

MINUTES OF MEETING
June 9, 2020
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday, June 9, 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, Ms. Lauren Ingebritson, Mr. Jeff LeMay, Ms. Regina Sharp and Mr. Pax Lindell. In addition, Mayor Tom Tepe, Solicitor Jeff Forbes, Village Administrator Gerald Hayhow, EMS Chief John Maggard, Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council, Katie Lyons. Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield was absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the May 20, 2020 Minutes. Council Member Sharp motioned to approve Council Minutes from the May 20, 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 announced that this will, hopefully, be the last Zoom Council Meeting.

Chief Fiscal Officer: No Report.

Solicitor: No Report.

Clerk of Council: No Report.

EMS CHIEF: No Report.

FIRE CHIEF: No Report.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chief Hayhow updated on the following activities:

- Implementing a new program for High School students to earn service hours. Work will include administrative duties, painting and assisting the maintenance crew. The application will be on our website. Mayor Tepe confirmed, this is non-paying Volunteer position.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:

Planning & Zoning –No Report

Buildings & Grounds –No Report

Finance – Jeff LeMay

Council Member LeMay explained that we made some corrections on the language, this is simply to correct that, and then he went on **to introduce and advance to the third reading RESOLUTION 6-1, 2020 RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO PROCEED WITH A**

RENEWAL TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION (2.8 MILL RENEWAL) Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lehman, Lemay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt this ordinance as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Council Member LeMay explained we received this exact amount in revenue in early May, \$10,584.00 dollars and this is to move the money into the Workers Compensation appropriation code. **I would like to introduce and advance to the third reading, RESOLUTION 6-2, 2020 TO EMPOWER THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO REVISE THE 2020 APPROPRIATION BUDGET** Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lehman, Lemay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt this ordinance as an emergency. Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Council Member LeMay explained this is the first reading of the 2021 Budget. 1.2 % increase in revenue in 2021 vs. 2020 and a 3.2 % increase in expenses.

- Increased in revenue 2014-2017 ran budget surplus, while 2018-2021 shows budget deficit. All anticipated and planned. We need to continue to reduce expenses and look for additional revenue sources.
- We have to buy 2 more vehicles. One truck has over a million equivalent miles on it and the squad car has 300,000 miles on it.
- Salaries are budgeted at 3%, we will look to see if that is justified when we update salaries.
- Revenue in our budget is typically understated. In part because hamilton county gives us an estimate based upon 97% estimated revenue. Historically, we underspend our budget \$30-\$40,000 dollars. Net, probably \$70,000 higher revenue, \$40,000 spent.
- This budget provides for taking care of our people, continue maintenance and repairs. To continue operating a small efficient government.
- The 2021 budget will be available for public viewing in the village office.
- Public Hearing is set for July 14 at 7:15pm.

Mr. Lemay introduced, RESOLUTION 6-3, 2020 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK

Rules & Law – The Rules and Law Committee met June 3, 2020 to discuss the Ordinance related to the Wilderness Preserve/Miami Grove. Reports and complaints over the past couple of years of non-residents using Wilderness Preserve/Miami Grove and to protect the property of the village. The ordinance has not been updated in over a decade and committee is reviewing the usage by non-Terrace Park Residents. Mr. Forbes is looking into some updated language.

Public Works –No Report

Public Safety –No Report

CONTINUED BUSINESS: Council Member Sharp questioned any updates on the Sewer. Mayor Tepe replied that we have not heard anything and he will share any updates immediately. Everything has been delayed even more due to Covid-19, and a number a furloughs at the County.

NEW BUSINESS: The Clock at the Village Green looks great. Hope to have a celebration in the future, possibly at Labor Day.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council

Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor