

**Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting**

Held: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

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

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, Chief Nagy, Administrative Assistant Dorton

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:

January 27, 2026 Special Council Meeting Minutes: Ms. Riggins made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky to amend the minutes to add, in the first paragraph of page 2, that Mr. Krachinsky acknowledged that he has only attended 4 meetings. 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 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 encouraged greater use of committees to help manage the Village's many priorities and involve more community members in discussions, suggesting that smaller, topic-focused groups could improve engagement beyond Council and Planning Commission meetings. It was clarified that committees would still need to follow public meeting rules, including notice and minutes requirements. Council stated it intentionally proposed a second Regular Meeting each month at which specific topics could be announced in advance to invite participation. The group agreed on the value of engaging residents with specific interests more directly, while maintaining transparency. That approach will be further discussed when prioritizing upcoming initiatives.

John Najeway raised concerns about the Village's short-term rental regulations, noting that while registration fees exist, there is confusion about the additional \$250 inspection fee that was originally tied to fire inspections that are no longer occurring. He also questioned how the rules are being enforced, what penalties exist, and urged the Village to conduct an audit of existing rentals to ensure compliance, as he believes some properties remain in violation. He suggested expanding oversight to long-term rentals by requiring local registration like other communities, to improve accountability and property maintenance tracking. He was advised that the fire inspection requirement was removed from the ordinance before it passed, not after, and the \$250 fee was never related to the fire inspection. A \$75 fee was to be paid to the Fire Department for those inspections, but it was discovered that the Fire Department is unable to conduct residential inspections.

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REPORTS

Mayor, Daniel Schneider, Jr.:

Speed Signs: The Mayor and Chief Nagy discussed a proposal to purchase four portable, solar-powered, electronic speed signs to help improve road safety and influence driver behavior throughout the Village. These signs would be strategically placed at key entry points and within the business district, then rotated periodically to maintain effectiveness and collect traffic data that could guide targeted enforcement when needed. The initiative, funded through available camera-related funds at a cost of \$18,239, aims to increase awareness, reduce speeding incidents, and enhance overall community safety. Ms. Riggins made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to authorize the Mayor to purchase the signs. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis: Ms. Iaconis was not present.

Street Commissioner, Mr. Anderson: The Mayor reported he spoke with Mr. Anderson about a creek problem.

Finance Liaison, Mr. Krachinsky: Mr. Krachinsky stated that there was nothing to report.

Police Department: The Mayor and Chief Nagy stated they had nothing additional to report.

Roads and Public Works: The Mayor provided an update on road operations, noting ongoing challenges with limited salt supplies. The salt on hand needs to be broken up to use it, and the Village is exploring new sourcing options. Ms. Padrutt asked if the Village could consider assisting elderly and disabled residents with property maintenance tasks. The Mayor agreed it would be nice if the Village could get to that point but reminded everyone he is working with a one-man department. There is an open position. Recent applicants have declined the job due to not wanting to be on call for plowing. A candidate is currently under consideration. The Mayor stated guardrail quotes have been requested.

Planning Commission, Ms. Frank-Hensley: Ms. Frank-Hensley reported the Planning Commission held a detailed discussion on the proposed changes to the parking ordinance, focusing on introducing more flexibility through a criteria-based, judgment-driven approach to better support both residents and business development. The Ordinance is currently being revised by the Planning Commission. After the suggested improvements are made and approved, the Ordinance will return to Council, with acknowledgment that broader, long-term parking solutions are still needed. An update on the Council priorities was shared with the Commission. The March Planning Commission Meeting is expected to be rescheduled to March 16.

Zoning Officer, Mr. Collins: The Mayor introduced Village Zoning Officer Randy Collins, noting that, residents have been asking who holds the role.

Board of Zoning Appeals: The Mayor reported he received an application for the open BZA position.

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Buildings and Grounds: Council discussed how to handle matters related to the General Die Casters property, acknowledging concerns about price, environmental contamination, and overall feasibility, while emphasizing the need for more information before making any decisions. To move forward, Council agreed to designate liaisons instead of formal committees to gather information, speak with relevant parties, and report back to Council, without negotiating or making commitments and ensuring compliance with public meeting rules. The conversation also expanded to include broader matters, such as the Peninsula Players Barn property, with recognition that zoning considerations and potential uses will need to be explored before any actionable steps are taken. Mr. Slocum nominated Ms. Frank-Hensley and Ms. Riggins as Buildings and Grounds liaisons to Council. Mr. Krachinsky seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Liaison, Mr. Rosales: Council discussed the status of the Chamber of Commerce liaison role, noting uncertainty about its purpose and whether it is still necessary, given other priorities. Members suggested it may be more effective to invite a Chamber representative to present its needs directly to Council, rather than maintaining a formal Council Chamber of Commerce liaison position.

Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum: Mr. Slocum provided updates on policy and compliance efforts, noting that the Village must complete a cybersecurity risk assessment by the end of June to meet House Bill 96 requirements. A proposal is expected soon from a firm he previously worked with. He outlined progress on creating a records retention policy, including drafting guidelines for managing both physical and electronic records, establishing retention schedules, and coordinating with the State for approval and potential disposal of outdated documents. The process will involve organizing existing records, forming or utilizing the Records Commission, and completing required filings, with plans to move the policy forward at an upcoming meeting.

Fire Board, Mr. Krachinsky: Mr. Krachinsky provided a brief update from the Fire Board, noting there were no new officers. One employee resigned at the Chief's request. He mentioned ongoing work related to upcoming levies and described a lengthy disruption at the meeting caused by a resident complaining about sirens, which ultimately required police intervention. Mr. Slocum shared he encouraged the Board to pursue a cybersecurity assessment similar to the Village's efforts, highlighting a growing demand on limited IT resources resulting from the new compliance requirements.

Cemetery Board, Ms. Padrutt: Ms. Padrutt shared there has been one meeting since the last Council Meeting. The Board is working on an organizational restructuring of staff.

JEDD Board, Ms. Riggins: Ms. Riggins provided a brief financial update, noting that income tax distributions were slightly higher in January compared to last year but slightly lower in February.

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Wastewater/Stormwater/Water

Motion to Authorize the Payment of Up to \$33,333.33 to the Village of Boston Heights in Connection with the OHM Advisors Proposed Valley Water District Masterplan

Council held an extensive discussion about whether to contribute approximately \$33,000 toward a feasibility study for a potential regional water system and district to be conducted by OHM Advisors. While members of Council agreed that the study could provide valuable insight into long-term water infrastructure, several concerns were raised, including cost-sharing among stakeholders, lack of exploration of alternative consultants, questions about supply options like Akron or Hudson, and dissatisfaction with OHM's past work. There was also unease about committing funds without fully understanding the proposed governance structure, return on investment, resident demand, and how many properties would connect to the system. Broader concerns centered on whether pursuing water aligns with the Village's long-term vision, as outlined in prior planning documents that emphasized maintaining a small-town residential character. Some members noted that while many residents do want water, some prefer to keep their current wells. Introducing water infrastructure could open the door to larger-scale commercial development. Questions were raised about the total projected cost, reliance on uncertain grant funding, the funding formula, and whether other entities like Boston Heights or the Park stand to benefit more than the Village.

No decision was made to approve the funding at this time. Instead, Council agreed to gather more information before moving forward, including inviting an OHM representative to the next Council Meeting to answer questions.

Solicitor, Mr. Bryan: Mr. Bryan stated he had nothing additional to report at this time.

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. Ms. Frank-Hensley explained that after further review by the Planning Commission, the proposed 50% building footprint limit was based on information regarding lot sizes and setback requirements and the need to control building footprints and preserve space for on-site parking. Greg Canda clarified that separate maximum square-footage limits for certain districts still exist and may be reviewed later but are not part of this Ordinance. Ms. Frank-Hensley supported passing the measure as a reasonable constraint that aligns property use with Village goals. Ms. Padrutt questioned the rationale and expressed concern about anything that might bypass the Board of Zoning Appeals for variances; Mr. Bryan clarified that this Ordinance does not remove variance authority from the BZA. Ms. Frank-Hensley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to pass the Ordinance. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, no; Ms. Riggins, yes. The Ordinance was adopted.

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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. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Padrutt to pass the Resolution. Mr. Krachinsky proposed several revisions to the Council rules to improve clarity, consistency, and practicality. He suggested rewording Rule 3, Section 9 to positively state that only Councilmembers and the Mayor sit at the legislative table, rather than listing who cannot sit there. He recommended consistent terminology such as "Councilmember" instead of "Councilperson". He also raised concerns about Rule 6, which restricts dialogue during public participation, noting that Council typically allows back-and-forth discussion. After debate, Council agreed to make the suggested amendments to Rule 3, make the wording consistent, and soften the Rule 6 language rather than fully removing it. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley to amend the Resolution accordingly. 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 Ms. Padrutt to pass the legislation as amended. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The Resolution was adopted.

Second Reading:

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. It was determined that this Resolution would advance to a third reading at the next Council Meeting.

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. It was determined that this Resolution would advance to a third reading at the next Council Meeting.

First Reading: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Council Priority List & Problem Solving Methods Document

Ms. Frank-Hensley reviewed an updated priority list, highlighting items tied to the Downtown Master Plan and Long-Range Plan, and emphasized the need to identify which priorities are both urgent and actionable. She noted additions such as stormwater management and occupancy/vacancy considerations, while encouraging alignment with previously established plans. The group discussed how to approach the workload, whether through committees or focused discussions. It was determined that contract reviews, communication improvements

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(including signage, the website, meeting recordings, and records retention policies) were the top priorities.

Several topics, including contracts, short-term rentals, cybersecurity, and communication systems were identified as items for the next meeting agenda, along with a potential presentation from OHM Advisors. The list will continue to be refined and tracked, with updates shared ahead of future meetings. Ms. Riggins referenced short-term rentals as a key topic for further review and shared preliminary data for review at the next meeting. She mentioned concerns from residents, low revenue generation, and the need to verify whether current regulations are being followed, including identifying unregistered rentals, handling complaints, and assessing enforcement gaps, such as lack of limits on cars. She proposed a broader audit of all short-term rentals to determine if the program is effective or needs adjustment. She stated she will need help leading this effort. Additional discussions touched on Council updates provided to the community newsletter.

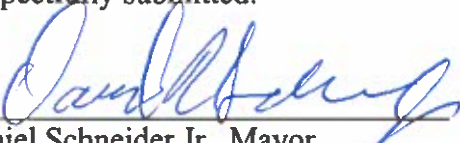
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

Proposed Executive Session Form

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley to make the proposed executive session form an official part of the executive session process. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Frank-Hensley 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 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

3/24/26
Date



Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer

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Date