

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 2015
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday, November 10, 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 Ms. Judith Lehman, Mr. Jeff LeMay, and Mrs. Holly Purcell. 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. Council members Lee Cole, Rick Tripp and Tom Tepe were absent.

Mrs. Purcell moved to approve Council Minutes from the October 20, 2015 Council meeting. All voted aye. Minutes approved.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Sean Crowley of 615 Amherst addressed Council. He asked Council to consider voting “FOR” Ordinance 11-1 which will allow a stop sign to be placed on Elm at the 5-way intersection of Amherst, Terrace Place and the entrance to the Environmental Services area. Due to the high volume of traffic, Mr. Crowley supports this Ordinance to reduce speed in the area and protect children who may be in the vicinity. He believes the ordinance is cost effective and will solve safety issues at the intersection. End of report.

MAYOR’S REPORT: In honor of Veteran’s Day, Mayor Gohman began his report by thanking veterans for their service to our country. He then congratulated Mayor-elect Tom Tepe and he looks forward to seeing who is appointed to the three open Council spots. Mayor Gohman then mentioned that the decision to prohibit the Martin Marietta limestone mine in Anderson has now been reversed by the 1st District Court of Appeals. This is not good news for Terrace Park and other communities who have been fighting this mining project for five years. This mine will affect property values in each community and an appeal of the new decision will probably go the Ohio Supreme Court. Mayor Gohman then thanked residents for following Village regulations about election signs. Illegal signs that have been placed on Village right-of-ways and other government property continue to be removed in the Village to prevent costly legal battles for the Village.

Mayor Gohman then reported that resident, Sherry Holcomb, who is very involved with the local chapter of PANCAN, has asked Mayor Gohman to declare Friday, November 13 “World Pancreatic Cancer Day” in Terrace Park. He then read a “World Pancreatic Day” proclamation (see attached). 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 the First District Court of Appeals has reversed the trial court decision to now allow for the Martin Marietta Mining project to proceed.

The judges who reversed this ruling are Judge Mauk, Judge Hendon and Judge DeWine and the vote was unanimous. The next steps will be a possible appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court. End of report.

EMS CHIEF: Chief Maggard reported that there have been eight runs since the October Council meeting with a total of 146 runs to date in 2015. He reported that a new EMS class is on schedule with three new recruits. He reminded residents that the Pancake Supper will be held on November 15th 4:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. He invited all residents to attend. In conclusion, he reported the Fire & EMS departments are applying for a \$50,000 grant for replacement and upgrade costs of MARCS-compatible mobile (vehicle) and hand-held radios. The MARCS radio system currently being implemented in Hamilton County is a state-wide system compared to the county-wide system currently being used. End of report.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Frey reported that, in addition to regular trainings, a joint training was held with the East Group involving a live burn building. TPDF has also assisted TPDF and TPEMS with critical medical runs and Mariemont FD with an apartment fire. Chief Frey also reported that the insurance ISO rating for the department has been received and the department is in good standing. In conclusion, Chief Frey appealed to residents to volunteer for the emergency services departments. End of report.

POLICE CHIEF: No report.

STREETS AND MAINTENANCE : No report.

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

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE: None.

PLANNING & ZONING: Mr. Tepe was absent.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: No report.

FINANCE: Mr. Lemay began his report by asking Council to go into Executive Session following the regular meeting. He then thanked all departments involved with the recent levy ballot issue which passed on November 3rd. As the end of 2015 approaches, he stated that the budget is on track and spending and revenue are on target. End of report.

RULES & LAWS: Rick Tripp was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS: Lee Cole was absent.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Following up on Sean Crowley's concerns about the intersection at Elm, Amherst and Terrace Place, Holly Purcell reported that the Safety Committee met and several residents voiced concern about the intersection. The concerns include excessive speed, danger to children and failures to yield. Mrs. Purcell then introduced for a first reading **ORDINANCE 11-1,2015. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A STOP SIGN ON**

ELM AVENUE AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ELM AVENUE, TERRACE PLACE AND AMHERST. A first reading will allow residents and Council to consider this legislation.

Judith Lehman asked if this intersection has documents indicating that this area is a problem.

Chief Hayhow responded that this ordinance is being considered for safety reasons.

Jeff Lemay then asked Chief Hayhow how will the public be educated about the new stop sign?

Chief Hayhow responded that flags will be posted and a sign alerting of a “New Traffic Pattern” will also be posted.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Mr. Lemay then requested that Council move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and a real estate matter. Following Executive Council, Holly Purcell moved to adjourn the regular meeting. All voted aye. Regular meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Melanie N. Stutenroth
Clerk of Council

Jay Gohman
Mayor