

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 8, 2015
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday, December 8, 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, Ms. Judith Lehman, Mr. Jeff LeMay, Mrs. Holly Purcell, Mr. Tom Tepe and Mr. Rick Tripp. In addition, Mayor Jay Gohman, Clerk of Council Melanie Stutenroth, Chief Fiscal Officer Jean Marie Nelson, Solicitor Jeff Forbes, EMS Chief John Maggard, and Police Chief Jerry Hayhow were in attendance. Fire Chief Luke Frey was absent.

Mr. Tepe moved to approve Council Minutes from the November 10, 2015 Council meeting and the November 21, 2015 Special Council meeting. Judith Lehman seconded. All voted aye. Minutes approved.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Ray Normile (609 Amherst) addressed Council to tell the story of how Jay Gohman became Mayor of Terrace Park. Years ago, Mr. Normile and Al Nelson worked together to encourage residents to run for Council. At that time, many were interested; however, the Village was also in need of a mayor. Al Nelson recruited Jay Gohman to run. On behalf of the Village, Mr. Normile congratulated Mayor Gohman on many years of successful management of the Village.

Terry Howe (716 Park) addressed Council and stated that he became a Council member two years prior to Jay's election to mayor. At the time, Howe stated that there were concerns over management of the Village and Al Nelson created CCTP, Concerned Citizens of Terrace Park, to address these concerns. Some residents were not happy with how the Village was being run which prompted many to run for Council. After Mayor Gohman was elected, the Village management improved and residents now have an optimism about the way the Village is being run. Mr. Howe stated that Mayor Gohman told him that every member of this Village needs to be treated as a guest at a resort and with respect. He thanked Mayor Gohman for his service and great improvement of the Village. End of report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Gohman began his report by thanking Brenda Gradek, Liz Ziegler and the other Kindervelt volunteers for organizing the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in the Village. Regarding the Martin Marietta case, Council decided at a Special meeting on November 21st to continue fighting this mining project to the Supreme Court. Mayor Gohman then stated that this is the time of year he likes to thank the many volunteers and employees who make Terrace Park a wonderful place. These include EMS and Fire volunteers as well as the POD 94 crew. Mayor Gohman thanked EMS Chief John Maggard and Fire Chief Luke Frey for their dedication to the Emergency Services departments. Please see attached list of all EMS/Fire volunteers. He thanked the POD 94 crew of Tina Hesser, Tammy Fisher, Judith Lehman, Sally Gaburo, Lisa Bucher, and Emily Parker. In addition, Mayor Gohman recognized David Moyer, David Brittingham, Amy Nisonger, Doug Burgess and Steve Holmes for their important work with the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Mayor thanked Walt DeWees, David Moyer, and Tom

Tepe for their service on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Tom Lngano was also recognized for his duties as Magistrate over Mayor's Court and the "in village" Juvenile Court. Mayor Gohman thanked Mark Holcomb, Jean Marie Nelson, Katie Lyons and Melanie Stutenroth for their dedication to Village operations. Terrace Park Council members; Lee Cole, Rick Tripp, Holly Purcell, Judith Lehman, Jeff LeMay and Tom Tepe, were also recognized for their dedicated service to the Village. Mayor Gohman then thanked each spouse and all family members of those listed above. He stated that family support is crucial for these individuals to devote so much time to our Village.

Mayor Gohman then thanked the police force, led by Chief Jerry Hayhow, for their dedication to the Village. The officers include Lt. Tim Chin, Sargent Jim Pruitt, Officer, Officer Larry Johnson, Officer Andrew Mohr, and Officer Doug Sowders. The mayor also thanked Officer Mike Hooven, Eric Gregory, Dennis Smith, Mark Garner and Kevin Rogers.

Mayor Gohman then recognized the Terrace Park Maintenance department which includes Dave Evanchyk, Tim McLemore, and Steve Fuhrman. Bob Barket, Terrace Park's Clerk of Courts, was recognized for their work with Village court operations. In addition, Jeff Forbes and Bob Malloy was thanked for his legal counsel and guidance for the Village and John Hester was thanked for his work with the Village building department. Village arborist, Mark Castator was also thanked for his work on the Village trees. End of report.

In conclusion, Mayor Gohman reminded residents to contact the Building Official before starting work on their home or property. He stated that this concluding statement is the reason he ran for mayor twelve years ago. He has encouraged residents to follow proper guidelines and inspections for construction on their home or property to avoid costly problems with their home and/or issues when the homeowner tries to sell the home. John Hester, the Village Building Official, was hired to protect homeowners. End of report.

CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER: No report.

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Jeff Forbes reported that he is currently working with the Village of Newtown on a draft for the Notice of Appeal. This appeal will be filed before December 21. He continues to meet with communities to discuss strategies on fighting the new decision in the Martin Marietta case. End of report.

EMS CHIEF: Chief Maggard reported that there have been four runs since the November Council meeting with a total of 152 runs to date. He also reported that a new EMS class is on schedule with three new recruits. The accounting from the annual Pancake Supper and the Fall Fundraiser are complete and Chief Maggard reported that both events exceeded financial expectation. He thanked Laurie Baird for becoming the new Association Treasurer and Hester Sullivan and others for organizing the Fall campaign. This money is used for equipment and supply purchases as well as maintaining recruits. Finally, Chief Maggard thanked residents for attending these events. End of report.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Frey was absent.

POLICE CHIEF: No report.

STREETS AND MAINTENANCE : Chief Hayhow reported that leaf pickup is near completion. He then thanked Rick Tripp and Lee Cole for their service to the Village as Council members. In conclusion, Hayhow addressed Mayor Gohman and stated that he has enjoyed working with a “true leader”. End of report.

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

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE: Tom Tepe thanked residents for electing him to be Mayor. He thanked Lee Cole and Rick Tripp for their service to the Village as Council members. He then recognized and thanked Pax Lindell, John Gaskey and Regina Sharp for volunteering to fill Council vacancies. Mayor-elect Tom Tepe then recognized Mayor Gohman for his twelve years of service to the Village. He introduced Gohman’s family; wife Libby and daughters, Kakie and Chrissy. Mayor Gohman was then presented with a framed collage of Terrace Park gazebo photographs during various seasons. His wife and daughters were presented with flowers for their sacrifice during Mayor Gohman’s term. These gifts were given by friends and supporters of Mayor Gohman.

Mayor Gohman then responded that after 12 years, it has been an honor and privilege to serve the Village as Mayor. He thanked everyone for their wonderful support. He also thanked his wife, Libby and daughters, Kakie and Chrissy for putting up with his Village duties for these past 12 years. He stated that “in Terrace Park, we are blessed with an extraordinarily talented group of residents. These talented neighbors have never felt at home “sitting on the bench”. They are involved and very productive citizens. The top of this talented team is the Volunteer Fire and EMS. They are the true heroes of the Village.”

Mayor Gohman continued “we are blessed with a great team of loyal Village employees from our outstanding police force to our daily Village operations team. Thank you. For these reasons, Terrace Park has been a desired community for many years and will continue for many more. Thank you all.” End of report.

PLANNING & ZONING: Mr. Tepe reported that a Planning Commission meeting was held prior to the Council meeting to discuss possible revisions to the Zoning Code. These changes will include modifications to dry wells which makes the system more user friendly. David Moyer is steering these changes and the committee will take these to Council for full recommendation. End of report. .

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Judith Lehman introduced **RESOLUTION 12-1, 2015. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HARTHGROUP, LLC.** The resolution is for a new roof for the log cabin. Ms. Lehman then advanced this resolution to the third reading. Mr. Cole seconded. Messrs. Cole, Lemay, Tepe, Ms. Lehman, Tripp and Mrs. Purcell voted aye. Ms. Lehman then moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Tepe seconded. Messrs. Cole, Lemay, Tepe, Tripp, Ms. Lehman and Mrs. Purcell voted aye. Ms. Lehman moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Mr. Cole

seconded. Messrs. Cole, Lemay, Tepe, Tripp, Ms. Lehman and Mrs. Purcell voted aye. Resolution passed. End of report

FINANCE: Jeff Lemay presented **ORDINANCE 12-1, 2015. 2016 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION.** This ordinance allows for the certification of funds to the Hamilton County Auditor. Mr. Lemay then advanced this ordinance to the third reading. Mrs. Purcell seconded. Messrs. Cole, Lemay, Tepe, Ms. Lehman, Tripp and Mrs. Purcell voted aye. Mr. Lemay then moved to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Cole seconded. Messrs. Cole, Lemay, Tepe, Tripp, Ms. Lehman and Mrs. Purcell voted aye. Mr. Lemay moved to adopt the ordinance as an emergency. Mr. Cole seconded. Messrs. Cole, Lemay, Tepe, Tripp, Ms. Lehman and Mrs. Purcell voted aye. Ordinance passed.

Mr. Lemay then introduced **RESOLUTION 12-2, 2015. A RESOLUTION TO EMPOWER THE ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER TO REVISE THE APPROPRIATION BUDGET.** This adjustment allows for the movement of funds to complete needed work and increases the EMS budget by approximately \$5,000.00. Mr. Lemay then advanced this resolution to the third reading. Ms. Lehman seconded. Messrs. Cole, Lemay, Tepe, Ms. Lehman, Tripp and Mrs. Purcell voted aye. Mr. Lemay then moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Lehman seconded. Messrs. Cole, Lemay, Tepe, Tripp, Ms. Lehman and Mrs. Purcell voted aye. Mr. Lemay moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Mr. Tepe seconded. Messrs. Cole, Lemay, Tepe, Tripp, Ms. Lehman and Mrs. Purcell voted aye. Resolution passed.

In conclusion, Mr. Lemay reported that the Village will end the year under budget and he thanked all departments and Council for good fiscal management. End of report.

RULES & LAWS: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Cole thanked Mayor Gohman for asking him to run for Council nine years ago. He has enjoyed serving the Village. End of report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mrs. Purcell thanked Mayor Gohman and his family for their service to the Village. She then presented for a second 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.** Council will vote on this ordinance at the January meeting. End of report.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Melanie N. Stutenroth
Clerk of Council

Thomas M. Tepe
Mayor