

**Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting**

Held: Tuesday, March 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, Zoning Officer Collins, Administrative Assistant Dorton

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Slocum requested that the agenda be amended to include an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel and employment matters. Mr. Bryan stated the agenda already includes an executive session item if necessary. Ms. Padrutt made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley to amend the agenda as requested by Mr. Slocum. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:

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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, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The minutes were approved.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Steve Craig asked about the absence of the left-turn lanes at the Rt. 303 and Riverview Road intersection on the Rt. 303 Project plans, noting that this change seemed to happen without clear input from residents or businesses despite extensive prior planning. Mr. Slocum explained that during the master planning process, based on traffic data, it was determined that the Ohio Department of Transportation would not support a turn lane at that location, which led to its removal before the Area Master Plan was finalized. He noted that issue has been discussed at prior meetings. Mr. Slocum noted that ODOT is now the lead agency on the project and continues to review and provide feedback on the plans, meaning elements could still change. Mr. Craig expressed confusion about Council's priority list, which items were most important on the list, and the order in which Council is addressing those issues. Ms. Frank-Hensley explained that the list originally included ranked priorities, but over time, it evolved into more of a working status tracker as Council began addressing items on the list. She acknowledged the confusion and agreed the format could be improved to better communicate priorities moving forward.

The conversation then shifted to the General Die Casters property. The Mayor explained the Village has learned there is a signed letter of intent between General Diecasters and a potential buyer. The identity of the potential buyer is unknown. Mr. Craig emphasized the site's potential to significantly impact the Village in the future. He voiced support for local control of

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the property to guide development. Council acknowledged uncertainties around the property contamination and acknowledged that updating zoning regulations will be important as decisions about the property move forward.

REPORTS:

Mayor, Daniel Schneider, Jr.: The Mayor reported the large duck on the Village Hall property will be leaving tomorrow to go to Hudson. On Saturday, it will go to Cuyahoga Falls and will then float down the river. It serves as a fundraiser and marketing teaching tool for local schools. The Mayor stated he is still investigating options for a fireproof safe for data storage. He is addressing unauthorized overnight parking in the Village parking lot with improved signage and patrols. Based upon an inquiry from Councilperson Slocum, the Mayor advised the administration is working on presenting the most recent Council Meeting minutes for approval at the next meeting.

Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis: The Mayor stated he had nothing to report from the Fiscal Officer.

Street Commissioner, Mr. Anderson: The Mayor reported the erosion problem at 6003 S. Locust Street and the sinkhole at 6004 S. Locust were inspected by contractors to assess repair options. A final decision as to how to handle the repairs has not been made. Steve Craig's property concern was also looked at. Specialized equipment may be utilized to make that repair, depending on how the primary sinkhole repair is handled.

Finance Liaison, Mr. Krachinsky: Councilperson Krachinsky stated he had nothing to report.

Police Department: The Mayor stated he had nothing to report for the Police Department.

Roads and Public Works: The Mayor explained storm debris pickup was delayed due to salt spreaders still being on trucks amid ongoing winter weather, but that cleanup has now been completed. Regular limb pickup will begin on the first Monday of each month through September. That service is not intended for large-scale tree removal debris by residents or landscapers outside of storm situations. The Mayor thanked the Service Department for repairing the broken sandstone walk areas at Village Hall. The new speed signs have been assembled and will be put in operation soon. They will be placed near key entry points along Rt. 303 and in the business district in areas with proper solar exposure. The Mayor stated he would like to replace the weather worn parking banners. Councilperson Frank-Hensley asked if fewer banners could be utilized to help with the aesthetics, while still maintaining their effectiveness. Lastly, the Mayor reported the cost of the guardrail repairs for two locations is currently estimated at \$15,000. He is still waiting for additional quotes to come in.

Planning Commission, Ms. Frank-Hensley: Ms. Frank-Hensley reported the Planning Commission met on March 16, focusing primarily on the parking ordinance, which is back on tonight's agenda on third reading. The Commission also discussed the Council priority list and status of the Rt. 303 Project. Additional topics included improving communication and enforcement for the historic preservation overlay. The Village is working to update the Village

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zoning maps by working with Summit County GIS to create a more accurate, detailed, and useful map. The Commission also discussed economic development ideas provided at a recent training seminar. Updating the Mixed-Use zoning district regulations and land use tables is a key priority for April. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27.

Zoning Officer, Mr. Collins: Mr. Collins stated he has no updates.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Mr. Bryan announced a meeting scheduled for April 28 at 6:00 p.m. for a side setback variance for a house addition.

Buildings and Grounds, Ms. Frank-Hensley and Ms. Riggins: The Mayor stated he already reported on the letter of intent in place for the General Diecasters property and the recent sidewalk repairs at Village Hall.

Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development: The Mayor stated was invited to a Meeting at the Happy Days Lodge focused on regional collaboration among Chambers of Commerce along the Towpath Trail corridor, involving communities from Cleveland down toward the southern region. The regional planning session was led by a Cleveland-based group, with invitations extended to local representatives. Attendees included the Cities of Akron and Canton, park organizations, and other interested municipalities and entities.

Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum: This discussion focused on updating the Village's records retention and public records policies, with emphasis on determining how long to keep audio and video recordings, where current records are stored, and addressing missing attachments in posted meeting minutes. Input from Councilmembers and Department Heads was requested on the records retention schedule. Mr. Frank-Hensley suggested a searchable table would make the document more user friendly. Mr. Slocum discussed his cybersecurity program efforts, including developing a framework, coordinating with the Village IT contractor, and implementing staff training and phishing awareness training measures to reduce risk. Recent cyberattacks were cited that disrupted operations in other municipalities.

Ms. Padrutt reported she is developing an events policy by reviewing examples from nearby communities. She stated she would draft a preliminary version for review, which could then be refined collectively, rather than over-deliberating before a working draft exists.

Fire Board, Mr. Krachinsky: Mr. Krachinsky reported a pancake breakfast is scheduled for May 3, and CPR classes will be held at the Coffee Shop on April 6, 7, 13, and 14.

Cemetery Board, Ms. Padrutt: Ms. Padrutt reported the discussion at the recent Board Meeting centered around storm damage, which included three large fallen trees and a broken tombstone. Cleanup costs were estimated at around \$3,000. The Board is currently working with its insurance company to address repairs.

JEDD Board, Ms. Riggins: Ms. Riggins reported that revenue is coming in with some variation, but it is generally aligning with expected increases from last year. She plans to meet with Mike

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Anderson to gain further insight and noted that the issues related to the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad payments are still being addressed.

Wastewater/Stormwater/Water: The Mayor provided updates on wastewater and water efforts, including an upcoming discussion with the Girl Scouts at Ledgewood about water concerns after their well output significantly decreased. The purpose of that meeting is to avoid duplicating water planning efforts. The Mayor stated he expects to meet with Mike Vinay soon to get an update on the sewer project, including clearer cost estimates for septic removal and system connections. The Mayor noted the Project cost has risen to around \$18 million, and there are ongoing efforts to secure additional funding. He confirmed that he and Ms. Padrutt will attend the initial water district meeting before determining a long-term Council representative.

Solicitor, Mr. Bryan: Mr. Bryan reported there is ongoing coordination between OHM and ODOT regarding the Rt. 303 Safety Improvement Project. ODOT is providing its input and requirements to OHM regarding the plans. The Village will be involved with making key project decisions moving forward. Mr. Bryan noted he would be out of country from March 25 through April 3 but would be available by phone and email. The time difference will be four hours ahead until March 28 and five hours ahead thereafter.

LEGISLATION:

Third Reading:

Ordinance No. 26-2025

Requested by: Mayor Schneider and Ms. Frank-Hensley

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

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. Ms. Frank-Hensley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to pass the legislation. Ms. Frank-Hensley explained this Ordinance replaces the current, rigid, parking requirements based upon building square-footage with a more flexible, case-by-case approach, that better supports modern business models, aligns with the Village's Master Plan, and encourages investment, while preserving the character of the Village. She emphasized that recorded parking agreements would be formally documented, and the changes would allow creative uses, such as tourism-based businesses with different parking needs. Ms. Padrutt raised concerns, including shifting decision-making power from the BZA to the Planning Commission, potential complications and risks with parking agreements, and insufficient consideration of impacts on residents. She also objected to reducing parking requirements for accessory apartments, arguing they should be based on bedrooms rather than square footage. Others acknowledged the trade-offs, noting the proposal sets minimums rather than maximums, could expand housing and business opportunities, and still allows appeals to the BZA, although it does shift more initial authority to the Planning Commission. Daniel DiAngelo explained the reduced parking requirement for accessory dwelling units is intentional, as these units, which are often located above retail spaces, can share parking with businesses that have unused capacity at night, reducing the need for additional spaces. He emphasized that shared parking agreements and flexible planning oversight are meant to balance the limited parking supply with the goal of avoiding excessive parking lots that harm the Village's character.

Ms. Padrutt again raised concerns about the complexity and potential overuse of shared agreements, impacts on nearby residents, and whether projects should be scaled down if parking

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is insufficient. She also questioned whether the Ordinance was tailored to specific developments. Mr. DiAngelo responded that the approach reflects standard urban planning best practices and is necessary to prevent long-term vacancies caused by overly strict parking requirements. Others noted that Planning Commission oversight and public input would help manage conflicts and ensure appropriate decisions. Ms. Riggins expressed concerns about the proposed parking changes, particularly for apartments and accessory dwelling units, arguing that allowing only one required parking space, especially for units up to 900 square feet, does not reflect real-life needs, as couples or multiple occupants often have more than one vehicle. She questioned raising the square footage level and felt the rationale for these changes was insufficient. She emphasized the Village should attract residents, not just businesses. She also raised issues with relying on shared parking, noting uncertainty and potential inconvenience for residents. She agreed with Ms. Padrutt's concerns about shifting too much authority to the Planning Commission without stronger checks from the BZA and pointed out that decisions are being made without complete data on existing parking capacity. She stated while she supports updating the system overall, she believes the proposal needs further refinement to better balance flexibility with practicality and resident impact.

Ms. Padrutt asked clarifying questions about how shared parking agreements would function in practice, including who would oversee access requirements and whether private residents could lease parking spaces to businesses. Mr. Bryan explained that shared parking agreements need to be formally documented, reviewed by legal counsel, and structured to ensure the business has sufficient parking for its needs. Such agreements could include terms for termination, but if ended, the business would need to secure alternative compliant parking. Responsibility for maintenance (e.g., plowing) and other conditions would also be defined within the agreement. Daniel DiAngelo emphasized that the Planning Commission would review and approve these arrangements to ensure appropriateness, noting that commercial use of residential property for parking would generally not be allowed unless properly zoned, reinforcing that oversight is intended to prevent misuse or neighborhood impacts.

Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, no; Ms. Riggins, no. The motion failed due to a lack of sufficient affirmative votes.

Second Reading: None.

First Reading: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Short-Term Rentals: Council discussed next steps for short-term home rental regulation, with Ms. Riggins and others favoring a phase-down of non-owner-occupied rentals by setting the allowed number to zero, while letting existing licensed properties to continue if they continue to meet the requirements. Council requested raising the minimum yearly rental requirement to 120 days. Council debated whether attrition, rather than an instant outright ban, would be the safest and most practical path, since owners who fail to meet the standards would simply lose certification over time. Council also discussed strengthening proof requirements for renewals, clarifying what qualifies as an owner-occupied property, and improving enforcement against uncertified rentals. Mr. Bryan and Ms. McMahon were asked to draft an ordinance amendment based on Council's direction. Mr. Bryan stated they would work on the changes, but due to the

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complicated nature of the requested revisions, the proposed amended Ordinance will not be ready by the next Council Meeting. Mr. Bryan also noted the 120-day requirement could not be applicable until the 2027 calendar year, since the Village cannot justifiably change that requirement in the middle of the year for currently licensed properties.

Review of Village Contracts: Ms. Padrutt suggested reviewing the Village's Insurance and Solicitor contracts, noting that after a few years it may be worthwhile to explore other options. Councilmembers discussed gathering quotes from additional insurance brokers and potentially soliciting interest for the Solicitor position through formal postings, while acknowledging existing contract terms and timelines. Overall, there was agreement to explore alternatives and gather information before making any decisions. Ms. Padrutt requested that those items appear on the next meeting agenda.

Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Execute Amended Solicitor and Prosecutor Legal Services Contract.

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

Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Execute Consultant Agreement with Aislinn Consulting LLC/Rita McMahon for Planning Assistance and Services:

Ms. Padrutt questioned the not to exceed \$20,000 amount and whether that amount was currently budgeted. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Padrutt to table this matter until the next meeting until more information is provided by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

Village Communications/Village Hall Sign: Ms. Frank-Hensley reported that the proposed Village Hall sign using analog flip technology is not feasible due to its high cost and indoor-only limitations. She noted that Boston Heights may be exploring a sign and could collaborate or share information. She plans to follow up on previous concepts and quotes. Ms. Frank-Hensley stated she is outlining improvements to Village communication strategies and invited collaboration from other Councilmembers. She stated she also needs to update the priorities list, and Council needs to assign a water district point person.

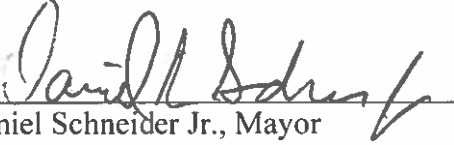
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY): Mr. Bryan noted Mr. Slocum requested a motion to enter executive session, and he requested a motion pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing an employee personnel employment matter. Mr. Slocum made that motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved, and Council went into executive session at 9:42 p.m. At 10:02 p.m., Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky to come out of executive session. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

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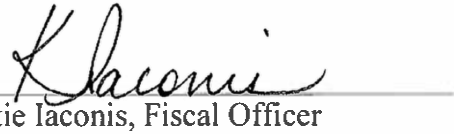
ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Slocum made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Ms. Riggins. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

4-28-2026
Date



Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer

4/28/2026
Date