

MINUTES OF MEETING
May 13,2025
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday May 13,2025 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, Solicitor Jeff Forbes, Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council, Katie Lyons, EMS Chief John Maggard and Fire Chief George Heffner. Ms. Judith Lehman was absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the April 21, 2025, Minutes. Council Member Regina Sharp motioned to approve the Council Minutes from April 21, 2025, 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 Tepe asked Ms. Ingebritson to move up on the agenda the resolution.

Council Member Ingebritson introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION NO. 5-2, 2025 RESOLUTION APPOINTING DOUGLAS M. MOENING AS FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Lindell seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Ingebritson then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Tepe thanked the maintenance crew for keeping the village looking great.

The Mayor expressed the following concerns:

- It is illegal to park along Stanton Avenue near the fields and the police will ticket those offenders.
- The Ohio Attorney General accepted a petition submitted at the state level aimed at eliminating real property taxes. (see information attached)
- He has received multiple complaints regarding the old gas station and the condition in which it stands. Chief Hayhow will touch base with owners to see if he can get a timeline for construction and reopening.

Chief Fiscal Officer: Katie Lyons thanked Fire and EMS for the feedback on the Budget with the first reading being read tonight.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes no report.

Public Safety – Lauren Ingebritson-see above.

Chief Hayhow explained the resolution that Ms. Ingebritson is reading is required of every Communication 911 Center, because we partner with Hamilton County, we need to sign off on their master plan.

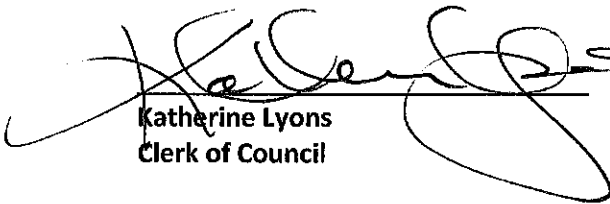
Council Member Ingebritson introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 5-3, 2025 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FINAL HAMILTON COUNTY 911 PLAN PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 128 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Ingebritson then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None.

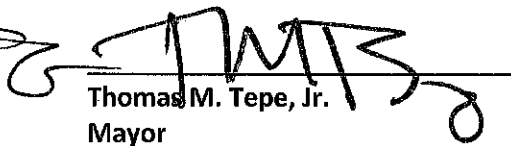
NEW BUSINESS: None

Adjournment: Mr. John Gaskey motioned to adjourn. Voice Vote all voted "aye."

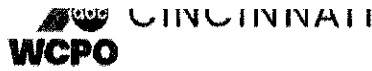
Respectfully submitted:



Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council



Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor



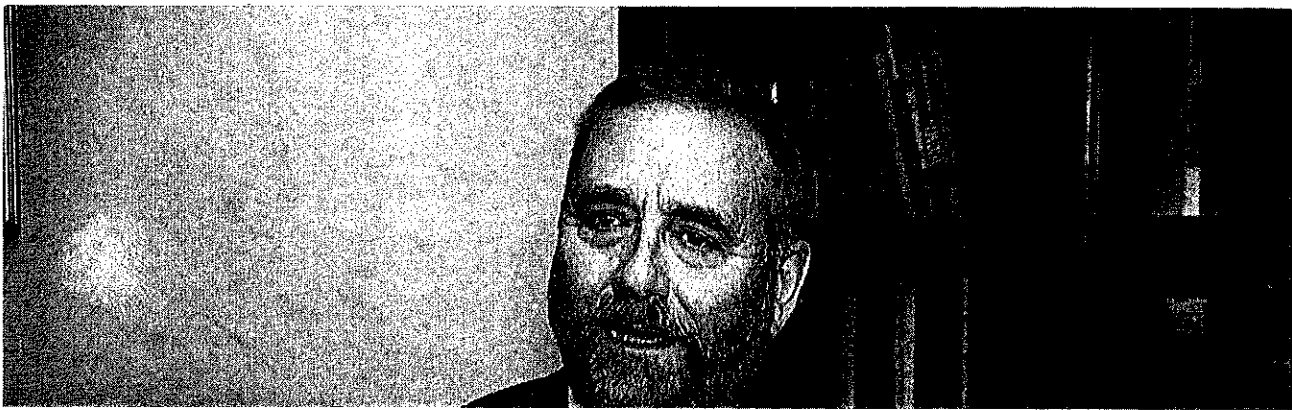
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Ohio Attorney General accepts petition aimed at eliminating real property taxes



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By: Danielle Goodman

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CINCINNATI — The Ohio Attorney General's Office has taken a significant step toward addressing historically high property tax bills, according to a press release from Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's office.

On Friday, the office announced that it had accepted the title and summary of a proposed constitutional amendment aimed at adding a new Section 14 to Article XII of the state constitution. This proposed amendment seeks to abolish taxes on real property and prohibit any future taxes on real property.

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The Attorney General's Office received the petition on May 1, and their role in the process is to determine whether the submitted language "fairly and truthfully" summarizes the constitutional amendment or proposed statute.

"Having carefully examined this submission, I conclude that the title and summary are fair and truthful statements of the proposed constitutional amendment," stated a response letter sent to the petitioners.

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In March, Butler County residents urged Ohio legislators to amend state tax rules to provide relief from skyrocketing property taxes. Data released by the Hamilton County Auditor's Office in 2024 revealed that the average property tax bill increased by 10%, while property values surged by 34%.

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The next step in the process is for the Ohio Ballot Board to certify the proposal. Following this, petitioners will need to gather signatures from registered voters equal to at least 10% of the votes cast in the most recent gubernatorial election. Signatures must come from voters in at least 44 of Ohio's 88 counties, with each of those counties requiring at least 5% of the votes cast in the last gubernatorial election.

If the Ohio Secretary of State's Office verifies the signatures at least 65 days before the election, the proposed amendment will be placed on the ballot for the next regular or general election that occurs 125 days after the petition was filed.