

MINUTES OF MEETING
October 10, 2023
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday October 10, 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. Lauren Ingebritson and Ms. Judith Lehman. 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. Regina Sharp was absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the September 14, 2023 Minutes. Council Member Lehman motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the September 14, 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 resolutions for our EMS Volunteer.

With that, Council Member Ingebritson introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 10-3-2023** CONSENT OF COUNCIL TO THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF KRISTIN SPATZ TO THE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK Lehman seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lindell and Lehman voted aye. Ingebritson then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, and Lehman voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated that the leaves will be picked up soon but please do not put your leaves in the street. He also asked residents to please be patient as we are still looking for a new arborist.

Chief Fiscal Officer: Katie Lyons-No Report.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes-No Report.

Clerk of Council: Katie Lyons-No Report.

EMS CHIEF: We are still looking for volunteers, and the class is scheduled to begin in January. The Pancake Supper is scheduled for November 12, 2023.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Dronsfield reminded residents to get their fireplaces cleaned and that open burning of leaves is not allowed.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chief Hayhow updated the following:

- Nate Neil at ODNR reached out moving ahead with the agreement on the proposed easement between Dennison and Wrenwood. He said he would be forwarding the license agreement to the Attorney General for approval and then get back to me for signatures. The agreement will be for 50 years.
- Chief Hayhow explained that he has a strong candidate to resume our urban forestry program. The candidate currently does consulting work for a neighboring community and is endorsed by the forestry division of the Ohio department of natural resources. When Mrs. Sharp returns, we will have an in-person interview.
- Leaf pickup will begin next week. In the beginning, since the volume is light, the crew will make sporadic passes through the village during the week and then return to some brush pick up and mowing. Once the leaves start dropping heavily, they will be out every day and brush pickup will be suspended. However, residents can always take their brush to the environmental services area. Please do not put any sticks or brush in the leaf piles. It's dangerous to the operator and will damage the leaf machine.
- The surplus auction ended yesterday. The old brown pick-up truck sold for over Kelly Blue Book Value. There were no bids on the pumper.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

Planning & Zoning –

Finance –Mr. LeMay explained that in the first resolution we are appropriating the remaining ARPA Funds.

Mr. LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 10-1, 2023 TO EMPOWER THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO REVISE THE 2023 APPROPRIATION BUDGET** Lehman seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lindell and Lehman voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, and Lehman voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Mr. LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **Resolution 10-2, 2023 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION & AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR** Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lindell and Lehman voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Ingebritson seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, and Lehman voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Council member LeMay reminded everyone that we will have a 2.5 mill renewal levy on the ballot November 7, 2023 this will not increase your taxes.

Buildings & Grounds –Regina Sharp-Absent.

Rules & Law –Judith Lehman-No Report.

Public Works–Mr. Lindell explained that this ordinance will set up a financial plan for the upgrade and maintenance of the Water System in Terrace Park.

Mr. Lindell re-introduced for the third reading **ORDINANCE 8-1, 2023 DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC WATER LINES IN AND ALONG THE STREETS OF TERRACE PARK WHICH INCLUDES ALL TERRITORY WITHIN**

AND COEXTENSIVE WITH ITS BOUNDARIES, FOR THE YEAR 2024, AUTHORIZING THE OFFICERS OF TERRACE PARK TO DO SUCH WORK, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING OF AN ASSESSMENT UPON REAL PROPERTY IN TERRACE PARK FOR THE COST AND EXPENSE OF SUCH WORK Lehman seconded. Gaskey, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lindell and Lehman voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Ingebritson seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, LeMay, and Lehman voted aye. Ordinance will go into effect in 30 days.

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