

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 12, 2016
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 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, Ms. Judith Lehman, Mr. Jeff LeMay, Mr. Pax Lindell, Mrs. Holly Purcell, and Mrs. Regina Sharp. In addition, Mayor Tom Tepe, 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.

Mr. Lemay moved to approve Council Minutes from the December 8, 2015 regular Council meeting and the January 1, 2016 Special Council meeting. Judith Lehman seconded. All voted aye. Minutes approved.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Sean Crowley of 615 Amherst congratulated the new Council members on their recent appointments. He addressed Council to discuss his support of Ordinance 11-1, 2015 to place a stop sign on Elm Avenue at the intersection of Elm Avenue, Terrace Place and Amherst. He reported that neighbors in this area believe this intersection is a safety concern and that this stop sign will be a cost effective way to improve safety.

Mayor Tepe then thanked Mr. Crowley and his neighbors for bringing this concern to Council as well as a possible solution. End of report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Tepe thanked those who were able to attend the January 1st swearing in of the new mayor and Council members. He also thanked existing Council members for their continued service. Mayor Tepe thanked residents for electing him to be mayor and that every decision will be made with the best interest of the Village. He also stated that the primary focus of his term will be overall safety in the Village, especially the safety of children. He admits that residents will have issues and he asked those residents to come to Council with their issues and to be a part of the process to resolve the issue or offer a solution. If residents become involved, he believes the best solution will be determined. He then stated that a new Vice Mayor needs to be appointed. At this point, John Gaskey nominated Jeff Lemay to be Vice Mayor. Judith Lehman seconded this appointment and all voted aye.

Mayor Tepe then named the new Committee assignments on Council:
Buildings & Grounds-John Gaskey, members Pax Lindell and Holly Purcell
Finance-Jeff Lemay, members Judith Lehman and Holly Purcell
Planning & Zoning-Regina Sharp, members John Gaskey and Judith Lehman
Public Safety-Holly Purcell, members Jeff Lemay and Regina Sharp
Public Works-Pax Lindell, members Jeff Lemay and John Gaskey
Rules & Law-Judith Lehman, Pax Lindell and Regina Sharp

He then appointed former Mayor Jay Gohman to the Planning Commission which also includes, Mayor Tepe, Walt DeWees, Regina Sharp and David Moyer. The Board of Zoning Appeals will continue to include David Moyer (Chair), David Brittingham, Doug Burgess, Amy Nisonger and Steve Holmes. In conclusion, Mayor Tepe reminded residents to “Slow down and Stop” at the stop signs. End of report.

CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER: No report.

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Jeff Forbes reported that a Notice of Appeal in the Martin Marietta decision has been filed with the Ohio Supreme Court. He is currently waiting for a response to see if this case has been accepted by the Supreme Court. Mr. Forbes then suggested, due to the unusual process needed on January 1 to swear in newly appointed Council members and the quorum issues during that meeting, that Council reconfirm all appointments. Jeff Lemay then moved to confirm all the appointments made on January 1. Judith Lehman seconded. All voted aye. End of report.

EMS CHIEF: Chief Maggard reported that there were 162 emergency runs during 2015 and six runs currently in 2016. The EMS recruit class continues to be on schedule with three recruits. Continuing education training for 2016 will include units of trauma treatment and transport. End of report.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Frey reported that TPFD worked with Milford FD on search training as well as regular in-station trainings. Chief Frey then asked residents to check and clean their smoke detectors. He also asked residents to make sure house numbers are visual, even at night. This will help responders quickly locate a home during an emergency. End of report.

POLICE CHIEF: No report.

STREETS AND MAINTENANCE : Chief Hayhow reported the Maintenance crew is prepared for snow removal and the new roof on the log cabin has been installed. End of report.

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

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE: None.

PLANNING & ZONING: Mrs. Sharp reported that a Planning Commission meeting will be held on February 9, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss an application that 114 Redbird Lane be split into three lots. A Public Hearing will occur at 7:00 p.m. on February 9th, prior to the 7:30 p.m. regular Council meeting, to discuss proposed amendments to the Zoning Code. End of report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: No report.

FINANCE: Jeff Lemay reported that all departments finished 2015 under budget. He thanked all committees and departments for their work to stay under budget. He then reported that work will begin soon to prepare for the bi-annual audit that will be completed in July. End of report.

RULES & LAWS: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mrs. Purcell presented for a third 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.** She explained that this stop sign is being presented to address speed and yield issues at this intersection. She asked Council if any new members have a concern about this ordinance. Mrs. Sharp asked if there was consideration of the close proximity of this new sign to the stop sign at Park Avenue. Chief Hayhow responded that the Village engineers did not report that this should be a problem and that at least a dozen cars are allowed between the two stops. This sign also makes the entrance to the Environmental Services Area more accessible and safer. Chief Hayhow further explained that the new sign would be well marked as residents adjust to this new stop. Following this discussion, Mrs. Purcell then advanced this ordinance to the third reading. Mr. Lemay seconded. Messrs. Gaskey, Lemay, Lindell, Ms. Lehman, Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Sharp voted aye. Mrs. Purcell then moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Lemay seconded. Messrs. Gaskey, Lemay, Lindell, Ms. Lehman, Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Sharp voted aye. Mrs. Purcell moved to treat the ordinance as an emergency. Mr. Lemay seconded. Messrs. Gaskey, Lemay, Lindell, Ms. Lehman, Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Sharp voted aye. Ordinance passed.

Mrs. Purcell then introduced **RESOLUTION 1-1, 2016. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2016 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR AT A PRICE OF \$25,499.00.** Chief Hayhow informed Council that police cars are replaced every five years due to high maintenance expenses which occur from idling. Mrs. Purcell then advanced this resolution to the third reading. Mr. Gaskey seconded. Messrs. Gaskey, Lemay, Lindell, Ms. Lehman, Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Sharp voted aye. Mrs. Purcell then moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Lehman seconded. Messrs. Gaskey, Lemay, Lindell, Ms. Lehman, Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Sharp voted aye. Mrs. Purcell moved to treat the resolution as an emergency. Mr. Lemay seconded. Messrs. Gaskey, Lemay, Lindell, Ms. Lehman, Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed.

In conclusion, Mrs. Purcell introduced **RESOLUTION 1-2, 2016. A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GERALD E. HAYHOW TO THE POSITION OF STREET COMMISSIONER FOR THE VILLAGE AND WAIVING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.** Mrs. Purcell then advanced this resolution to the third reading. Mrs. Sharp seconded. Messrs. Gaskey, Lemay, Lindell, Ms. Lehman, Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Sharp voted aye. Mrs. Purcell then moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Gaskey seconded. Messrs. Gaskey, Lemay, Lindell, Ms. Lehman, Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Sharp voted aye. Mrs. Purcell moved to treat the resolution as an emergency. Ms. Lehman seconded. Messrs. Gaskey, Lemay, Lindell, Ms. Lehman, Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed. 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, Jr.
Mayor