

MINUTES OF MEETING
August 10, 2021
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday August 10, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the Terrace Park Community Building. Mayor Tepe led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of Council present were Mr. John Gaskey, Ms. Judith Lehman, Mr. Jeff LeMay, Mr. Pax Lindell and Ms. Regina Sharp. In addition, Mayor Tom Tepe, Village Administrator and Police Chief Gerald Hayhow, EMS Chief John Maggard, Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield, Solicitor Jeff Forbes, Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council, Katie Lyons. Ms. Lauren Ingebritson was absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the June 29, 2021 Minutes. Council Member Gaskey motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the June 29, 2021 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: The Mayor congratulated both the Men's and Women's Lacrosse teams on their state championships. He then read the attached Proclamation's.

Mariemont High School Women's Lacrosse State Champions Day 2021 Proclamation

Coach Kevin Ferry thanked the Mayor and the community for the support. He then went on explain that it was particularly gratifying to come back after missing a season with the Pandemic. This senior class was special, and sharing it with the boys added to it, and he is proud to be a part of it.

Mariemont High School Men's Lacrosse State Champions Day 2021 Proclamation

Coach Mike Long thanked the Mayor and the community for the support. Coach Long stated that this team grew, with great seniors combined with four or five starters that were sophomores, and everyone had a great time.

Chief Fiscal Officer: No Report.

Solicitor: No Report.

Clerk of Council: No Report.

EMS CHIEF: Chief Maggard was happy to say that as of right now we have 4 new recruits for the fall class.

FIRE CHIEF: No Report.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chief Hayhow noted the following items:

- The Village has received the first half of our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money of \$120,000.
- The Hamilton County surplus, on line, auction is currently underway, with just about 5 days left. So far, several items from fire/Ems, Police and maintenance departments have been auctioned off. I should have a total for sales at next month's council meeting.

- If anyone is interested in viewing and or bidding on items, you can go www.hamiltoncountyohioauction.com
- Chief Hayhow was happy to report that the village has been awarded a municipal road fund grant from Hamilton County, via the engineers' office. The funding is a matching grant for a total of \$52,293.00, for the repair and resurfacing of Elm Avenue from Park to Wooster pike. This will include the catch basin reconstruction on Elm at 50 aka the big dip.
 - Planning and prep work will begin this fall, with construction commencing in early May

Council Member Sharp questioned the Duke burying the lines. Hayhow they have done the private areas Kris Circle and Melissa Court. Duke's goal is to get as much as they can underground, they do not want to keep trimming trees.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE: None

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

Planning & Zoning – Council member Gaskey stated that a positive solution was reached with variance request for the parking challenge for the new business/restaurant owner of the Cantina. Chief Hayhow has put the job out to bid, has multiple offers to create 3 in the public parking area off of Washington Avenue. Mayor Tepe included that it is public parking for all the businesses. Gaskey then added a special thank you to David Moyer and the Board of Zoning Appeals for their hard work on this variance.

Council member Lehman questioned the limited parking at the new restaurant going in at the Garden Shack. Mayor Tepe has spoken to the owner and was assured that they have looked into parking at the Doll building. Lehman expressed concern over parking at the corner. Chief Hayhow assured that he has looked at it and will speak to the owners, and propose no parking areas as needed.

Buildings & Grounds – Council member Sharp mentioned the following:

1. The clock dedication at the Village Green is being moved (*potentially*) to Memorial Day 2022.
2. Parameters on tree removal. The budget is limited to remove trees, and we try to prioritize based upon risk. Stumps are removed when trees come down. New trees planted are limited in size due to the budget. If you want a bigger tree there is the ability to potentially pay the difference to get a bigger tree.

She went on to say parking pads too close to trees, will kill the trees. If you have pruning issues please contact Mark Castator our urban forester.

Mayor Tepe reminded residents that storing boats on the street is limited to 48 hours.

Finance – Council member Lemay stated that we received the first half of our ARPA funds, which is in a restricted fund. The second half is due within the next 12 months and eligible usage last 2024.

Council Member Lemay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 8-1, 2021 TO EMPOWER THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO REVISE THE 2021 APPROPRIATION BUDGET** Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Lemay stated that he has two more items

- The letter has been sent to Hamilton County from Frost Brown and Todd. (see attached) To date we have not heard back.
- We do have a levy renewal 5.58 mil coming this fall. Lemay has drafted a letter for the Village Views and signs will be distributed.

Rules & Law – No Report.

Public Works- Council member Lindell stated that the maintenance crew will be getting a new vehicle, a 2022 Kawasaki Mule, explaining that, it is less expensive to run than a truck. Council Member Lindell introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 8-2, 2021- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 KAWASAKI MULE 4000 MAINTENANCE UTILITY VEHICLE AT A PRICE OF \$9566.90 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Council Member Lindell then thanked Chief Hayhow for his work in obtaining the Municipal Road Funds Grant.

Public Safety – Absent

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Adjournment: Council Member Lehman motioned to adjourn. Voice Vote all voted “aye.”

Respectfully submitted:

Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council

Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor