records request form. The employee handbook also needs updating. It was agreed that prioritizing records policies should come first.

Fire Board, Mr. Krachinsky: Mr. Krachinsky reported the Fire Department hired four new firefighters who will still need to complete their training. Two levies will appear on the May ballot. Mr. Krachinsky stated he would provide more detailed updates at future meetings.

Cemetery Board, Ms. Padrutt: Ms. Padrutt reported the Cemetery Board Meeting was routine and focused mainly on day-to-day operational matters and general education about cemetery management. The Board Chair and Vice-Chair were selected for 2026. She reminded everyone that the Township Trustees need to be invited to the May Council Meeting for the annual joint meeting to authorize the tax levy.

JEDD Board, Ms. Riggins: Ms. Riggins explained the JEDD (Joint Economic Development District) allows the Township to partner with the Village to collect income taxes from Township businesses within the JEDD District area. She reported the 2025 revenue was around \$175,000, but the actual amount collected in 2025 was \$265,413.95, with Boston Township receiving

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\$180,216 and the Village receiving \$77,235. The 2026 budget projects \$200,000 in revenue. An issue involving the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad's tax distribution after it moved locations is currently being corrected so that the funds go to the appropriate jurisdiction.

Wastewater/Stormwater/Water: Council discussed updates on a potential regional water district project involving Peninsula and surrounding communities. A recent meeting with representatives from those groups outlined the next step, conducting a feasibility study to determine system size, costs, water sources, and demand, with funding contributions expected from the County, Conservancy, and participating municipalities. Officials noted the project could take decades to fully implement, beginning with major infrastructure connections and expanding over time.

The discussion also raised concerns about the OHM meeting. Some Councilmembers questioned why the planning meeting was not a public meeting and why a majority of Councilmembers could not attend. The Mayor and Solicitor explained the meeting was scheduled by another municipality and its engineering firm, and it was not intended to be a public meeting. The conversation concluded by agreeing that better communication would take place among Village officials regarding these meetings in the future.

Solicitor, Mr. Bryan: Mr. Bryan reminded Council that the Village Republic garbage contract expires at the end of the year. The Village will need to begin the bidding process around May or June to allow time for advertising, responses, reviewing bids, and selecting a provider by September or so, allowing for a smooth transition to another company if needed.

LEGISLATION:

Third Reading:

Ordinance No. 27-2025

Requested by: Mayor Schneider

An Ordinance Amending Section 1113.01 of the 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. Mr. Krachinsky made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to pass the Ordinance. Ms. Frank-Hensley explained the proposed zoning ordinance limits building footprints to 50% of the lot area in commercial, mixed-use, and public institution districts, Ms. Frank-Hensley asked how the rule would be enforced and whether projects could bypass the Planning Commission by going directly to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Bryan explained the Planning Commission would review projects first and could approve exceptions, while applicants denied by Planning could still seek a variance from the BZA under a different process. Ms. Padrutt raised concerns about the reasoning behind the 50% limit, noting that Council inherited the legislation from the previous Council. The lack of minutes from the prior Planning Commission Meeting made it difficult to understand the full discussion before the Planning Commission. It was also questioned how the rule would interact with setbacks, parking requirements, multiple buildings on one lot. It was asked whether some existing buildings, such as the Winking Lizard, might exceed the proposed limit.

Greg Canda clarified the regulation would only apply to future developments and would not retroactively affect already approved or existing buildings, which would remain

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grandfathered. He added that Planning Commission discussions focused on establishing a reasonable cap where none previously existed, with 50% considered appropriate for potential future developments. Councilmembers requested additional information, including statistics on existing building coverage and the approved Planning Commission Minutes. Ms. Frank-Hensley then moved to table the Ordinance until the next Council Meeting so that information could be provided before a final decision is made.

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. Ms. Frank-Hensley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Slocum discussed the edits from the last meeting. Ms. Frank-Hensley pointed out a possible inconsistency between the attendance rules, where Rule 15 suggests the Fiscal Officer and Police Chief would not attend the second monthly meeting unless requested, and the agenda language that still implies certain reports might occur. Mr. Slocum agreed that Rule still implies key officials should be at every meeting, creating a conflict that needs to be reconciled.

Mr. Krachinsky raised a process concern. He stated the red line version with highlights and comments is confusing. He is reluctant to vote on this legislation without seeing a clean copy of the final text. Mr. Slocum explained the red changes reflect items Council already agreed to, while the yellow highlights represent new language based on last meeting's discussions that have not yet been formally reviewed or agreed upon. Mr. Krachinsky urged providing both a marked-up version that reflects the changes and a clean version. Ms. Frank-Hensley said the tracked format was helpful for transparency but agreed an additional clean copy would address readability concerns. She also suggested adding a clarifying note in Rule 6, so residents understand fiscal reporting is typically addressed at the first meeting of the month.

The conversation widened when the Mayor objected to prior changes made while he was absent, especially the idea of moving the Solicitor from the Council table and the necessity of holding two meetings every month. Mr. Slocum responded that the second meeting concept was chosen as an alternative to committees and extra procedural burdens, allowing time for deeper work on items like cybersecurity and records retention. Ms. Frank-Hensley added that the second meeting could be canceled if there was nothing to cover. To avoid voting amid confusion, Mr. Slocum agreed to generate three versions of the Rules for the next meeting. One version would highlight the changes from the present version of the Rules. A second version would show the changes made from the version reviewed at the last Council Meeting. The third version would be a clean version of the text that was proposed for passage. Council decided to delay a vote on the Resolution until the next meeting to allow for the preparation and review of the above documents before passage.

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First Reading:

Resolution No. 02-2026

Requested by Solicitor Bryan and Fiscal Officer Iaconis

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to Renew the Village's Agreement with Summit County and the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. for Indigent Representation in the Stow Municipal Court.

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

Resolution No. 03-2026

Requested by: Mayor Schneider and Fiscal Officer Iaconis

A Resolution Establishing the Annual Operating Budget and Setting Forth the Appropriations for 2026

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title and noted it must be passed by the end of March. Ms. Iaconis reminded everyone the Village is currently operating under a temporary budget. She explained the supporting budget pages were behind the payment listing and walked Council through a high-level summary of the budget. She explained tax collections have declined slightly over the last three years. She reminded Council that traffic-camera revenue is lower in the cold months, property taxes are a smaller slice of the revenues, and much of the property tax millage is dedicated to the road levy. The police revenue includes the Boston Township contract, plus citations and other sources, including inside millage. Ms. Iaconis emphasized the 2026 budget is intentionally conservative with no "extras," reflecting core operating needs. The Village fund balance is now closer to pre-COVID norms because the one-time federal COVID funding surplus has been spent/obligated and closed out. She reviewed how the appropriation summaries break down by department codes, with personal services covering wages and related costs and the remainder covering other operating expenses. She advised caution on major purchases until more revenue trends are clear. She noted the Village has no debt. The County is holding roughly \$48,000 in permissive funds that must be formally requested for distribution for qualifying road projects. The Mayor and Mr. Bryan discussed how permissive funds can only be applied to certain designated major roads and how that might fit alongside future road work timing and larger infrastructure projects. Ms. Iaconis clarified some custodial funds hold balances but aren't budgeted because money flows in and back out. She offered to go deeper in a finance-focused meeting if Council wants one and reminded Council the budget can be amended later in the year if the need arises. The Mayor confirmed that Council does not need to act on this legislation tonight. Ms. Iaconis reiterated it just needs final passage by the end of March. No action was taken on the Resolution, and it will be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

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Ordinance No. 04-2026

Requested by: Members of Council

An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 121.01 of the Administrative Code Regarding Regular Council Meetings

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. Mr. Slocum 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; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley to pass the Ordinance. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The Resolution was adopted.

Ordinance No. 05-2026

Requested by: Members of Council

An Ordinance Establishing Section 125.08 of the Administrative Code Regarding Meeting Video with Audio Recordings and Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. The legislation will advance to a second reading at the next Council Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Council Priority List:

Mr. Slocum discussed a proposal requiring Village meeting minutes to be approved within two months of the meeting and renewed discussion about Peninsula's parking system, which he said many visitors dislike because it relies on a mobile app. He noted that poor cell service can make the system difficult to use. He suggested exploring the addition of a physical pay station as an alternative. The Mayor noted that paid parking is common in many towns but agreed the current system can be reviewed. Councilmembers noted that improved connectivity, including future fiber installation or Village wide Wi-Fi, could help address some of the current parking system challenges.

Ms. Frank-Hensley presented a problem-solving framework document intended to help Council define goals and evaluate solutions more clearly when addressing issues.

Ms. Frank-Hensley also introduced a discussion about recording Council Meetings, noting the room is already continuously recorded through security cameras. The Village will test whether those recordings can be downloaded and posted online with acceptable audio and video quality. She outlined several possible approaches, ranging from using the existing security system, purchasing standalone recording equipment, or upgrading the room with a more permanent audio-visual system that could support recording and video conferencing. She recommended planning for video-conferencing capability and future live-streaming of meetings, though doing so would require a separate internet connection to avoid interfering with the Village's public safety network and to prevent potential cybersecurity issues.

Councilmembers discussed additional considerations such as sound quality in the room, potential sound-dampening improvements, ADA accessibility and closed captioning, and whether multiple quotes should be obtained. The Mayor suggested inviting IT specialist Tom Cochran to attend a future meeting to explain possible solutions and answer questions, while remaining open to other vendors or ideas before making a final decision.

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Ms. Padrutt informed Council she scheduled FirstEnergy and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park to attend a future Council Meeting to discuss their tree maintenance plans and address community concerns about power outages. She noted the presentation will include a moderated question-and-answer session. Ms. Padrutt also asked whether the Village website could include contact emails for Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals members, along with the Zoning Officer, so residents can easily direct questions. Discussion followed about creating official email identities for boards such as the Planning Commission, rather than using personal emails. Councilmembers agreed that establishing these accounts and listing them on the website would improve communication with residents.

Mr. Slocum asked about the timeline for the Village's email migration. The Mayor indicated there was no firm timeline yet. Mr. Slocum noted the transition had been delayed until after the end of the current directory period. Mr. Bryan asked whether the change would affect email addresses. Ms. Dorton explained the plan is to remove the dash from the domain address. It was also noted that there would likely be a transition period where both systems operate simultaneously, with messages forwarded during the migration.

Ms. Riggins asked Council to decide whether a committee or liaison should represent the Village on water and wastewater matters so that who should attend future meetings is clear. Ms. Padrutt noted that some liaison roles were still unassigned. The mayor mentioned police and roads as remaining areas. Mr. Slocum suggested adding another liaison related to property or the Diecasters project. The group agreed to address the assignments at the upcoming meeting.

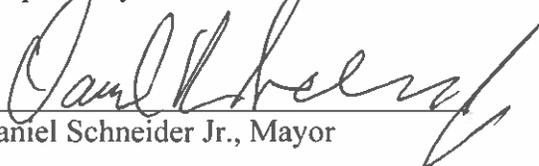
The conversation then shifted to the Your Community News submissions. Council noted that with the new second monthly meeting, there will be more time to prepare updates before submission deadlines.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

Councilperson Slocum distributed an executive session checklist form he prepared that would assist with recording Council's compliance with the executive session requirements. Mr. Bryan stated he had no problem with adopting such a form for use by the Village. It was determined that Mr. Bryan would review the form and recommend any amendments before it being placed on the agenda for approval at the next Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Padrutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Mr. Slocum. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM

Respectfully submitted:



Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

3/10/26
Date



Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer

3/10/2026
Date