

MINUTES OF MEETING
May 20, 2020
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. on a virtual Zoom meeting. Mayor Tepe led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of Council present were Mr. John Gaskey, Ms. Judith Lehman, Mr. Jeff LeMay, Ms. Regina Sharp and Mr. Pax Lindell. In addition, Mayor Tom Tepe, Solicitor Jeff Forbes, Village Administrator Gerald Hayhow, Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield, EMS Chief John Maggard, Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council, Katie Lyons. Ms. Lauren Ingebritson was absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the April 22, 2020 Minutes. Council Member Sharp motioned to approve Council Minutes from the April 22, 2020 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

- Mayor Tepe sent congratulations to Lauren Ingebritson on the birth of her son.
- Congratulations to the all the Seniors. Although an extremely unique 2 month senior year for all, it is one that will not be forgotten.
- Mayor Tepe then reflected that at a point in time, where time seems to stand still, we have a new clock on the village green. When deemed appropriate, an official gathering to acknowledge everyone that helped bring this together will be thanked. Special thank you to Nancy Safron and Lauren Ingebritson, Regina Sharp and Jerry Hayhow for making this happen. Shout out to DER Construction for providing electrical connection, and provided a great service while keeping it cost effective.
- Residents continue to be patient during the Covid-19. Please continue to use best practices, no big groups in close quarters and get outside and enjoy your community.
- The Mayor then touched on the unprecedented amount of recent rain. He reminded residents that there is only so much we can do with rain, and we will continue to make sure catch basins are cleaned out.
- Thank you to Jerry and Maintenance for keeping the village looking so good.

Chief Fiscal Officer: No Report.

Solicitor: No Report.

Clerk of Council: No Report.

EMS CHIEF: Chief Maggard welcomed Jordan Lococo that will run with us over the summer. Thank you to Cincinnati State for getting our EMS recruit class back up and running.

FIRE CHIEF: No Report.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chief Hayhow updated on the following activities:

- No property damage reports from residents because of the flooding.
- Blacktop repair contractor to start tomorrow. Sidewalk contractor to begin in 3 weeks. Both projects are weather dependent.
- Tonight we are presenting a Resolution for the 2020 Black Mat Project, as part of our annual street repairs. Mayor Tepe reassured due to budget cuts we are doing the best we can to repair streets. Hayhow assured if more money comes in during the year, we will continue with more streets. Mayor Tepe assured residents that we are watching spending carefully. Council member LeMay stated that we projected 20,000-25,000 less incoming revenue with the current conditions. It is smart to be conservative in our work on roads and sidewalks.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:

Planning & Zoning –No Report

Buildings & Grounds –No Report

Mayor Tepe requested Council Member Sharp and the Building and Grounds Committee to review the Rules and Laws as pertaining to the Wilderness Reserve, in order to tighten things up. Hayhow explained that the ordinance is outdated and probably should be updated. Council members will be sent the existing ordinance to review. Hayhow explained as of now there is a chain up from dusk to dawn to help regulate the use of the Wilderness Reserve.

Finance – Jeff LeMay- Work has begun on the 2021 Budget and we have begun the process to fine tune and get it approved.

Rules & Law –No Report

Public Works – Pax Lindell

Council Member Lindell explained that he is introducing a Resolution to begin the 2020 Black Mat Project with Strawser Construction. Lindell explained that the streets that this pertains to is Poplar, RedBird, New and 400-500 Block of Yale. Residents will be given notice via doorknob flyers and Code Red Alert to give them time to get their cars off the street.

Council Member Lindell introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 5-1 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STRAWSER CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE 2020 BLACK MAT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$29,785.50 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, Lemay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Lindell then moved to adopt this ordinance as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Public Safety – Lauren Ingebritson (read by Councilman Jeff LeMay)

Council Member LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 5-2**
CONSENT OF COUNCIL TO THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JORDAN L. LOCOCO TO THE
VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE
PARK Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, Lemay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Gaskey then
moved to adopt this ordinance as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay,
Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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

Respectfully submitted:

Katie Lyons
Clerk of Council

Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor