

MINUTES OF MEETING
September 14, 2023
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Thursday September 14, 2023, at 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. Jeff LeMay, Mr. Pax Lindell, Mr. John Gaskey, 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 and Solicitor Jeff Forbes. Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield and council member Ms. Judith Lehman were absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the August 1, 2023 Minutes. Council Member Gaskey motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the August 1, 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.

Mayor Tepe read the **Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Birthday of Virginia Cook Marquett (see attached)**.

Mayor Tepe asked Ms. Ingebritson to move up in the agenda the resolutions for our EMS Volunteer. With that, Council Member Ingebritson introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 9-3-2023 CONSENT OF COUNCIL TO THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF David Fine, Drew Walter and Matt Ziegler TO THE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK** Lindell seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Ingebritson then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Bulldog 5K and the Labor Day Festival were a huge success raising money for the Terrace Park Recreation.
- The village arborist has resigned after 10 years, thank you for your service and excellent upkeep of our trees. We are currently looking for an arborist.
- Leaves will not be picked up until mid-October. Please bag them and either drop them off at the Environmental Services area or leave for maintenance to pick up. Do not put leaves in the street.

Chief Fiscal Officer: Katie Lyons-No Report.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes-No Report.

Clerk of Council: Katie Lyons-No Report.

EMS CHIEF: No Report.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Maggard reported for Chief Dronsfield that the new pick-up truck, designated as Support 94, into service. The second pumper, Rescue 94, has been taken off service and is now up for auction.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chief Hayhow updated the following:

- The cannons are back on the Green, special thanks to Mike Gehrig for his generous donation to professionally sand blast the cannons and a special thank you to the head of Maintenance, Dave Evanchyk for painting the cannons.
- In a joint effort with the Village of Mariemont, we were able to purchase a bulk supply of liquid deicer. The deicer is mixed with road salt which significantly increases efficiency. We split a tanker 2,200 gallons each of liquid deicer, which reduces the cost per gallon. This purchase should last many years.
- The new light pole is scheduled to be installed on Tuesday, located at the east end of the Wooster Pike.
- Mr. Hasty from Hamilton County Auction photographed the Fire Truck and 2005 Pick up truck to be put up for auction. Our items and more can be viewed at Hamiltoncountyohioauction.com

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE: Council member Sharp reminded residents to visit the Historical Society at St. Thomas Church. The history of the cannons is available, along with the history of Terrace Park.

Mayor Tepe encouraged residents to read Steve Early's book, *Amid the Honorable Plenty: The Story of Covalt's Station, an Ohio Frontier Settlement* is fascinating.

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

Planning & Zoning – Mr. Gaskey reminded residents that the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is October 16,2023.

Finance –Council member LeMay reminded everyone that we will have a 2.5 mill renewal levy on the ballot November 7,2023 this will not increase your taxes.

Buildings & Grounds –

Ms. Sharp thanked Mark Castator for his years of service as our arborist. Prior to reading the ordinance she reminded residents that we have 3.000 trees in the village that are catalogued and tracked. Currently only 10% of trees still need to be removed, down from 30%. This includes Maple trees that are over 50 years old, along with critical and poor health trees. This ordinance allows for funding the maintenance of these trees.

Ms. Sharp introduced and advanced to the third reading **ORDINANCE 9-1, 2023** DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF AND PROVIDING FOR CONTROLLING THE BLIGHT AND DISEASE OF SHADE TREES WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND FOR PLANTING, MAINTAINING, TRIMMING AND REMOVING SHADE TREES IN AND ALONG THE STREETS OF TERRACE PARK WHICH INCLUDES ALL TERRITORY WITHIN AND COEXTENSIVE WITH ITS BOUNDARIES, FOR THE YEAR 2024, AUTHORIZING THE OFFICERS OF TERRACE PARK TO DO SUCH WORK FOR THE YEAR 2024, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING OF AN ASSESSMENT UPON REAL PROPERTY IN TERRACE PARK FOR THE COST AND EXPENSE OF SUCH WORK Lindell seconded.

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

Rules & Law -Judith Lehman-Absent.

Public Works-Mr. Lindell explained that this ordinance will set up a financial plan for the upgrade and maintenance of the Water System in Terrace Park.

Mr. Lindell re-introduced for the second reading **ORDINANCE 8-1, 2023** DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC WATER LINES IN AND ALONG THE STREETS OF TERRACE PARK WHICH INCLUDES ALL TERRITORY WITHIN AND COEXTENSIVE WITH ITS BOUNDARIES, FOR THE YEAR 2024, AUTHORIZING THE OFFICERS OF TERRACE PARK TO DO SUCH WORK, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING OF AN ASSESSMENT UPON REAL PROPERTY IN TERRACE PARK FOR THE COST AND EXPENSE OF SUCH WORK

Prior to the reading of Resolution 9-1 Mayor Tepe disclosed that his law firm is a client of his and he does specific work for Rumpke. He, however, had nothing to do with the contract and he is not allowed to vote. Solicitor Jeff Forbes confirmed that this is the same contract that is used in multiple communities.

Mr. Lindell introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 9 -1 2023** AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH RUMPKE FOR WASTE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Ingebritson seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Lindell then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Mr. Lindell introduced and advanced to the third reading **Resolution 9-2 2023** PROVIDING REVISED CONSENT TO THE OHIO DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE A PROJECT RELATED TO US 50 AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS OR DOCUMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Sharp seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Lindell then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Public Safety –Lauren Ingebritson- see above.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Respectfully submitted:

Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council

Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor