

MINUTES OF MEETING
August 1, 2023
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday, August 1, 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, 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 June 13, 2023 Minutes. Council Member Sharp motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the June 13, 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 introduced and thanked State Representative Rachel Baker for attending our council meeting.

Representative Baker explained that while her background is as a nurse researcher, she emphasized that she really does want to make a change and help our district.

Representative Baker gave an overview of budget items that were passed in June in Hamilton County. She thanked Mayor Tepe for reaching out with the concern regarding dry wells. She expressed her interest in continuing to advocate for the Village of Terrace Park and her entire District.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor reminded residents that if students need service hours to please contact The Village Office as there is always work to be done.

Chief Fiscal Officer: Katie Lyons-No Report.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes-No Report.

Clerk of Council: Katie Lyons-No Report.

EMS CHIEF: Absent.

FIRE CHIEF: Absent.

Ms. Ingebritson asked if the new EMS volunteers have been sworn in, or if anyone has heard when they will be sworn in. Mayor Tepe asked the new volunteers to reach out to be sworn in, as he will be happy to do it at their convenience. Ms. Ingebritson stated she will follow up with Chief Maggard.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chief Hayhow updated the following:

- Friday evening the light pole at the east end of 50 was struck by a vehicle, according to the report, the driver had blacked out and drove up the median and into the pole. A new

replacement pole is scheduled to be installed; however, the electrical contractor couldn't give a date as to when they could be here. Meanwhile I'm working with the driver's insurance company for costs reimbursement.

- The kids will be returning to school on August 23rd so make sure you are extra cautious driving in the mornings. Also, in the next couple weeks the maintenance guys will be in the roadway, as well, painting the lines and crosswalks. Please don't be in a hurry.
- With a suggestion from our arborist, Mark Castator, I contacted a mulch company from Columbus Ohio, about getting a quote on removing trees and brush collected over the year. As a result, we were able to save the village \$15,900.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE: None

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

Planning & Zoning – Gaskey reminded residents that there is a ZBA meeting on August 21, 2023.

Finance –Council member LeMay re-introduced for the second and third reading **RESOLUTION 6-1, 2023 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024 ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK** Lindell seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lindell, Lehman and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution. Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, Lehman and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed.

Mr. LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 8-1-2023 TO EMPOWER THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO REVISE THE 2023 APPROPRIATION BUDGET DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Sharp seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lindell, Lehman and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, Lehman and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Mr. Lemay discussed the following 2 items:

1. Greg Landsmen's office sent a note saying that they were confident in the \$400,000 grant for the Elm Street Waterline, however it is delayed to 2024. Mr. LeMay explained that if the government will give us the money, we need to confirm what strings, if any, are attached. Due to the delayed timing of this grant, we will not be able to use the \$100,000 of the ARPA Fund towards the required grant match.

This reopens the use of the ARPA funds:

- Chief Hayhow has a 'needs list' for repairs around the village.
- EMS vehicle under consideration.

Mr. Lemay will schedule a finance committee meeting to discuss the use of the ARPA Funds.

2. Reminder that we will have a 2.5 mill renewal levy on the ballot, this will not increase your taxes.

Buildings & Grounds –Regina Sharp-No Report

Rules & Law -Judith Lehman-No Report

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 introduced for the first 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**

Public Safety –Lauren Ingebritson- No Report.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Adjournment: Ms. Lehman motioned to adjourn. Voice Vote all voted “aye.”

Respectfully submitted:

Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council

Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor