MINUTES OF MEETING
October 13,2026
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Wednesday September 9,2026 6:00 p.m. in the Terrace Park Community Building. Mayor Tepe led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of Council present were Mr. Pax Lindell, Mr. John Gaskey, Ms. Regina Sharp, Mr. Kyle Lehman and Ms. Pat Wirthlin. In addition, Mayor Tom Tepe, Village Administrator and Police Chief Gerald Hayhow, Clerk of Council Katie Lyons, Solicitor Jeff Forbes, and EMS Chief John Maggard. Ms. Lauren Ingebritson, and Fire Chief George Heffner were absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to August 11,2026 and September 9, 2026, Minutes. Council Member Regina Sharp motioned to approve the Council Minutes from August 11,2026 and September 9, 2026, Council Meeting. Voice vote, all voted, aye. Minutes approved.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: The Mayor asked if there were any residents to address council, Rachael Baker was in attendance and was asked to approach the podium. State Representative Rachel Baker said she would remain in close contact with Mayor Tepe and the Village of Terrace Park about any developments that could affect local governments. Mayor Tepe reminded residents that Terrace Park is one of the few communities without an income or earnings tax and emphasized the village's desire to keep it that way.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Tepe reported the following:

- Mayor Tepe reported that RLA, the contractor performing work in Terrace Park, damaged a significant water line on Friday night.
    - He thanked Indian Hill Water Works (IHWW), the city manager, the Indian Hill team, and John Maggard for their assistance and on-site response. He acknowledged their efforts to determine RLA's responsibility for the damage and raised concerns about whether RLA had followed best practices and taken appropriate precautions during the work.
- Mayor Tepe provided an update on ongoing discussions with Cincinnati Water Works (CWW). With assistance from the Village's attorney, a proposed agreement for CWW to provide water service to Terrace Park was nearing completion and would be presented to Council for consideration.

  The Mayor provided the following details:
    - The Mayor explained that the timing of these discussions was affected by factors beyond the Village's control. Discussions had begun some time earlier, and the Village had maintained open communication with IHWW about a possible change in water providers so that IHWW could account for Terrace Park's potential departure in its facility planning. IHWW was preparing upgrades to comply with PFAS/PFOA mandates and evaluating the need for an additional water tower.

- Mayor Tepe emphasized that Council had not reviewed the proposed contract or decided whether to change providers. The Village had neither terminated nor signed any contracts. IHWW had revised its PFAS upgrade plans to exclude Terrace Park. According to the Mayor, Terrace Park's departure would result in significant savings for IHWW and eliminate the need for a second water tower.
- Village of Terrace Park Mayor Tepe, Indian Hill Mayor Richard Hidy, Indian Hill Council member Jeff Gibson, Pax Lindell, Jerry Hayhow, Ron Freson Indian Hill Water works Superintendent and Indian Hill City Manager Dina Minneci were coordinating efforts to maintain open communication. The Mayor stated that, should the Village proceed with CWW, its partnership with IHWW would continue until the transition was complete.
- Mayor Tepe reminded residents that an open house is scheduled for October 21, 2026. CWW representatives would introduce the organization and explain the services it could and would provide to the Village.
- If discussions progressed, the Mayor proposed holding a Council meeting on Monday, October 26, 2026, for the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the Village of Terrace Park to enter into an agreement with CWW.
- Mayor Tepe explained that the proposed timing reflected IHWW's deadline to resubmit revised drawings to the EPA. Approval of the previous drawings took eight to nine months, and substantial work remained. He expressed a desire to support IHWW's planning while positioning Terrace Park for a successful transition, should Council decide to proceed with CWW. Reminding residents that IHWW can unilaterally terminate the agreement with Terrace Park.
    - The mayor let residents know that the agreement will be available for viewing at the Village Office.
    - CWW will run the line down Wooster and under the river, the Mayor assured residents that all costs are built into the rate and during this time working in conjunction with IHWW.
    - Mr. Lindell anticipated the bill increasing $15 a month, but that includes all the lines being upgraded and/replaced. Mayor Tepe emphasized that some of the lines are 100 years old.
- Mayor Tepe expressed his gratitude towards resident Matt Kallevant, who attended the Public Works meetings and offered his expertise.

- Solicitor Jeff Forbes reported that he was working with legal counsel for Cincinnati Water Works (CWW) to finalize the proposed contract and anticipated completing it by the end of the week.

Chief Fiscal Officer-No Report.
Solicitor: Jeff Forbes -No Report.
Clerk of Council: Katie Lyons reminded residents to sign up for CodeRed and cited its effectiveness when dealing with the water main break.

- The Mayor reminded residents that the TP Listserv is not a reliable source of information, and many times filled with false information.

EMS CHIEF:

Chief Maggard reported:

- Pancake Supper is November 8,2026-this is the biggest fundraiser for Terrace Park Emergency Services.
- Currently recruiting for EMS, the next class begins January 2027.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Heffner was absent. Ty Zimmerman spoke on his behalf.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that last month:

- Large multi-day training with the east side fire departments, doing fire rescue and survival.
- Next month TPFD will be conducting their annual training with nighttime live fire burns.
- Most calls last month were Carbon Monoxide related. He reminded residents to change batteries on Fire and Carbon Monoxide detectors.
- The Water Rescue Program that TPFD implemented this summer was able to support Milford, where 2 kayakers flipped over with a dog. TPFD was able to rescue the dog.
- Zimmerman reassured residents that had there been a fire during the recent water main break the backup plan that would boost the water needed to put out the fire. He assured residents that maintained close communication with IHWW.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Chief Hayhow reported:

- Our arborist reached an agreement with Duke to remove 29 trees. These trees were designated as priority 1 trees and deemed dangerous. Duke offered to remove the trees, and the village will be responsible for the stump removals. He explained that this is a tremendous savings for the community.
- The maintenance crew conducted a trial pick up of the leaves that had started to fall, mainly sycamore trees. Brush pick up will resume next week and leaf season will officially begin the week of October 26,2026. Chief Hayhow did specify that with the price of Diesel fuel and the leaves falling late, they may flex and conduct brush pick up until more leaves fall.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:
Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None.
Planning & Zoning –John Gaskey-no report.
Finance – Regina Sharp expressed her support of Erica Moore taking the position as Chief Fiscal Officer, not only is Erica volunteer with EMS she has spent years working on the EMS budget.

RESOLUTION 10-1, 2026 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERICA MOORE AS CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Lindell, Sharp, Lehman and Wirthlin voted aye. Sharp then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Lindell, Sharp, Lehman and Wirthlin voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

RESOLUTION 10-2, 2026 TO EMPOWER THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO REVISE THE 2026 APPROPRIATION BUDGET Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Lindell, Sharp, Lehman and Wirthlin voted aye. Sharp then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Lindell, Sharp, Lehman and Wirthlin voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Resolution 10-3,2026 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION & AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Lindell, Sharp, Lehman and Wirthlin voted aye. Sharp then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Lindell, Sharp, Lehman and Wirthlin voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Ms. Sharp explained that from the Hamilton County Auditors website's home page, taxpayers can use the "Property Search" feature to find their parcel. Once on their parcel's page, they can select "Levy Information" under the "View" section to find relevant information including a levy's type, millage rate, and estimated cost. The link is also provided on the Terrace Park Website under the Finance tab.

Ms. Sharp thanked Katie Lyons for her time, support and partnership as she is retiring as the CFO.

Buildings & Grounds –Kyle Lehman -No Report.
Rules & Law- Pat Wirthlin-No Report.
Public Works-Pax Lindell-Mr. Lindell informed residents that the meeting on October 21,2026 is purely so residents can attend, ask questions and learn more about Cincinnati Water Works and what they are offering. Mr. Lindell reminded residents that this conversation has been going on for years.
Public Safety – Lauren Ingebritson-absent.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None.
NEW BUSINESS: None.
Adjournment: Ms. Sharp motioned to adjourn. Voice Vote all voted "aye."

Respectfully submitted:

Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council

Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor