

**Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting**

Held: Tuesday, September 8, 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
Mo Riggins	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT: OHM Advisors Representative Tony Burgoyne, Administrative Assistant Faith Dorton, Fiscal Officer Vic Nogalo, Attorney Eric Moore (filling in for Mr. Bryan)

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Burgoyne provided an update on the Village's Rt. 303 Safety Improvement Project, which includes pedestrian upgrades, lane reassignments, two new signals, landscaping, lighting, and other improvements. The project has reached the ODOT Stage Two milestone, with right-of-way clearance documents submitted. Construction is now not anticipated to begin until April 2028, largely due to the State-led ODOT process and the need to coordinate with underground infrastructure work and other improvement projects. Because of the revised schedule, OHM will reapply for \$1.5 million in OPWC funding. That funding, combined with the \$2 million ODOT grant and Summit County's \$50,000 commitment, would leave the Village's estimated share of the \$3.6 million project at approximately \$59,350, or less than 3%, if OPWC funding is awarded. Mr. Burgoyne stated the Village may also consider a State Infrastructure Bank loan to cover interim right-of-way acquisition and environmental consulting costs, with OPWC funds being used to repay the loan. The Village may be responsible for interest payments. Stage Three plans are expected to be completed by the end of the year, followed by right-of-way acquisition. The OPWC funding decision is anticipated in approximately two months. Preliminary plans can be made available for placement on the Village website, and the project will include a public engagement process. Mr. Burgoyne confirmed a separate OPWC application is being submitted for up to \$2.8 million in grant funding to replace the storm sewer system on Rt. 303 from Riverview Road to Dell. The request is for 100% grant funding, and that work would be incorporated into the broader project if the grant is awarded.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

August 25, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Slocum requested that the minutes be amended to change the reference to the August 20, 2026 Cemetery Board Meeting from future tense to past tense and correct the number 70 to 60 on page six in the language referencing Ordinance 19-2026. Mr. Slocum then made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Padrutt to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, abstain. The minutes were approved as amended.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Liz Biddick asked whether Council plans to send residents a factual informational letter before the November vote explaining the short-term rental (STR) ballot issue. Ms. Frank-Hensley stated that is being discussed.

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REPORTS

Mayor, Daniel Schneider, Jr.

Status of Meeting with 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 and Other Entities Can Do for Peninsula

The Mayor reported he contacted representatives from CVNP, the Conservancy, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, and the Summit County Engineer, with all four entities agreeing to send representatives to the October 27 Council Meeting. Mr. Slocum encouraged identifying additional projects that cross jurisdictional boundaries, noting the difficulty of addressing issues that do not fall under a single entity's responsibility.

Updated Short-Term Rental (STR) Inspection Sheet

The Mayor referenced the updated, more detailed STR inspection sheet contained in the meeting packet that is intended to be utilized for future inspections. Council discussed hiring an independent inspector or home inspection company rather than placing the workload on Village staff. It was noted that owners are generally given 10 days to correct violations before further action is taken. Council discussed using a web-scraping service to identify unregistered STRs and discrepancies between approved property information and online listings. Ms. Frank-Hensley stated she contacted several services and would return with cost estimates, potentially exploring a shared arrangement with neighboring communities.

Ms. Padrutt advised Council that a bicycle race with approximately 80 registered participants is scheduled for September 19 from 8:00 a.m. to noon, the same day as Music on the Porches and an event at Blossom. Council expressed concern that the Village had not been adequately notified or included in safety planning for this event and that the trail closures involved could push cyclists onto local roads. The Mayor stated the Village would contact National Park representatives to request improved communication and coordination regarding future events and safety plans.

Fiscal Officer, Mr. Nogalo: The Mayor introduced the new Fiscal Officer, Vic Nogalo.

Street Commissioner, Mr. Anderson: Mr. Anderson announced that fallen tree branches were picked up.

Finance Liaison, Mr. Krachinsky

Motion to Authorize Up to An Additional \$5,000 for the Charles E. Harris & Assoc., Inc. Bank Reconciliation Engagement Agreement

Mr. Krachinsky reported Charles Harris has reviewed much of the 2022–2023 financial records but needs additional credit card statements and supporting documentation. The initial \$5,000 authorization has been exhausted. He requested an additional \$5,000 to complete the review, noting that Anne Spicer, who has approximately 40 years of experience, believes that amount should be sufficient as patterns in the records become clearer.

The discussion then pivoted to the lack of a resignation document from Katie Iaconis. Ms. Padrutt made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky to formally terminate Ms. Iaconis' employment with the Village, effective immediately. Roll call vote: Mr. Rosales, yes;

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Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes. The motion was approved. Mr. Krachinsky then made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Riggins to authorize an additional \$5,000 for the bank reconciliation agreement. Roll call vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes. The motion was approved.

Police Department: Chief Rucker reported Officers issued 407 handheld-camera tickets in August. That number is below the 600 tickets per month that are usually issued this time of year. The decrease was due partly to the weather. Chief Rucker stated discussions are underway to maintain access to a location along St. Rt. 303 for enforcement. She agreed to share monthly reports with Council.

Roads and Public Works: The Mayor reported that updated traffic sign data should be available by the next meeting. The Service Department recently cleaned the Village road signs, completed limb pickup, and is working with the Police Department on signage near the Post Office to prevent vehicles from blocking entrances and exits. School pickup and drop-off improved after issues with a new app were addressed. The Mayor thanked Village Engineer McCabe for his continued coordination with ODOT and other agencies to ensure projects are completed efficiently and avoid unnecessary repeated work.

Planning Commission, Ms. Frank-Hensley: Ms. Frank-Hensley reported the Planning Commission is completing final edits to the Mixed-Use zoning package, including landscaping changes, with Council review expected in October. The Village Planner continues investigate the feasibility of an interactive GIS zoning map. Accessory dwelling units are expected to be addressed next. The Commission tabled discussion of rezoning the Players Barn property, favoring retaining it for potential event parking until a longer-term plan is developed. The Commission was advised that a County Stormwater District representative will make a presentation to Council in October, and that the Commission Members were encouraged to attend that meeting. Ms. Frank-Hensley stated she also plans to draft a neutral, factual letter explaining the upcoming short-term rental vote and its implications for residents, with Council reviewing and approving the letter before it is mailed.

Zoning Officer, Mr. Collins: Mr. Collins reported a shed was recently approved.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Matthew Pradutt shared that the Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a meeting on September 15 at 6:00 p.m., followed by its next Regular Meeting on October 27 at 6:00 p.m. as part of its recurring bi-monthly schedule.

Buildings and Grounds, Ms. Frank-Hensley: Ms. Frank-Hensley stated she had nothing to report.

Policies & Procedures Liaison, Mr. Slocum:
Cybersecurity Program

Mr. Slocum reported he received one vendor proposal and expects additional proposals soon, with the goal of discussing a selection within the next one or two meetings. He explained

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portions of the cybersecurity program are already in place, but the Village plans to first migrate to Office 365 to address security issues before completing a formal risk assessment. He acknowledged the Village may not currently meet all compliance requirements, with full compliance dependent on selecting a vendor and completing the migration.

Ms. Padrutt proposed updating the Rules of Council to require the Fiscal Officer to attend all Council meetings and clarify that, if the Fiscal Officer is absent, Council must appoint one of its members to perform the Clerk's duties in accordance with the cited Ohio Revised Code provision. Discussion clarified that staff may still assist with preparing minutes, as long as the Fiscal Officer reviews and assumes responsibility for the official record. Legal counsel will further research the duties of a Council member appointed during the Fiscal Officer's absence. Ms. Padrutt made the motion and Ms. Riggins seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes. The motion was approved.

Fire Board, Mr. Krachinsky: Mr. Krachinsky stated he had nothing to report.

Cemetery Board, Ms. Padrutt: Ms. Padrutt stated she had nothing to report.

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

Wastewater/Stormwater/Water: No report.

CVNP and Conservancy, Ms. Padrutt and Ms. Riggins: No report.

Rt. 303 Safety Project, Mr. Slocum: Mr. Slocum stated the issues related to this Project were discussed earlier in the meeting.

Solicitor, Mr. Bryan: Mr. Moore stated he had nothing to report on behalf of Mr. Bryan.

LEGISLATION

Ordinance No. 13-2026 (Version 1)

Requested by: Councilperson Padrutt

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

Ordinance No. 13-2026 (Version 2)

Amendments Requested by: Councilperson Slocum

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Ordinance No. 13-2026 (Version 3)

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Ordinance No. 13-2026 (Version 4)

Amendments Requested by: Councilperson Padrutt

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

Mr. Moore read the legislation by title. Council reviewed the multiple versions of the revisions to Ordinance 13-2026. Because significant changes had been made since the original version, Council decided to rescind Versions 1, 2, and 3, leaving Version 4 as the version to work off. Members then began reviewing Version 4, including its purpose, definition of an outdoor public event, exclusions, and when an event should require a Village permit. The discussion focused on distinguishing events that require extraordinary Village resources or create significant community disruption from ordinary business activities and smaller gatherings. Examples discussed included Peninsula Flea, Music on the Porches, Peddler's Day, Memorial Day events, and Village-sponsored activities. Members raised questions about traffic control, Police, Fire and EMS services, street or sidewalk use, parking, event size, and whether businesses holding special events on their own property should be subject to permitting.

Council also reviewed proposed exclusions for funerals, weddings, school activities, government-sponsored activities, spontaneous gatherings, small sidewalk gatherings, and private events. Questions were raised about constitutional protections for gatherings and protests, the meaning of government activities conducted within the scope of their functions, and whether Village-sponsored events should be exempt from permits. Members expressed concern that insurance requirements, including \$1 million in liability coverage for certain events involving vendors, food, beverages, or vehicles, could unintentionally burden traditional community events. Several members emphasized the policy should primarily ensure the Village receives advance notice of events that may require additional services or create traffic and safety concerns, while remaining flexible enough to avoid unnecessary regulation of routine activities. It was suggested that organizers meeting certain criteria should be required to contact the Village, after which the Mayor, Police Chief, and other officials could determine what permits or services are necessary.

Council ultimately agreed that Version 4 requires additional work and input from the Police Chief and Fire Chief regarding safety, emergency services, traffic, and Village resources. Council expressed a desire to table Ordinance 13-2026, Version 4, for further discussion and revision rather than abandoning the proposed public events policy. Mr. Rosales made that motion to table the Ordinance that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky. Roll call vote: Mr. Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes. The motion was adopted.

Ordinance No. 19-2026

Requested by: Mayor Schneider

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

Mr. Moore read the legislation by title. Ms. Frank-Hensley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Slocum to amend the body of the legislation to reflect the change to 75 days, remove from the text of the Ordinance "as soon as the Village obtains technology to do so", and have the amended Ordinance advance to a third reading at the next meeting. Roll call vote: Mr.

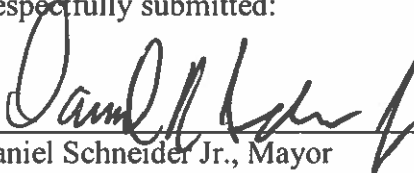
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Rosales, yes; Mr. Krachinsky, yes; Mr. Slocum, yes; Ms. Padrutt, yes; Ms. Riggins, yes; Ms. Frank-Hensley, yes. The motion was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Rosales made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Krachinsky 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 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Daniel Schneider Jr., Mayor

9-24-26
Date



Vic Nogalo, Fiscal Officer

9/22/26
Date