

MINUTES OF MEETING
September 9,2026
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. Lauren Ingebritson, Ms. Regina Sharp, Mr. Kyle Lehman and Ms. Pat Wirthlin. In addition, Mayor Tom Tepe, Village Administrator and Police Chief Gerald Hayhow, Solicitor Jeff Forbes, EMS Chief John Maggard and Fire Chief George Heffner. Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council, Katie Lyons was absent.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: Special Guest Driehaus making appearance.

Labor Day was a huge success, special thank you to everyone for making it happen, especially Fire, EMS, Police and Maintenance. Thank you to Lauren Ingebritson for stepping in as the village representative. We are not picking up leaves yet.

Mayor Tepe asked Ms. Ingebritson to move up on the agenda the resolution.

Council Member Ingebritson introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 9-1, 2026**

CONSENT OF COUNCIL TO THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF BLAKE FREEMAN TO THE

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, Sharp, Lehman and Wirthlin voted aye. Ingebritson then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, Sharp, Lehman and Wirthlin voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Chief Fiscal Officer-Katie Lyons-absent.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes -No Report.

Clerk of Council: Katie Lyons-absent.

EMS CHIEF: Chief Maggard reported that

- The ambulance was delivered to South Bend, Indiana for the refurbishment, prior to that the power cot had been transferred to the loaner ambulance.
- Chief Maggard extended special thanks to Chief Shapiro of Montgomery EMS for lending us an ambulance, which we expect to use for approximately three months. The new ambulance will feature a new color scheme, an F-550 cab, a new chassis, and a significantly improved suspension system. (see attached flyer)
- The next recruit class begins in January 2027. Although several people from outside the community have expressed interest, we would still like residents to help fill the ranks.

Mayor Tepe thanked the City of Montgomery and the taxpayers.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Heffner congratulated the new recruits that have been sworn in and stated that TPFD will have live fire training this month.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Chief Hayhow thanked Lt. Pruitt and all the officers that helped make Sunday and Monday Labor Day weekend events run smoothly.

- Leaf season is upon us; leaf pick up is mid-October with the exact date be sent out on Code Red.
- Winter prep has begun and 4500 hundred gallons of liquid deicer are being delivered tomorrow, and we are splitting the cost and shipment with the Village of Mariemont.
- Received Certificate of Occupancy for the Miami Grove Shelter house and invited Mr. Crowley to the November Council meeting so that council can express their gratitude for the wonderful gift to the community. We will have a resolution for Mr. Lehman to read at that meeting.

Mayor Tepe reported that the third-grade teacher requested permission to bring the class to the Community Building to further its study of local government and allow students to ask the Mayor and Police Chief questions.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None.

Planning & Zoning –John Gaskey-no report.

Finance – Regina Sharp provided everyone with a copy of the article that she sent to the village views and a reminder that the upcoming levy will not raise your taxes. The renewable levy provides 30% of our budget. Yard signs are available. A copy of the article is available at the village office and will be available on the website.

Buildings & Grounds –Kyle Lehman reported that the Ohio River Foundation is ready to get started on the clearing at Miami Grove in either October or November. This will be the results of the meeting that was held back in February. ORF will meet with Mr. Lehman and Chief Hayhow to walk through the scope of the work that was approved back in February. Mr. Lehman clarified that the scope of the work would be to the right of the Ford Trail, going straight back to the gas line trail. Mr. Lehman will provide information to be posted to the website regarding the clearing.

Rules & Law- Pat Wirthlin-No Report.

Public Works-Pax Lindell-No Report.

Public Safety – Lauren Ingebritson-see above.

Commissioner Driehaus introduced herself explaining that she is doing her “49 in 49”. Handed out a menu of opportunity. (see attached)

Commissioner Driehaus highlighted the following:

- Encourage collaboration among local jurisdictions and Hamilton County.
- Hamilton County offers a small-event grant, with application information distributed at the beginning of each year.
- Terrace Park has received the recycling grant every year since 2021.
- Commissioner Driehaus chairs the county’s Solid Waste Committee, which is exploring the collection of organic and food waste.
- Hamilton County will offer a hazardous-waste drop-off event in Norwood in October from noon to 6:00 p.m. Appointments are required; additional information is available on the county’s resource website.
 - The countywide Children’s Services Levy operates on a five-year cycle and is funded through property taxes. (See the attached)

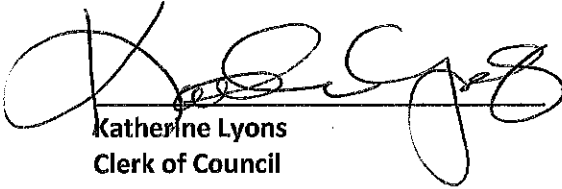
- The levy will appear as a renewal with an increase on the November 3, 2026 ballot
- The proposed levy is a four-year, 5.61 mill property tax.
- If approved, it would generate approximately \$116 million a year.
- Property owners would pay approximately \$39 more per year for every \$100,000 of property value.
- If the levy fails, the levy funding for Children's Services will go to zero. This would in turn cause deep cuts to critical county services.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None.

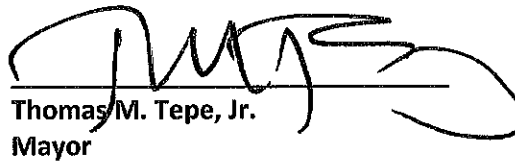
NEW BUSINESS: None.

Adjournment: Mr. Gaskey motioned to adjourn. Voice Vote all voted "aye."

Respectfully submitted:



Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council



Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor