

MINUTES OF MEETING
February 13, 2024
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday February 13, 2024, 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. Lauren Ingebritson, and Ms. Regina Sharp. 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, Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield and Solicitor Jeff Forbes. Council Member Ms. Judith Lehman was absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the January 9, 2024 Minutes. Council Member John Gaskey motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the January 9, 2024, 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. Seeing none, he moved on.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor reported that he along with Chief Hayhow spoke to Mrs. Parkers third grade class regarding government and The village of Terrace Park, laws and taxes.

Chief Fiscal Officer: Katie Lyons-No Report.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes- Mr. Forbes introduced the new attorney in his office, Kristen Way.

He reminded council that Terrace Park had put a moratorium on adult use Cannabis, none of the proposed bills that could possibly change the law have passed so the statute that was approved by the voters is the law today. He will continue to monitor the status.

Clerk of Council: Katie Lyons reported that while all Ordinances and Resolutions are available in the village office, years 2022 to current are available on the village website.

EMS CHIEF: Chief Maggard reported that the new EMS class has begun.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Dronsfield reported that 8 new firefighters were taking the exam tomorrow.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chief Hayhow updated the following activities:

- 30-year-old pumper finally sold for \$6000
- Madison Tree Service was the lowest bidder on the stump removal, work should begin soon. All work must be completed by March 12, 29 stumps will be ground. Maintenance will fill with topsoil. New trees will be planted in the fall.
- Maintenance Crew removed the old telephone poles from the log cabin parking lot and replaced with new posts, the posts are like the ones at Miami Grove

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

Planning & Zoning – No Report.

Finance –Mr. LeMay

Council Member LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 2-1, 2024 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE TAX ADVANCES DURING THE YEAR 2024 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE, SECTION 321.34 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Ingebritson seconded. Gaskey, Sharp, LeMay, Ingebritson and Lindell voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Sharp, Ingebritson, Lindell and LeMay voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Council Member LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 2-2, 2024 AUTHORIZING CONTINUING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK UNDER THE OHIO GOVERNMENT RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PREMIUM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,030.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Sharp, LeMay, Ingebritson and Lindell voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Sharp, Ingebritson, Lindell and LeMay voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Mr. LeMay update the Elm Street Water Grant.

The Appropriations committee approved our grant request however the government hasn't passed the budget yet. We will get the money later this year, but the project will be delayed to 2025. We are getting \$400,000 and will pay \$100,000 of the money

Buildings & Grounds –Ms Sharp provided an update on mural to be painted on the Elm Street overpass over bike trail. Ms. Sharp reviewed the discussion from the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting on January 23, 2024.

Mariemont Art Teacher Ashley Scribner proposed doing a mural as part of the Mariemont Expeditions May 2024 project. (See attached for visual of proposed mural.)

The following questions were asked and answered:

1. What is the lifecycle of the paint used? Ms. Scribner responded that while the paint will be supplied by the MAA, she will be sure to research the quality and finish the mural with a protective overcoat.
2. How will you handle vandalism? Ms. Scribner responded that she will touch up accordingly and worst case scenario paint over in gray.
3. What is the time period of the installation and supervision? Ms. Scribner said that 3 adults will be supervising at all times and the mural will be installed in one weeks' time during May.

It was then suggested that she rent the community building for bathrooms, air conditioning and for use as a break from the weather. Ms. Scribner said she would fill out the rental paperwork for the community building.

Rules & Law -Judith Lehman Absent.

In lieu of Ms. Lehman's absence Ms. Sharp provided an update from the Rules and Law Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2024.

The following questions were asked and answered:

1. What is the current posting protocol? Current Publication by posting states: "...posting copies thereof in not less than five of the most public places in the municipality, as determined by the Legislative Authority."
Currently Public Notices, Ordinances and Resolutions are posted on the bulletin boards around the village, including at the village office and on the website.

2. What are the proposed changes? Public Notices be posted on the website and at the Village Office. Suggestions such as sending out on CodeRed, posting at the post office, and posting at the village green were considered but not agreed upon.

At the Buildings and Law meeting Ms. Lehman suggested we post at the Village Office and on the Website, if we receive complaints, we can reconsider other places to post. Chief Hayhow assured everyone that all Resolutions and Ordinances will be posted and accessible on the village website.

Ms. Sharp introduced for the first reading **ORDINANCE NO. 2-1-24 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.19(A) OF THE TERRACE PARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING PUBLICATION BY POSTING**

Public Works-Pax Lindell-No Report.

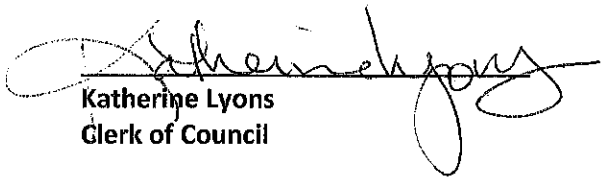
Public Safety –Lauren Ingebritson-No Report.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None

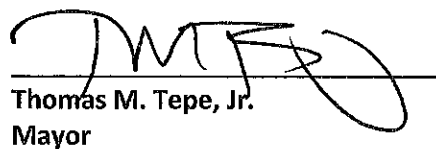
NEW BUSINESS: None

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

Respectfully submitted:



Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council



Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor