

**Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting**

Held: Tuesday, August 25, 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	Absent
Richard Slocum	Present	Daniel Krachinsky	Present
Jodi Padrutt	Present	Eliud Rosales	Present
Mo Riggins	Present		

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

July 28, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes:

Ms. Padrutt made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The minutes were approved.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS

Mayor, Daniel Schneider, Jr.:

Motion to Authorize the Payment of the Invoice from American Legal Publishing in the Amount of \$9,166.32 for Annual Codified Ordinance Update Services.

Mr. Slocum made the above motion that was seconded by Mr. Rosales. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

The Mayor requested a motion to confirm his appointment of Vic Nogalo as Village Fiscal Officer, effective September 8, 2026. Mr. Rosales made the above motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky. Roll call vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved.

Fiscal Officer, Ms. Iaconis: Council and residents discussed concerns about the Village's financial controls, particularly check-signing authority, bank access, and the lack of regular financial statements and bank reconciliations. It was confirmed that currently only the Mayor and Ms. Iaconis are authorized to sign checks and that two signatures are not required. Mr. Krachinsky noted the Village's forthcoming audit management letter will likely recommend stronger controls, potentially including multiple signatures for checks above a certain amount.

Finance Liaison, Mr. Krachinsky:

Charles E. Harris & Assoc. Engagement

Mr. Krachinsky reported the Village hired Charles E. Harris & Associates to review and correct nearly five years of account reconciliations, with the goal of having the delayed 2022–

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2023 audit completed and the 2024-2025 audit commenced. He noted a discrepancy between the Village's books and bank statement as of December 31, 2023 but stated there is not yet enough information to determine its cause or significance. The firm has been unable to begin its work because it does not have the information from the Village's UAN accounting system from the Fiscal Officer, despite commitments from the Fiscal Officer to provide that information. Councilmembers emphasized that strengthening financial oversight and internal controls will be a priority once the audits and transition to the new Fiscal Officer are underway.

Police Department: The Mayor shared that the Police Department's new cruisers have been decaded and are being moved to the upfitter. He confirmed all the speed warning signs are operational, and the Police Department will collect speed data to determine whether the sign near the church should be relocated. Speeding through the 25-mph zone will be assessed.

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

Roads and Public Works: In response to a question from Ms. Padrutt, Mr. Bryan explained he reached out to Amy Anderson regarding the salt contract with Boston Township, and Mr. Andexler provided Ms. Anderson with the amount of salt the Village is requesting. The Village is waiting to receive the contract from the Township.

Planning Commission, Ms. Frank-Hensley: In Ms. Frank-Hensley's absence, Mr. Bryan announced the next meeting was rescheduled to September 1, 2026 to accommodate Commission Member vacations.

Zoning Officer, Mr. Collins: The Mayor reported Mr. Collins has fully recovered and is back to work. He provided photos to Mr. Bryan related to an unclean premises situation earlier today.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Mr. Bryan noted the proposed legislation on tonight's agenda that would extend the deadline for approving meeting minutes to accommodate the adopted every-other-month BZA Meeting schedule that can occasionally exceed the current requirement. Ms. Padrutt questioned whether the change would apply to all committees or only the BZA. Mr. Bryan stated it would apply to all Village bodies. Mr. Slocum suggested considering an even longer timeframe if necessary. Matthew Padrutt noted that the details could be discussed further when Council considers the legislation.

Buildings and Grounds, Ms. Frank-Hensley: The Mayor confirmed Ms. Frank-Hensley had nothing to report.

Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum:

Cybersecurity Program

Mr. Slocum stated he is waiting on information regarding the number of Village user accounts before pursuing cost proposals from three or four identified vendors.

Fire Board, Mr. Krachinsky: Mr. Krachinsky stated there was nothing to report.

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Cemetery Board, Ms. Padrutt: Ms. Padrutt stated that the most recent meeting, policies and procedures were discussed along with equipment purchases on the 20th.

JEDD Board, Ms. Riggins: Ms. Riggins stated she had nothing to report.

Wastewater/Stormwater/Water:

OPWC Grant Application Engagement with OHM for Proposed Stormwater Project

Mr. Bryan reported the Mayor, Engineer McCabe, and he met with ODOT regarding the Rt. 303 slide and culvert erosion issues and explained the Village could not afford to pay for the estimated \$700,000–\$800,000 in required repairs. ODOT agreed to complete the project engineering work at its expense and have the Village apply for a \$500,000 OPWC Small Government Program grant in 2027, with the understanding that ODOT would likely cover costs exceeding the grant amount. Work could not begin until July 2028 at the earliest. ODOT and the Village will continue monitoring the deteriorating area, and ODOT has contingency plans for temporary repairs if conditions worsen. Another Rt. 303 slide repair, with an estimated cost of \$1 million, has already been approved and will be funded entirely by ODOT.

Because the Rt. 303 OPWC grant application has been put off until 2027, the Village is able to pursue OPWC funding this year for Rt. 303 stormwater improvements. OHM is preparing a grant application requesting approximately \$2.3 million to replace the stormwater infrastructure, although lining the existing pipes could cost closer to \$800,000 if it is feasible. If the larger grant is unsuccessful, OHM will pursue a \$500,000 grant through the Small Government Program. There is legislation on tonight's agenda to authorize OHM to submit the grant application.

The Mayor reported on Ms. Frank-Hensley's behalf that Al Brubaker has reserved September 22 or October 13 to discuss potentially joining the Summit County Stormwater District. Questions were asked about the increased household fee (currently approximately \$8 per month), available funding, and whether membership could require the Village to adopt riparian setback regulations.

CVNP and Conservancy, Ms. Padrutt and Ms. Riggins: Ms. Riggins reported she has maintained open communication with the CVNP and the Conservancy regarding their plans. She expects to meet with representatives again in about a month. Both parties will continue keeping each other informed and addressing any needs that arise.

Rt. 303 Safety Project, Mr. Slocum: Mr. Slocum reported that plans for the Rt. 303 Safety Project will preserve much of the sandstone sidewalk while replacing other sections with concrete, particularly where road realignment, stormwater work, and ADA requirements make reusing the existing sandstone difficult and potentially more expensive. Council discussed whether sidewalks should be widened, what should happen to the removed sandstone, and concerns about preserving the Village's historic character. Daniel DeAngelo questioned replacing sandstone within the National Register Historic District and emphasized that residents should have input. Mr. Slocum explained the project has received an adverse-impact finding because of the historic sidewalks, requiring additional review and a future public meeting with residents and other stakeholders. Councilmembers also discussed the need for better maintenance if sandstone is retained, given concerns about slippery and deteriorated sidewalks.

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The discussion also addressed coordinating the numerous upcoming infrastructure projects, including the Rt. 303 safety improvements, stormwater repairs, sewer and water lines, slide and culvert work, pedestrian improvements at the Rt. 303 bridge, and ODOT's planned resurfacing of Rt. 303 from Stine Road to Rt. 8 around 2029 or 2030. Officials expressed interest in coordinating the projects so underground work could be completed before the roadway is realigned and paved, although ODOT has indicated there are obstacles to combining everything into a single project. The Mayor and Council agreed that Engineer McCabe should serve as the Village's primary point of contact for the water, sewer, and Rt. 303 projects to improve coordination and communication.

Solicitor, Mr. Bryan:

2016 Solicitor Contract and Change in Solicitor Compensation Structure Made in 2023

Mr. Bryan explained his compensation as Village Solicitor changed in 2023 from a flat monthly payment to his firm to a combination of being paid a flat rate through the Village payroll and payments to his law firm. That change was approved by Council and is commonly in place for law professionals in other municipalities. He has averaged 57.7 hours per month this year, which exceeds the contractual 55-hour average monthly amount. The time largely consists of prosecution and camera ticket work; Council, Planning Commission, and other meetings; phone calls, and other legal work performed through his office. He submits monthly invoices documenting his hours and work, and the compensation is the same amount regardless of whether he works beyond the required hours.

Council discussed the overall cost and structure of the position, including payroll-related OPERS expenses. Mr. Bryan stated that his 2026 compensation is \$94,800 plus applicable OPERS costs. He noted he has overhead expenses in connection with performing the work such as office and staff expenses. Two percent of the salary amount is returned to the Village by way of income taxes. Ms. Padrutt calculated that the 2027 compensation will be \$99,600, or approximately \$105,480 when OPERS costs are included. It was estimated that roughly 25 of his monthly hours are spent in court or meetings.

LEGISLATION

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 (Third Reading)

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. Mr. Slocum raised concerns that parts of the Ordinance were too broad or unclear, including references to typical occupancy and enforcement against participants. He questioned whether community traditions such as Peddler's Day, Memorial Day, Halloween, small spontaneous gatherings, and similar activities could unintentionally fall under the permitting rules. Several members agreed that the intent should be to regulate larger events that significantly affect traffic, require Village resources, or create public-safety concerns, without discouraging smaller or informal activities.

Much of the discussion focused on Music on the Porches, which prompted the request for the Ordinance due to concerns about heavy traffic, unsafe pedestrian crossings, parking problems, insufficient police presence, and cleanup costs. Councilmembers supported requiring organizers of larger events to provide advance notice, parking and traffic plans, insurance when

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appropriate, and reimbursement for Village expenses such as Police or Service Department services, while also preserving flexibility for community events. The Mayor stated the Village would work with the Police Department on this year's Music on the Porches event, including staffing and traffic control.

Council ultimately decided to leave Ordinance 13-2026 on third reading to allow for additional revisions and clarifications to be made. Mr. Slocum agreed to send his proposed changes to Mr. Bryan. Council discussed providing better public notification of approved events.

Ordinance No. 16-2026

Requested by: Mayor Schneider

An Emergency Ordinance Approving Current Replacement Pages to the Peninsula Codified Ordinances (First Reading)

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

Resolution No. 17-2026

Requested by: Fiscal Officer Iaconis

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Summit County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Fiscal Officer (First Reading)

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

Resolution No. 18-2026

Requested by: Mayor Schneider

An Emergency Resolution Authorizing OHM Advisors ("OHM") and Jason Popiel, Senior Project Manager with OHM, to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) on Behalf of the Village of Peninsula and Authorize Village Mayor Daniel Schneider, Jr. to Execute any Required Contracts under the OPWC Programs (First Reading)

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

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Requested by: Mayor Schneider

An Ordinance Amending Section 125.08 of the Administrative Code Regarding Meeting Video with Audio Recordings and Meeting Minutes (First Reading)

Mr. Bryan read the legislation by title. Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Padrutt to amend the legislation to provide for 75 days to approve minutes, rather than 60 days. Roll call vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The motion was approved. Mr. Bryan was requested to make the amendment and have the Ordinance on second reading at the next Council Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Solicitor Search Committee: Ms. Padrutt reported the Committee is meeting tomorrow to discuss progress and options, along with the advertisement listed on the OML website. The listing will be posted for 30 days, with an option to extend it.

Village Engineer Contract: Mr. Bryan explained the Village Engineer's contract is effective through the end of the year and is typically renewed annually in January after confirming the Engineer's interest and proposed rate. The Mayor stated he would ask Mr. McCabe to submit a cost proposal for next year.

Discussion Regarding Setting Up Committee Comprising of CVNP, Conservancy for the CVNP, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, Summit County, Engineer, and Village of Peninsula for the Purpose of Coordinating Addressing Safety Issues Along West Mill St. and the Rt. 303 Bridge, the Conservancy's Plans for Oxbow Meadows, and What the CVNP Can Do for Peninsula

Mr. Slocum proposed bringing together representatives from the Village, Conservancy, Scenic Railroad, Summit County Engineer, National Park, and other involved agencies to coordinate the many ongoing projects and address funding, timing, parking, pedestrian access, and infrastructure concerns. The Mayor agreed to reach out and try to arrange a joint meeting, possibly on a regular or quarterly basis. Council also discussed persistent train-related parking problems near Terry Lumber and the need for better coordination among the various organizations involved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

Mr. Bryan stated he is requesting a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) for the purposes of discussing with the Village Solicitor pending litigation involving the Village. Mr. Slocum made that motion that was seconded by Ms. Riggins. Roll call vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. Council entered into executive session at 9:09 p.m.

At 9:22 p.m., Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Padrutt to come out of executive session. Roll call vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes.

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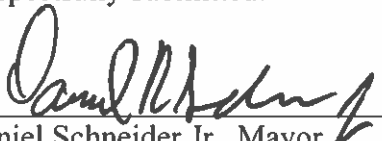
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Motion to Approve Worker's Comp Attorney Engagement Letter with Hanna Campbell & Powell, LLP for Representation in an Appeal in the Casterline Worker's Compensation Case

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

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Slocum made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Rosales to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

9-24-26
Date



Vic Nogalo, Fiscal Officer

9/24/26
Date