

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 8, 2017**  
**VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL**  
**HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

Council met on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Terrace Park Community Building. Mayor Tepe led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of Council present were Mr. John Gaskey, Mr. Jeff LeMay, Ms. Holly Purcell, Mr. Pax Lindell, Ms. Judith Lehman and. In addition, Mayor Tom Tepe, EMS Chief John Maggard, Fire Chief Luke Frey, Clerk of Council Hester Sullivan, Solicitor Jeff Forbes, and Police Chief Jerry Hayhow were in attendance. Ms. Regina Sharp and Chief Fiscal Officer Jean Marie Nelson were absent.

Council Member Purcell motioned to approve Council Minutes from the May 9, 2017 regular Council meeting. All voted aye. Minutes approved.

**RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- The Mayor started by thanking everyone for their flexibility in meeting date changes. He noted our next meeting will be June 26 with a public hearing for the budget at 7:00 and regular council meeting at 7:30. The budget is available for review at the Village Office; if you have questions you can direct them to Councilmember LeMay. Since there are two meetings in June there may not be a July meeting, but please remain flexible in case we need to meet, otherwise, we will reconvene on August 8.
- Update: The Mayor is working on forming a sewer feasibility committee. We know the septic option so our time and energy is better spent focusing on what would be involved in putting in sewers. The committee will be made up of council members, old residents, new residents, builders, bankers and realtors. Looking for a good cross section of people who can devote a good deal of time to the committee. It will be a significant time commitment. The group will bring information back and report in an unbiased manner – presenting facts and possibly a recommendation. The committee will look at both the physical and financial ramifications. This is incredibly important. This group will likely take a year or more commitment and will need to meet with the County and with Engineers to learn exactly what's entailed with a 3 inch high pressure sewer line and where it would go and what impact it might have on the trees and streets. After that they will then meet with County Commissioners to see what kind of financial incentives there are. We've heard there is a \$12,000 cap per lot and that there is a credit \$5000-6000. Mayor feels strongly if we are going in the direction of sewers (IF) then we reduce the number of drywells in Hamilton County by 50% so we ought to be able to do better than this current proposal. We will work hand in hand with the Board of Health, but we will not allow them to dictate what we do. Being on this committee will be a significant time commitment. Mayor thanks all of the people who have expressed an interest. The committee will need to be somewhat nimble, which means that it will need to be of a size that is not cumbersome. Every time the committee meetings, we will post a public notice and the meeting will be open so all are invited. An open meeting is not the same as a public hearing. We will hold public hearings separately and throughout the process as well to update the community and answer questions. Once we have the facts and possible recommendation, we will have a series of meetings to give our findings. Not sure where it goes from there, whether it's a vote on the ballot or if the answer is clear, and if they have the legal authority, Council could move ahead. Rest assured, residents will be informed and part of the process. Again to stress, it is possible this will be the outcome, but we may also find the answer is to stay the course.
- End of June may have a proclamation for our very successful sports team.

**CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER:** Absent.

**SOLICITOR:** No report.

**EMS CHIEF:**

- As of the week of 6-5-17 Terrace Park EMS responded to 24 emergency medical dispatches for a ytd total of 70 incidents.
- Training in May and June included in-house power cot training and units in drowning & water-related emergencies.
- Our thanks go out to our recruitment committee, Lori Higginbotham, Regina Sharp and Jamie Flerlage for organizing a successful event at the TP Pool open house on Sunday, June 5th. Members of TPEMS conducted blood pressure tests and gave cot demo rides to lots of kids (and a few adults) at the event, raising awareness and collecting some names of possible EMS recruits for the Fall class.
- Our new power cot and loading system has proved it's worth on a number of recent runs and we again send out our appreciation to TP residents and others who have helped fund its purchase through donations in recent years.
- Association funds have also gone toward making significant improvements in our station Alarm Room through recent purchases of recliner-type seating and up-to-date television/video equipment, making daytime or overnight duty stays much more comfortable for our out-of-town EMS members.

**FIRE CHIEF:**

- Training: We have had two trainings since the last council meeting.
- Major Emergency Responses: TPFD assisted Loveland-Symmes FD and Milford CFD on two separate structure fires.
- Miscellaneous:
  - Storm season is here. If you see downed wires, call 911 to report immediately. Do NOT go near any wire on the ground even if you know it's telephone or cable; those wires may be touching a live electrical wire somewhere distant and may be energized.
  - Rescue 94 (1993 Seagrave) is out of service indefinitely. During the current repair to the engine more damage was found. We typically expect a piece of apparatus to remain in operation thirty (30) years before it is obsolete or has lived its useful life. Most Hamilton County departments do not keep an engine more than fifteen (15) years. The plan, when Engine 94 was purchased and delivered new in 2006 was to replace one engine every fifteen (15) years so the burden of replacing both engines at the same time was mitigated. It takes a minimum of two years to design and have an engine built.

**POLICE CHIEF/STREETS AND MAINTENANCE:**

- Duke Energy is scheduled to present on Tuesday, 6/27 at 7 p.m. about the upgrade to the 12K system. Need to confirm and then we will put the details on the website. Public invited. ICRCTV will broadcast. Duke will present about the two options for affected streets of going overhead or underground with wires. If feasible and wanted, the underground option will come at no cost to the resident. The line is coming through one way or the other.
- Crews will be here within the next 6 weeks to do the black sealing on Elm and Marietta.

**BUILDING OFFICIAL:** The Building Official's report was included in Council packets and attached here.

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:** Holly Purcell thanked the Terrace Park Historical Society for updating the directory.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** Council Member Sharp was absent.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** Council Member Gaskey had nothing to report.

**FINANCE:** Council Member LeMay reported that the budget is done. He has gone through it line by line, and Katie and Jerry have answered all his questions. This budget stays the course of our small government. We will have the appropriate cash on hand. We are roughly flat, with a 1% increase in revenue. LeMay noted and thanked Katie, Jerry and the departments for their hard work in keeping our costs down. Tonight we will do the first reading of the resolution to pass the budget. The budget is in the Village Office for residents to review. On June 26<sup>th</sup> we will have a 30 minute session before the council meeting where LeMay and other members will make themselves available to review the budget and answer any questions to the public. We will vote on the budget on 6/26, as we need to have it signed, sealed and delivered to the state by July 19th. With that we had the first reading of: **RESOLUTION 6-1, 2017 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018 ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK** (First Reading)

**RULES & LAWS:** Council Member Lehman had nothing to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Council Member Lindell had nothing to report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Council Member Purcell noted they had held a joint Safety and Finance Committee Meeting before the regular meeting tonight to discuss firetruck replacement options. Thank you to Luke and John for their research, presentation and explanation.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

Council Member Lindell motioned to adjourn. Voice Vote all voted aye. Meeting Adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted:**

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Hester Old Sullivan  
Clerk of Council

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Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.  
Mayor