

MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 12, 2023
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday, April 12, 2023 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. Jeff LeMay, Mr. Pax Lindell, Mr. John Gaskey, Ms. Regina Sharp, Ms. Judith Lehman and Ms. Lauren Ingebritson. In addition, Mayor Tom Tepe, Village Administrator and Police Chief Gerald Hayhow, Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council, Katie Lyons. EMS Chief John Maggard, Solicitor Jeff Forbes and Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield were absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the March 14, 2023 Minutes. Council Member Gaskey motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the March 14, 2023 Council Meeting. Voice vote, all voted, aye. Minutes approved.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL The Mayor asked if there were any residents to address council, to please approach the podium, state their name and their address. Seeing none, he moved on.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Tepe asked Ms. Ingebritson to move up in the agenda the resolution for our Police Officer. With that, Council Member Ingebritson introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION NO. 4-4, 2023 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MITCHELL D. POWERS AS FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Lindell seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Lehman, Ingebritson, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Ingebritson then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, Lehman and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Mayor Tepe congratulated Council on the 130th Council Meeting and read the excerpt from the Village Views Article 'The Wild Days of TP's First Council'. (See attached)

The Mayor announced that it is that time of year to read the Arbor Day Proclamation and then read our annual **Arbor Day Proclamation** (See attached).

Chief Fiscal Officer: Katie Lyons-No Report.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes-Absent.

Clerk of Council: Ms. Lyons reported that she is now a Notary.

EMS CHIEF: John Maggard-Absent

FIRE CHIEF: Steve Dronsfield-Absent

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chief Hayhow updated the following projects:

- Identified the many areas where the edges of the street are disintegrating and met with contractor for estimates regarding repair.
- Currently working on drain on the end of Oxford.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE: None

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

Planning & Zoning – Council member John Gaskey explained the ordinance text changes regarding to accessory building height and signs. All details are available for public review at the village office. The public hearing will take place on Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 5:45pm in the Community Building.

Mr. Gaskey introduced for the first reading **ORDINANCE NO. 4-1-2023 ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE TERRACE PARK ZONING ORDINANCE**

Finance –Mr. Lemay explained this is the beginning of the process to put the 2.5 Operating Levy on the Ballot. Council member LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 4-1, 2023 REQUESTING THE HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE CALCULATION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE RENEWAL OF THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK’S EXISTING 2.50 MILL CURRENT OPERATING LEVY** Lindell seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Lehman, Ingebritson, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, Lehman and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Mr. Lemay explained that this increase to the budget and appropriation change is to repair 2 fire hydrants. Mr. LeMay explained that this resolution is Council member LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 4-2-2023 TO EMPOWER THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO REVISE THE 2023 APPROPRIATION BUDGET DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Sharp seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Lehman, Ingebritson, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lehman, Lindell, LeMay and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Mr. LeMay explained the Greg Landsman asked members of his district for ideas that they may need funding. We applied for funding for \$500, 000 to repair the Elm Water Line. Our request has cleared the first round and historically there is a 92% approval rating. Mayor Tepe said there were a lot of requests submitted in the millions of dollar range so he is hopeful our request will be approved. The mayor thanked Mr. LeMay and Chief Hayhow for their work, Racheal Baker for her support, while we continue our efforts to improve our water service.

Buildings & Grounds – Regina Sharp – No Report.

Rules & Law -Judith Lehman- No Report.

Public Works-

Council member Lindell introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 4 -3, 2023**

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HENDY, INC. FOR THE 2023 SIDEWALK PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$31,510 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Lehman seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Lehman,

Ingebritson, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Ingebritson seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lehman, Lindell, LeMay and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Mr. Lindell explained FEMA has redrawn the flood plain lines. In order for our residents to get insurance we need to have a program that mirrors FEMAS new standards.

Mr. Lindell introduced for the first reading **ORDINANCE NO. 4-2, 2023 REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 151 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND APPROVING NEW CHAPTER 151 REGARDING FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION**

Mr. Lindell updated everyone on the meetings on the Water Lines. The Public Works Committee has been meeting to review ways to keep the water system up and running. We currently do not have a system set in place to fund the infrastructure. While our current system is in good shape, we need to begin planning for future upgrades and repairs.

The Public Works Committee is working on a proposal that will be a rate based increase per resident that would allow us to set up a fund to handle repairs and upkeep of our water lines. Indian Hill Water Works would manage the money coming in and the fund; however Terrace Park would have complete control over its use. Mayor Tepe explained we have 9 fire hydrants from the 1930's, if we replace all of them that is \$50,000. Chief Hayhow explained in the past we have had to take from our building and street funds for these repairs. Setting up a fund specifically for the water lines would alleviate that burden and set us up for the future.

Mr. Lindell explained that the goal is to give the lines and repairs to IHWW, they do this for other communities.

Mr. LeMay put together an example schedule with certain rates applied and amount earned. (see attached)

Public Safety –Ms. Ingebritson (see above)

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Adjournment: Mayor Tepe motioned to adjourn. Voice Vote all voted “aye.”

Respectfully submitted:

Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council

Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor