

MINUTES OF MEETING
February 8, 2022
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday February 8, 2022 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. Pax Lindell, Ms. Judith Lehman, Mr. Jeff LeMay, Ms. Lauren Ingebritson and Ms. Regina Sharp. In addition, Mayor Tom Tepe, Village Administrator and Police Chief Gerald Hayhow, EMS Chief John Maggard, Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council, Katie Lyons, and Solicitor Jeff Forbes. Council member Mr. John Gaskey and Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield, were absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the January 11, 2022 Minutes. Mayor Tepe motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the January 11, 2022 Council Meeting. Voice vote, all voted, aye. Minutes approved.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL The Mayor asked if there were any residents to address council, seeing none he moved on.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor then thanked Maintenance for their hard work with the recent snow, Extremely well done job on keep the streets safe.

Chief Fiscal Officer: Katie Lyons-No Report.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes status of House bill 51 will reinstate the ability of local governments to have virtual meetings, through the end of June 2022. The Governor has yet to sign the Bill. Mr. Forbes elaborated to say that if signed, we are able to offer zoom council meetings again.

Clerk of Council: Katie Lyons-No Report.

EMS CHIEF: Chief Maggard reported that all 4 recent recruits have graduated, and hope to get them sworn in next month.

FIRE CHIEF: John Maggard reported that Ty Zimmerman has put together some trainings.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Chief Hayhow stated that the Maintenance crew was ready and well prepared for the recent storm, during which time they used 34 tons of salt and each maintenance employee had 15-1/2 hours of overtime.

Chief Hayhow stated if council approves **RESOLUTION 2-4, 2022 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH J.K. MUERER FOR THE ELM AVENUE REPAIR AND RESURFACING PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$66,039.70 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** I will be having a preconstruction meeting to discuss the MRF Funds.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE: None

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

Planning & Zoning – Council Member Sharp read the ordinance in lieu of Mr. Gaskey's absence.

Council Member Sharp introduced **ORDINANCE 2-1, 2022 AMENDING SECTIONS 1131.06 (FENCES), 1131.21 (TRAILER PARKING), AND VARIOUS SECTION OF CHAPTER 1137 (SIGNS) OF THE ZONING CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK**

Buildings & Grounds – Council Member Sharp no report.

Finance – Council member LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 2-1, 2022 AUTHORIZING CONTINUING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK UNDER THE OHIO GOVERNMENT RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PREMIUM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,410.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Lehman seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lindell seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Council member LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 2-2 REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE TAX ADVANCES DURING THE YEAR 2022 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE, SECTION 321.34** Lehman seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

LeMay explained that these two increases were due to the items that were not in our budget last year. The first one is street construction, the Elm improvement. We received matching funds from the state of Ohio, with the total amount being \$104,000. The second one is for the engineering study on the Elm Street potential water line, this amount being \$21,200.

Council member LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 2-3, 2021 TO EMPOWER THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO REVISE THE 2022 APPROPRIATION BUDGET** Ingebritson seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Rules & Law –Judith Lehman- No Report.

Public Works-Pax Lindell – introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 2-4, 2022 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH J.K. MUERER FOR THE ELM AVENUE REPAIR AND RESURFACING PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$66,039.70 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Lehman seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Ingebritson seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Public Safety – Lauren Ingebritson introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 2-5, 2022 APPOINTING LAUREN INGEBRITSON AND JEFF LEMAY TO THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS’ DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD** Sharp seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lindell seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Council Member Lemay moved that council break into an executive session to discuss immanent litigation. Sharp seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye.

Mayor Tepe announced that we were going to break into executive session to have a discussion with our legal counsel. No formal action will be taken in that executive session; if formal action is to be taken we will come out of that meeting to take that formal action in the public. If no formal action is to be taken we will come out of the meeting and adjourn.

Adjournment: Council Member Sharp motioned to adjourn. Voice Vote all voted “aye.”

Respectfully submitted:

Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council

Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor