

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 2015
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Terrace Park Community Building. Mayor Gohman led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of Council present were Mr. Lee Cole, Mr. Judith Lehman, Mr. Jeff LeMay, Mrs. Holly Purcell, Mr. Rick Tripp and Mr. Tom Tepe. In addition, Mayor Jay Gohman, Clerk of Council Melanie Stutenroth, Chief Fiscal Officer Jean Marie Nelson, Solicitor Jeff Forbes, EMS Chief John Maggard, Fire Chief Luke Frey, and Police Chief Jerry Hayhow were in attendance.

Mrs. Purcell moved to approve Council Minutes from the September 8, 2015 Council meeting. All voted aye. Minutes approved.

Mayor Gohman then asked that the agenda be rearranged for the swearing in of a new auxiliary officer. At this time, Holly Purcell introduced **RESOLUTION 10-2, 2015. A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERIC M. GREGORY AS AN AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER.** She then advanced this resolution to the third reading. Judith Lehman seconded. Council members Cole, Lehman, Lemay, Purcell, Tepe and Tripp voted aye. Mrs. Purcell then moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Cole seconded. Council members Cole, Lehman, LeMay, Purcell, Tripp and Tepe voted aye. Mrs. Purcell moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Mr. Cole seconded. Council members Cole, Lehman, LeMay, Purcell, Tripp, and Tepe voted aye. Resolution passed. Eric Gregory was then sworn in by Mayor Gohman.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Gohman reported that a New Resident Open House was held on September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The open house was well attended by new families who were able to mingle with other new residents and learn about important village services. In conclusion, Mayor Gohman reminded residents to contact the Building Official before starting work on their home or property. End of report.

CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER: No report.

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Jeff Forbes reported that on August 31st, oral arguments were held for the Martin Marietta case in the First District Court of Appeals. The court heard the case and indicated that it would take approximately two months for a decision. End of report.

EMS CHIEF: Chief Maggard reported that there have been 17 runs since the September Council meeting with a total of 133 runs to date in 2015. He reported that a new EMS class has begun and currently 3-4 volunteers are enrolled. Chief Maggard reported that TP EMT Kim Corrigan will be conducting public CPR/AED/First Aid Training in the Emergency Services Training Room in November and December. These courses will be \$20/student to cover the trainer's costs. TPEMS has received a \$2500 grant from the State of Ohio which will be used for

training expenses. Chief Maggard then thanked Tim Hampton for securing grant/donation money for Naloxone auto-injectors. The department will need to update drug licensing to begin to carry these for use in the field, as well as generic epinephrine. The State of Ohio has authorized Basic Life Support agencies to carry these medicines as well as combat-style tourniquets. On a recent run, the department was able to use a lifesaving tourniquet on an individual who had received a deep arm laceration from a large piece of glass. This tourniquet was from a new gunshot/serious trauma kit. Chief Maggard then thanked residents who attended the recent Chilipalooza Benefit as well as those participating in the “Add your Name” campaign. In conclusion, Maggard reminded residents of the upcoming Pancake Supper fundraiser on November 15, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. End of report.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Frey reported that three trainings have occurred since the September Council meeting. These include a joint training with Milford and a training with the East Group involving a live burn building. TPFD has also assisted TPPD and TPEMS with critical medical runs. In conclusion, Chief Frey appealed to residents to volunteer for the emergency services departments. End of report.

POLICE CHIEF: No report.

STREETS AND MAINTENANCE : Chief Hayhow reported several car thefts recently and reminded residents that these incidents are “crimes of opportunity” and resident should lock their cars and remove valuables from cars. An ODNR wildlife program has been scheduled for November 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community building. This program will address concerns about coyotes and how to coexist with urban wildlife. Chief Hayhow then reminded residents that leaf pickup for the Village has begun. He stated that piles need to be free of rocks and other debris and piles should not be left in the street. End of report.

BUILDING OFFICIAL: The Building Official’s report was included in Council packets.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE: None.

PLANNING & ZONING: Mr. Tepe reported that the Planning & Zoning Committee continues to review the Code for improvements with regard to drywell calculations and other items. He reported that a Planning Commission meeting will occur in December and following this meeting, ordinance will be presented to Council for three readings.

Judith Lehman asked if the drywell that Mr. Tepe spoke about is a septic drywell. Mr. Tepe responded that the drywell under review is for water runoff only. End of report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: No report.

FINANCE: Mr. Lemay introduced **RESOLUTION 10-1, 2015. A RESOLUTION TO EMPOWER THE ASISSTANT FISCAL OFFICER TO REVIEW THE 2015 APPROPRIATION BUDGET.** He explained that this resolution allows money to be rebalanced across all accounts. These readjustments allow the Village to respond to regular

maintenance needs. He then advanced this resolution to the third reading. Tom Tepe seconded. Council members Cole, Lehman, Lemay, Purcell, Tepe and Tripp voted aye. Mr. Lemay then moved to adopt the resolution. Mrs. Purcell seconded. Council members Cole, Lehman, LeMay, Purcell, Tripp and Tepe voted aye. Mr. Lemay moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Mr. Cole seconded. Council members Cole, Lehman, LeMay, Purcell, Tripp, and Tepe voted aye. Resolution passed.

Mr. Lemay then asked residents to vote on November 3rd to renew the current 2.8 mill operating levy. This operating levy represents 20% of the overall Village operating budget and a vote "FOR" will not increase or decrease real estate taxes. This renewal supports current operating expenses at a rate not to exceed 2.8 mills for each one dollar of valuation, amounts to a continuance of the two dollars and eighty cents for each one thousand dollars of valuation for five years. He reported that village departments, committees and council continue to operate finances in a fiscally responsible manner. The 2014 budget was fiscally on track and the projections for 2015 appear to be the same. The projected 2016 budget will operate similarly. Mr. Lemay explained that the Village operates to maintain a prudent level of cash consistent with small government operating principles. The Finance committee reviews every budget line for cost savings opportunities. This includes salaries, benefits, capital and select services which account for over 2/3 of expenses. Additional examples of sound fiscal management include the refinancing of the existing bond saving the Village over \$100,000, the creation and maintenance of a tree farm to defray cost of planting, proactive purchases of road salt to take advantage of the lowest possible market price as well as the new road resurfacing approach. In addition, the volunteer EMS and Fire services provide great service and cost savings to the Village.

In conclusion, Mr. Lemay stated that an article with information about this levy has run in the Eastern Hills Journal and a posting has appeared on tplist. Additional postings will appear in the weeks prior to the election. End of report.

RULES & LAWS: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Holly Purcell did not have any additional business following the swearing in of the new auxilliary officer.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Mr. Tepe moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Mrs. Purcell seconded. All voted aye. Regular meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Melanie N. Stutenroth
Clerk of Council

Jay Gohman
Mayor