

MINUTES OF MEETING
January 10, 2023
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday January 10, 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. Judith Lehman, Ms. Regina Sharp, 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, Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield and Solicitor Jeff Forbes.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the December 13, 2022 Minutes. Council Member Gaskey motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the December 13, 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, to please approach the podium, state their name and their address. Seeing none, he moved on.

The Mayor thanked the Maintenance Crew for their hard work during our past snow emergency.

- The Mayor thanked Lt. Chin for his over 3 decades of service to the community and to our police department noting:
 - Lt. Chin began his police career in Terrace Park as an Auxiliary Officer, promoted to full time on November 12, 1991 and in his 32 years of service; Lt. Chin has risen to the rank of Lieutenant/Assistant Chief.
 - His file contains numerous letters of commendation from the Terrace Park residents and police chiefs from neighboring communities
 - Tim will also be retiring as commander of the Hamilton County Police Associations SWAT team.

Lt. Chin thanked the Mayor for the opportunity. Chief Hayhow thanked Lt. Chin for everything during his time at the Terrace Park Police Department.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Chief Fiscal Officer: Katie Lyons-No Report.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes-No Report.

Clerk of Council: Katie Lyons –No Report.

EMS CHIEF: Chief Maggard reported that the first session of the new EMS class is underway with 5 Terrace Park attendees.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Dronsfield reported that four new fire fighters will be taking their state exam tomorrow with hopes to have them sworn in next month.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Hayhow explained that the maintenance guys had a combined total of 30 hours overtime for the last snow event; they had a challenge with the snow, ice, wind and extreme temperatures and still managed to do a great job.

- Ohio Plan insurance proposal has a slight increase, approximately \$2000, which he will review with our Hylant Representative next week after which he plans to have a resolution for next month.
- Chief Hayhow explained that he met with ODNR to produce a Flood damage reduction ordinance. The ordinance is mandatory by FEMA who administers the National Flood Insurance Program. The last time council approved a FEMA flood reduction ordinance was 2004. The draft ordinance will be completed next week and reviewed by Mr. Forbes. The first reading will occur in February.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

Planning & Zoning –

Council member Gaskey introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION NO. 1-1, 2023 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF TRICIA DIMICHELE TO THE TERRACE PARK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** Lindell seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lehman, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Gaskey then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, Lehman, LeMay and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Finance – Mr. LeMay presented the Annual Financial Report to Council, please see attached. He stated that we remain above our goal of maintaining greater than six months of operating cash on hand with 8.2 months on hand. Our last tax increase was in 2013 to replace revenue lost from the State of Ohio and the estate tax. Mr. LeMay emphasized that our Fiscal 2023 goal is to maintain fiscally responsible spending with a conservative revenue outlook all the while developing a financial plan for Elm Street waterline.

Buildings & Grounds –Regina Sharp-No Report.

Rules & Law –Judith Lehman- No Report.

Public Works–Pax Lindell –No Report.

Public Safety –Lauren Ingebritson-No Report.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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

Respectfully submitted:

Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council

Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor