

**Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting**

Held: Tuesday, June 9, 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	Present
Moe Riggins	Present		

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

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. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes. The minutes were approved.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Matthew Padrutt argued that short-term rentals reduce Peninsula's permanent population by replacing households with businesses in residential neighborhoods. They place the burden of managing issues such as noise and parking on neighbors. He stated public meetings may not reflect the views of all residents and advocated for a ballot vote on the issue. He supported allowing owner-occupied rentals, while prohibiting absentee-owned short-term rental businesses.

REPORTS

Mayor, Daniel Schneider, Jr.: The Mayor shared his time with Ms. Padrutt so she could speak on the follow up conversation with the Village FirstEnergy representative. Ms. Padrutt reported on responses from Amy Hopkins of FirstEnergy regarding tree trimming and power outage concerns. She explained that residents can request forestry evaluations for trees or limbs that may threaten electric lines. Mitigation may be performed at no cost, depending on the circumstances. The company conducts detailed equipment and circuit inspections on a routine cycle, generally every five years, and completed an additional tree circuit inspection in Peninsula following recent discussions with the Village. Ms. Padrutt emphasized the hardship caused by a recent three-day outage, particularly for residents dependent on oxygen, and suggested forming a collaborative team with FirstEnergy and Village officials to proactively identify potential problem areas. The Mayor noted that he and the Service Department Supervisor had already inspected several locations and suggested that FirstEnergy representatives to walk the area with them to determine whether concerns are being properly identified. Ms. Padrutt also stated she would share FirstEnergy contact information in the Community News. The Mayor reported that interviews had been conducted for the upcoming Police Chief vacancy due to Chief Nagy's retirement. He stated a permanent appointment would likely not be made until July. Mr. Bryan clarified the Mayor would appoint an Officer-in-Charge of the Department until requesting Council confirmation for the Chief position in July. Mr. Slocum asked whether that appointment must follow the chain of command. Mr. Bryan stated the Mayor can choose the officer who he

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feels is most appropriate but would speak with the Sergeant first to see if he was interested or was supportive of another choice.

Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis: The Mayor reported that an interview was conducted with a highly experienced candidate to potentially replace Ms. Iaconis. Mr. Bryan advised that the candidate could be appointed as early as the July meeting, and the Mayor has authority to hire him to help in the interim if assistance is needed. Mr. Krachinsky, drawing on his corporate accounting experience, stated the candidate was well qualified and recommended moving forward with his candidacy if he is interested. Issues related to the absence of recent financial reports were discussed. The Mayor confirmed that there was no indication of financial problems. The bills are being paid, and the upcoming audit will provide further clarity. The Mayor emphasized his commitment to getting the Village's finances back on track and ensuring Council has access to the financial information it needs.

Street Commissioner, Mr. Anderson: The Mayor stated that there was nothing to report from Mr. Anderson.

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

Police Department: The Mayor confirmed he already shared the Department update in his Mayor's Report.

Roads and Public Works:

Proposed Garbage Contract Bid Specifications and Package

The upcoming trash collection contract bidding process was discussed, with Mr. Bryan reporting that bid documents are complete, they have been provided to Council for its review, and they will be ready to be advertised in late July, with responses due in early September. The Mayor noted that during the previous bidding process, vendors were invited to speak to Council about their proposals, and Mr. Bryan recalled that bid prices varied significantly, making the decision relatively straightforward. Mr. Bryan also discussed the contract provision that permits the contract to be extended for up to two one-year periods upon similar terms. Mr. Bryan stated he would reach out to the vendor to see if that was possible.

Ms. Padrutt asked about a culvert drainage concern. The Mayor explained he investigated the issue multiple times but found no evidence that Village infrastructure was causing the problem. Tests showed that a sidewalk catch basin drain near the area is not responsible for the water issue. The problem appears to stem from natural water flow or changes made on private property rather than any Village-owned drainage system. Mr. Bryan noted that if a property owner altered the land in a way that redirected water onto a neighboring property, it would likely be a private legal matter between property owners. Council discussed sending a letter explaining the Village's findings and clarifying that the issue falls outside the Village's authority.

Planning Commission, Ms. Frank-Hensley:

June 23, 2026 Short-Term Rental Public Meeting

Ms. Frank-Hensley led a discussion on planning the June 23, 2026 public meeting on short-term rentals, emphasizing that the purpose is to gather community input from residents,

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property owners, operators, and other stakeholders rather than make decisions. Councilmembers discussed the possibility of an advisory ballot issue, with Mr. Bryan explaining that any election would be nonbinding and intended to gauge public opinion. Ms. Frank-Hensley recommended focusing the meeting on listening and public feedback, with decisions and any legislative action occurring later.

Council also reviewed the structure and logistics of the meeting. Ms. Frank-Hensley proposed using facilitation tools such as comment cards, polling exercises, and visual displays to encourage participation. Mr. Slocum supported gathering feedback on specific options rather than only open-ended comments. Matthew Padrutt stressed the importance of clearly distinguishing bed-and-breakfasts from short-term rentals to avoid confusion. Ms. Padrutt expressed concern that the background materials do not present both the benefits and drawbacks of short-term rentals evenly. Ms. Frank-Hensley pointed to the Village's Long-Range Plan as a resource that already outlines those considerations.

Council agreed to convert the June 23 Council Meeting to a Special Council Meeting focused exclusively on short-term rentals, with Ms. Frank-Hensley serving as facilitator and preparing the agenda with assistance from staff. The meeting was moved to Boston Township Hall to accommodate an anticipated larger crowd. Outreach efforts, including postcards, signs, and invitations to the Planning Commission were discussed. Councilmembers also emphasized the need to maintain order and encourage participation, including written comments, microphones, and procedures to ensure all attendees have an opportunity to be heard. Ms. Frank-Hensley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky to convert the June 23 Council Meeting to a Special Council Meeting on short-term rentals and proceed with the planned public engagement process. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes. The motion was approved.

Zoning Officer, Mr. Collins: The Mayor reported that Mr. Collins will be unavailable for the next several weeks due to a medical procedure. He expects to remain accessible by laptop and assist with zoning matters as he recovers. In his absence, the Mayor will review any zoning issues and consult with Mr. Bryan and Ms. McMahon when needed to ensure appropriate decisions are made. Ms. Riggins asked about a photo she shared regarding activity at a short-term rental property. The Mayor explained the Zoning Officer should remain informed of such matters as they occur.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Mr. Bryan reported that at the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting earlier this evening, the Board approved a one-year extension for a previously granted variance involving an attached garage project. The Mayor noted the Board still has a vacancy that needs to be filled.

Buildings and Grounds, Ms. Frank-Hensley:
Village Hall Sign

Ms. Frank-Hensley reported that she started working on renderings for the Village sign but realized she needs guidance regarding visibility and traffic safety considerations. The Mayor agreed that those concerns should be evaluated and stated the Village could consult its Engineer or another appropriate expert if needed before moving forward with the project.

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Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum:

Motion to Approve Records Retention and Disposal Policy and Schedule:

Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley to approve the Records Retention and Disposal Policy and Schedule. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes. The motion was approved.

Mr. Slocum next emphasized the importance of adherence to the Council Rules. He noted that Mr. Bryan was asked to Chair a recent meeting at which the Mayor and he were absent, rather than voting to appoint a temporary chair from Council. He also referenced the recent appointment of two liaisons to the National Park and Conservancy. After discussion, Mr. Bryan explained that the appointment of two liaisons can be acceptable as long as they are gathering and providing information to Council rather than operating as a Council Committee. Ms. Padrutt, Ms. Frank-Hensley, and others discussed the practical benefits and accountability considerations of having one versus two liaisons. Mr. Slocum ultimately expressed confidence in the current arrangement and agreed to leave it unchanged. The group also reviewed meeting packet distribution timelines. Mr. Bryan and the Mayor confirmed that packets have been distributed by the required deadline since the new rules went into effect, but late additions, often from members of Council, can create challenges.

Cybersecurity:

Mr. Slocum reported he contacted additional IT firms to obtain cybersecurity proposals and emphasized the need to move the Village's digital assets to a centralized platform such as Microsoft to improve security, file management, and accessibility. He noted the Village has its Cybersecurity Policy in place but still needs to implement key components such as training, asset inventories, incident response procedures, risk assessments, and continuous monitoring, ideally with the assistance of an outside cybersecurity firm. Ms. Padrutt expressed concern that Ohio's July 1, 2026 deadline for local government cybersecurity programs was approaching and questioned whether the Village would be compliant. Mr. Bryan, the Mayor, and Mr. Slocum acknowledged that a fully implemented program would not be completed by the deadline. They noted the Village has foundational policies and procedures in place and would not face any repercussions as long as the Village is actively working toward compliance.

Fire Board, Mr. Krachinsky: Mr. Krachinsky reported the Fiscal Officer for the Fire Board is retiring.

Cemetery Board, Ms. Padrutt: Ms. Padrutt stated there was nothing to report.

JEDD Board, Ms. Riggins: Ms. Riggins stated there was nothing to report.

Wastewater/Stormwater/Water: The Mayor noted that Congresswoman Emilia Sykes secured nearly \$1.1 million for the Village's sewer project. He reported that he and others recently participated in a photo opportunity highlighting the grant award. Mr. Bryan reported he was advised by OHM that progress on the project is currently waiting for a court decision on the City of Akron's request to be relieved from the last two stages of its consent decree with the federal EPA. Contingency funding options are being explored, with construction still targeted for the fall

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of 2027. In response to a question from Mr. Slocum, Mr. Bryan reported work on the Water District study is continuing, although gathering some of the necessary information has been more challenging than anticipated.

CVNP and Conservancy, Ms. Padrutt and Ms. Riggins: Ms. Riggins reported the Conservancy is working to strengthen relationships with Village residents. They invited the community to attend an upcoming gathering at Oxbow Meadow on June 24. She stated Conservancy representatives expressed a genuine desire to improve communications and partnerships with residents. The event is intended as an informal opportunity for people to meet, share ideas, and build connections. Residents are encouraged to RSVP and attend, and transportation around the site will be available.

Ms. Padrutt provided an update from the Solicitor Search Committee, which has met several times and developed a Part-Time Solicitor job description and job posting. Mr. Slocum asked Council to approve both documents to allow the Committee to begin advertising the position while continuing to develop interview questions and evaluation criteria. The Committee also requested approval to spend up to \$200 to advertise the position through the Akron Bar Association or a similar professional legal network. Mr. Slocum made a motion to approve the job description, posting, and \$200 funding request that was seconded by Mr. Rosales. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes. The motion was approved.

Solicitor Search Committee

Council also discussed adding residents Kim DeWester, Keith Saffles, and Chris Royer to the Committee to assist with the search process. Kim DeWester, a retired attorney and former judge with decades of legal experience, emphasized the importance of ensuring the Village has the best legal representation possible. Keith Saffles stated he offered a resident and business-owner perspective. Chris Royer, who is a practicing employment attorney and law firm partner, highlighted her experience with evaluating legal professionals. Ms. Padrutt then made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Riggins to appoint Ms. DeWester and Mr. Saffles to the Solicitor Search Committee. Mr. Slocum asked if they would consider including Ms. Royer on the Committee. Other Councilmembers stated they supported Mr. Slocum's request. Ms. Padrutt then made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Rosales to amend her motion to appoint all three residents to the Committee. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes. The motion was approved.

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 07-2026

Requested by: Mayor Schneider and Councilpersons Slocum and Frank-Hensley

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1125 of the Zoning Code Related to Off-Street Parking
(Third Reading; Tabled)**

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title and noted that it was currently tabled. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky to take the Ordinance off the table. Roll

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call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, no; Ms. Riggins, no; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes. The motion was approved.

Ms. Riggins reiterated her previously stated position that the proposed Ordinance lacks adequate parking standards and provides too much authority to the Planning Commission. She noted her previous request for the need for a Village-wide parking study before this Ordinance is considered. Ms. Padrutt emphasized the need for checks and balances between the Planning Commission and BZA. Ms. Frank-Hensley argued the Ordinance gives the Planning Commission appropriate flexibility to evaluate parking plans based upon the needs of the particular business. Mr. Slocum made a motion to amend the Ordinance to add additional language at the end of the Ordinance expressly stating that interested parties can appeal the Planning Commission's parking decisions to the BZA. Mr. Krachinsky seconded the motion. Roll call vote (on the motion to amend): Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mrs. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, no; Ms. Riggins, no; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes. The motion was approved. Mr. Bryan stated that due to the amendment, the three-reading rule should be suspended prior to any action to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Rosales made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Slocum, no; Ms. Padrutt, no; Ms. Riggins, no; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes. The motion did not have sufficient votes to pass. The amended Ordinance will be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

Ordinance No. 09-2026

Requested by Councilperson Frank-Hensley

An Emergency Ordinance Enacting a Six-Month Moratorium on the Submittal, Evaluation, and Consideration of New Zoning and Development Project Applications for Mixed-Use Zoning District Properties (Third Reading)

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

Resolution No. 10-2026

Requested by Mayor Schneider

An Emergency Resolution Providing Consent to the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Slide Repair Work on St. Rt. 303 between Cedar Grove Cemetery and Emerson Road (Second Reading)

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. It was determined that this Resolution would advance to a third reading at the next Council Meeting.

Resolution No. 11-2026

Requested by Mayor Schneider, Ms. Iaconis, and Mr. Bryan

An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to Enter into an Agreement with Wichert Insurance to Provide Insurance Coverage for the Village from Selective Insurance Company and State National Insurance Company (Second Reading)

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. Ms. Frank-Hensley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley,

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

Resolution No. 12-2026

Requested by Mayor Schneider

A Resolution Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council 2026 Energized Community Grant Funds (First Reading)

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

Ordinance No. 13-2026

Requested by: Councilperson Padrutt

An Ordinance Establishing Section 311.02 of the Village Code Regarding Outdoor Public Events Policies and Permits (First Reading)

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. It was determined that this legislation would advance to a second reading at the next Council Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Frank-Hensley revisited the Council Priority List and noted that many projects remain in progress. No changes were proposed. Mr. Slocum informed Council he would be unable to attend an upcoming ODOT St. Rt. 303 Project status meeting on June 16. He asked Mayor to attend in his place and update Council on any developments. The Mayor agreed to attend if reminded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY): None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Slocum made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley. Roll call vote: Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

7-16-2026
Date


Fiscal Officer

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Date