

**Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting**

**Held: Tuesday, July 28, 2026**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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| 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:** No amendments.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**July 14, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes.**

Ms. Frank-Hensley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Rosales to approve the minutes. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The minutes were approved.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Liz Biddick commented on the phrasing of the short-term rental ballot question, noting that asking whether STRs should be banned versus allowed could influence how voters respond. She surmised that voters were more likely to vote yes on an issue than no. She argued the wording should remain as neutral as possible.

Greg Canda opined because short-term rentals are already permitted, the ballot language should focus on the proposed changes to existing regulations, rather than asking whether they should be allowed.

Matthew Padrutt agreed that the short-term rental ballot language should be clear, concise, and easy for voters to understand. He raised concerns about the substantial property valuation increases in Peninsula, particularly their impact on residents with fixed incomes. Several participants questioned how the County determines what properties are comparable, given Peninsula's unique homes and limited recent sales. Ms. Riggins shared she successfully challenged a previous increase by contacting the County and submitting documentation. Others noted appeals are not always successful. In response to a question as to what property owners should do to challenge the valuations, Mr. Bryan explained that if the informal review process does not resolve the issue, property owners can file a formal appeal, which generally requires strong comparable sales evidence or a professional appraisal.

**REPORTS**

**Mayor, Daniel Schneider, Jr.:**

**Motion to Cancel August 11, 2026 Council Meeting for a Summer Recess**

Council decided to wait until the end of the meeting to address this issue.

**Street Commissioner, Mr. Anderson:** The Mayor stated Mr. Anderson had nothing to report.

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**Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis:** The Mayor reported since the last meeting, the proposed Fiscal Officer candidate who was not confirmed by Council asked to be removed from consideration. Listings for the position have been placed and will run until August 31.

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

**Police Department:** The Mayor reported police officials met with Hall Upfitters to determine what equipment could be salvaged from the two damaged cruisers. Due to parts delays, particularly a minimum six-week wait for the more heavily damaged vehicle, it was estimated that it would likely be about two months before the first cruiser is back on the road.

**Roads and Public Works:** The Mayor stated there is nothing to report.

**Planning Commission, Ms. Frank-Hensley:** Ms. Frank-Hensley reported the Commission reviewed the most recent amendments to the Zoning Code related to the Mixed-Use classification. The Village Planner will prepare a final draft for the next meeting for the Commission's review. The proposed short-term rental ballot language and potential additional enforcement measures were discussed. The Commission also briefly discussed the Rt. 303 Safety Project and a vacant property registration ordinance to improve safety and awareness and encourage the use of vacant properties.

**Zoning Officer, Mr. Collins:** The Mayor reported the Zoning Officer is back at work, and zoning enforcement activity has resumed. The Zoning Officer is following up on a property maintenance complaint on which no progress has been made.

**Board of Zoning Appeals:** The Mayor welcomed the new BZA members. The next meeting will involve reviewing procedures and approving outstanding minutes.

**Buildings and Grounds, Ms. Frank-Hensley:** Ms. Frank-Hensley reported she is waiting to discuss sign placement with the Mayor to ensure the placement does not conflict with potential curb changes shown in the Rt. 303 Project drawings.

**Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum: Cybersecurity Program**

Mr. Slocum reported significant progress on the cybersecurity program, including discussions with several vendors about migrating to Microsoft Office 365, strengthening network security, and obtaining appropriate licensing to protect information. The proposed system would include third-party real-time monitoring, risk assessment, disaster recovery, and incident response services, with different license levels based on users' needs. He expects to receive four comparable vendor quotes.

**Fire Board, Mr. Krachinsky:** Mr. Krachinsky reported a new Fire District Fiscal Officer has been hired.

**Cemetery Board, Ms. Padrutt:** Ms. Padrutt reported the Board hired Michael Brown as the new assistant sexton for the Cemetery.

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**JEDD Board, Ms. Riggins:** Ms. Riggins reported she would have a better update on revenues by the end of the year.

**Wastewater/Stormwater/Water:** Council discussed major wastewater, stormwater, water, and St. Rt. 303 infrastructure issues, including whether to join the Summit County stormwater district. Mr. Frank-Hensley reported on her plan to invite County representatives to an upcoming meeting to explain the program. OHM is evaluating whether existing storm sewers can be rehabilitated with liners for roughly \$784,000, plus engineering costs, or whether they must be fully replaced, which could increase costs to approximately \$2.6 million. Small Government funding in an amount up to \$500,000 may be available for that project. The Village can also apply for OPWC funding for the full amount, but there would be greater competition for that grant funding.

Council also discussed ongoing negotiations with ODOT about providing financial and operational assistance with repairing Rt. 303 issues related to earth slides, failing culverts, and cracked pavement. The Mayor and Mr. Bryan reported they are presenting the case to ODOT that it cannot afford to make multimillion-dollar repairs on a heavily traveled state route. Mr. Bryan and the Mayor noted that ODOT has requested the Village to apply for grant funding for Rt. 303 repairs. If that is necessary, the Village will need to decide which of the two grant applications it wants to pursue. There is a virtual meeting scheduled with ODOT tomorrow to discuss the Rt. 303 repair issues. The Mayor, Mr. Bryan, and Engineer McCabe will be participating in that meeting. The Village will have more information regarding how it should proceed after the meeting.

Ms. Padrutt asked how much grant money has been allocated to the Village for the various projects. The Mayor confirmed the St. Rt. 303 Project received \$3.5 million in grant funding, while \$9.6 million is presently committed to the sewer project. The current cost of the sewer project is estimated to be \$15–17 million. Summit County is working to secure the remainder of the necessary funding. No grant funding has been received for the water project.

**CVNP and Conservancy, Ms. Padrutt and Ms. Riggins:** Ms. Riggins requested an updated sewer project map for the Conservancy. She reported on continued communications regarding the Cuyahoga River Management Plan and Conservancy projects, including parking and a proposed pathway from the old golf course property to downtown. Approximately 150 people attended the Conservancy's Open House, which was viewed as a positive step for community relations. It was requested by Ms. Frank-Hensley that the CVNP should be invited to a Planning Commission meeting to discuss updated plans for Mill Street and Ms. Padrutt commented that would be up to the Planning Commission to arrange

**Rt. 303 Safety Project, Mr. Slocum:**

ODOT Request for Issuance of Revocable Use Permit to Affected Property Owners for Perpendicular Parking of Vehicles in Front of Coffee Shop and River Light Gallery within the St. Rt. 303 Right-of-Way, ODOT Request for Right of Way Control Letter from Village Describing and Including a Drawing of the Areas of the Sidewalk/Parking Pavement within Private Property to which the Village Has Control of or Regularly Maintains or Constructs, Sandstone Sidewalks:

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Mr. Slocum reported that ODOT needs several agreements and easements to advance the St. Rt. 303 Safety Project, including a revocable use permit for parking spaces that extend into the road right-of-way. ODOT is also requesting documentation establishing Village control and responsibility for the public sidewalk outside the right-of-way in front of the Coffee Shop and River Light Gallery. Foundation approval for minor property adjustments near the Riverview corner has also been requested. Daniel DeAngelo clarified that the Riverview property adjustment involves only about 20 to 40 square feet needed to align the curved sidewalk with the right-of-way. Officials will work on the necessary documents and obtaining approvals before the end of the year. Finding funds to rehabilitate damaged sandstone sidewalks between the bridge and Riverview Road was also discussed.

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

**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)**

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Rosales to approve the ordinance. Ms. Riggins asked whether a parking study has been conducted to show how existing parking spaces are currently used before parking requirements and procedures are modified. Mr. Slocum stated no such study had been completed, although the Area Master Plan counted available spaces and identified areas for potential parking expansion. Mr. Slocum explained the proposed ordinance requires parking requirements for private property to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Planning Commission. That process does not necessarily require a Village-wide parking analysis. The discussion clarified that the current code already allows an applicant, or any interested party, to appeal a Planning Commission site-plan parking requirement decision to the BZA. That same language was added into the proposed ordinance amendment. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, no; Ms. Riggins, no. 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 (Third Reading)**

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank-Hensley to adopt the resolution. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The legislation was adopted.

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**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 (Second Reading)**

Mr. Bryan read the Ordinance by title. Council determined the legislation would advance to a third reading at the next Council Meeting.

**Resolution No. 15-2026**

Requested by: Councilperson Padrutt

**An Emergency Resolution Submitting to the Electors of the Village of Peninsula, the Question of Whether Short-Term Home Rentals Should Be Prohibited in the Village (First Reading)**

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. Ms. Frank Hensley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to amend the third whereas clause to state “Council finds and determines that there should be an advisory election on short-term rentals” to make the language in that clause more neutral. Roll Call Vote (on the motion to amend): Mr. Rosales, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, no; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion passed. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Riggins to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, no; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion passed. Mr. Rosales made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to pass the legislation as amended. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, no; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The legislation was adopted as amended.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

**Solicitor Search Committee:**

Ms. Padrutt reported that the advertisement was shared through different listings with applications due August 7. A committee meeting is scheduled for August 10 to review them.

**Auditor of State Local Government Services Information:**

Ms. Padrutt outlined services available through the State Auditor’s Local Government Services (LGS), including assistance with financial reporting, reconciliation and reconstruction, UAN support, policies, budgeting, training, and fiscal recovery. The first four hours of this service are free, and additional hours generally cost \$42–\$50 per hour. She explained LGS assists existing staff with correcting financial records, rather than providing ongoing accounting services. She stated both the State Auditor’s Office and Charles Harris & Assoc. recommended bringing in LGS to help get the Village’s financial records back on track.

Council discussed the delayed 2022–2023 audit, which Charles Harris cannot complete until it receives all necessary financial information from the Village Fiscal Officer. The 2024–2025 audit cannot commence while the 2022–2023 audit remains outstanding. Ms. Padrutt noted Ms. Iaconis reported being reconciled through June 30, 2026, but Council is uncertain what information has actually been provided to the auditors. Mr. Krachinsky emphasized the need to contact the Charles Harris firm first to determine exactly what remains outstanding and whether the problem involves a few minor items or substantial missing financial information. At that point, Ms. Iaconis can be asked how quickly she can provide what is needed.

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Council decided Mr. Bryan and Mr. Krachinsky should contact the Charles Harris firm and follow up with Ms. Iaconis to determine what is preventing the completion of the audit. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Frank Hensley to authorize the Mayor to engage LGS's assistance if the necessary information cannot be provided to the auditors within approximately 10 days. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion passed. Council asked that it be kept informed on any developments regarding this matter.

**Village Engineer Contract:**

Mr. Bryan noted that he that Engineer's contract is customarily considered every year in January and that he was asked to put this item on the agenda for this meeting. No action or discussion was taken regarding this issue.

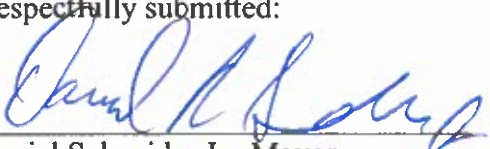
**Cancellation of August 11 Council Meeting for a Summer Recess:**

Ms. Frank-Hensley made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Riggins to cancel the August 11 Council Meeting. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion passed.

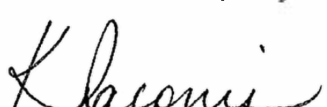
**EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY):** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

8-25-2026  
Date

  
Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer

8/25/2026  
Date