

MINUTES OF MEETING
July 14, 2020
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building and 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, and Ms. Regina Sharp. In addition, Mayor Tom Tepe, Village Administrator Gerald Hayhow, EMS Chief John Maggard, Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council, Katie Lyons. Council member Mr. Pax Lindell, Solicitor Jeff Forbes, and Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield were absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the June 9, 2020 Minutes. Council Member Sharp motioned to approve Council Minutes from the June 9, 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 explained that the meeting started late due to the **GRAHAM HARDEN WAY PROCLAMATION**, which is a way to thank Graham for all he has done for the Village of Terrace Park, as an EMS Member and Captain of the Fire Department, and lacrosse coach. The driveway back to the EMS Building was named Graham Harden Way and July 15 named Graham Harden Day. The Mayor expressed his thanks to Jerry Hayhow for his work getting the street sign created and displayed on the driveway to EMS Services building.

The Mayor then thanked David Kubicki, a trustee for Columbia Township, for inviting him to a lunch with Mark Kobasuk, Mayor of Newtown, Bill Brown, Mayor of Mariemont and Carson Shelton, Mayor of Fairfax, about the possibility of shared services.

Update on Sewers, Mayor Tepe met with Karen Ball, she is the liaison between MSD and the county commissioners, and asked what the status of the study and the next steps. Karen responded with the open issues that were not addressed in the study. She is seeking to get answers, from a technical and legal standpoint.

Mayor Tepe explained that he and Village Administrator Jerry Hayhow met with Amy Brewer, Mayor of Milford to discuss a possible partnership with Milford, Terrace Park and MSD.

Mayor Tepe explained that he spoke with environmental lawyer and village resident, Bill Hayes, who is looking into this whole process. Further explaining that if the goal is to preserve the environment and water quality, what if Terrace Park can prove, that we don't negatively impact the water quality at all? Is there a possibility to get a sympathetic ear from the EPA, to amend the rule? If we aren't harming the environment, is there a list of criteria in which a town needs to transfer to sewers.

The Mayor also has put a call into our Ohio House Representative Tom Brinkman to see if he would help in this matter.

Tepe referred to the use of the Terrace Park Listserve. He kindly reminded residents, if you do not have the ability to say it to someone's face, do not put it on the community listserv.

Finally, Covid, be smart, be patient, be understanding. Please refer to our website for all updated information. Remember we are under the guise of the Hamilton County Health District.

Chief Fiscal Officer: No Report.

Solicitor: No Report.

Clerk of Council: No Report.

EMS CHIEF: Class for 2019/2020, recruit class of 3 has ended. John Gatch just completed his advanced training in EMT/Paramedic. EMS is always looking for volunteers.

FIRE CHIEF: No Report.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: On behalf of the Terrace Park Police Department, I would like to thank the residents for all the kind words, thoughts, notes, and cookies during unusual times. The support is greatly, greatly appreciated.

Mayor Tepe said it was out of line and factually untrue for anyone to call our police department racist. Thank you to our police department for handling the situation professionally.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:

Planning & Zoning –No Report

Buildings & Grounds –No Report

Finance – Jeff LeMay quick update on budget YTD 2020, the impact of Covid, short 28% percent so far, we will see where we go from here, but thankful we were conservative in our street repair expenses. The short fall should decrease over the next few months as the impact of the reopening hits.

Council Member Lemay reintroduced, for the second and advance to the third reading,

RESOLUTION 6-3, 2020 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK) Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lehman, Lemay, and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt this ordinance as an emergency. Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lehman, LeMay, and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Rules & Law –Judith Lehman

Council member Lehman, remind residents that due to the increase in traffic in Miami Grove, which opens the village of number of problems. The Rules & Law Committee met twice to review the previous Ordinance. Two steps, update the Ordinance, increase the signage, and use

of the parking permit. The intent of the placard, is to insure that only residents are parking at Miami Grove.

Council Member Lehman introduced and advanced to the third reading,

ORDINANCE 7-1, 2020 AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK TO REPEAL EXISTING SECTION 94.66 AND TO ADOPT A NEW SECTION 94.66 REGARDING MIAMI GROVE) LeMay seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lehman, Lemay, and Sharp voted aye. Lehman then moved to adopt this ordinance as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lehman, LeMay, and Sharp voted aye. Ordinance passed as an emergency.

Public Works –No Report

Public Safety –No Report

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Council Member Ingebritson motioned to adjourn. Voice Vote all voted “aye.”

Respectfully submitted:

Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council

Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor