

MINUTES OF MEETING
June 13, 2023
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday, June 13, 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, 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. Ms. Judith Lehman was absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the May 9, 2023 Minutes. Council Member Sharp motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the May 9, 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. Seeing none, he moved on.

Mayor Tepe asked Ms. Ingebritson to move up in the agenda the resolution to appoint our new Lieutenant. With that, Council Member Ingebritson introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION NO. 6-2, 2023 ESTABLISHING COUNCIL'S CONCURRENCE WITH THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES PRUITT AS LIEUTENANT OF THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Ingebritson then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Memorial Day we had a nice event on the green. School is out; kids are out in full force biking, scooters, playing-please slow down when driving through the village. The Mayor also reported seeing mothers and fathers holding very young children in the driver's seat of golf carts, while driving. He said this is incredibly insane in terms of safety.

Chief Fiscal Officer: Katie Lyons-No Report.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes-No Report.

Clerk of Council: Katie Lyons-No Report.

EMS CHIEF: John Maggard has 4 new EMS Members to be sworn in at the next council meeting and planning the next training to begin September 2023. Chief Maggard is looking forward to procuring a new hybrid ambulance in the next few years.

FIRE CHIEF: Steve Dronsfield completed fire training in Loveland and will have further training down by Environmental Services on Monday June 19,2023 after 5pm.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chief Hayhow updated the following:

Maggie Quinlan and Jake Stoll have successfully completed their probationary period and are now permanent employees.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE: None

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

Planning & Zoning – Council member John Gaskey re-introduced for the third reading **ORDINANCE NO. 4-1-2023 ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE TERRACE PARK ZONING ORDINANCE** Lindell seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Ordinance passed and will take effect in 30 days.

Finance –Council member LeMay introduced for the first reading **RESOLUTION 6-1, 2023 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024 ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK**

Mr. LeMay reviewed the 2024 Budget that it contains a little bit less than 1% increase in revenue and expense for the 2024 Budget.

The current plan is to have Public hearing August 1, 2023 immediately followed by the 2nd and 3rd reading at the Council Meeting. The budget is available to review until that time at the Village Office. Ms. Lyons explained that we have applied for an extension for the Budget and are awaiting approval. The Mayor assured council if for any reason that is not approved we get this done accordingly and with proper notices.

Mr. LeMay explained that every 3 years the county does an appraisal of your property values and that this is an appraisal year. He then went on to give a brief overview of the tax break down in Terrace Park. (See attached example of Angela LeMay's Tax bill)

Tax Distribution:

- ✓ 65% of the tax bill is for the Schools
- ✓ 15% of the tax bill is for the Village
- ✓ 20% of the tax bill is broken down for different services such as parks, etc.

Mr. LeMay explained the message that residents need to be aware of is that the Village of Terrace Park accounts for 15% of your tax bill, last tax increase was 2013 to offset of the elimination of the estate tax and local government tax. The previous tax increase was 2010, so for the last 13 years the village has gone without tax increase. To put it in perspective that is like going without a raise for thirteen years.

He went on to explain that Mariemont, Madiera, Wyoming and Indian Hill all have a 1% income tax. Terrace Park has none. Along with the income tax, Wyoming has an additional school tax of 1%. Terrace Park also does not have additional fees for garbage or yard waste as that is all

included in your tax bill. If you have an income of over \$50,000 it is less expensive to live in Terrace Park.

Buildings & Grounds –Regina Sharp

Rules & Law -Judith Lehman-Absent.

Public Works-Pax Lindell

Public Safety –Lauren Ingebritson (see above)

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Adjournment: Mr. Gaskey motioned to adjourn. Voice Vote all voted “aye.”

Respectfully submitted:

Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council

Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor