

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**May 10, 2022**  
**VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL**  
**HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

Council met on Tuesday May 10, 2022 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. Pax Lindell, Ms. Judith Lehman, Mr. Jeff LeMay, Mr. John Gaskey 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. Council Member Ms. Lauren Ingebritson was absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the April 11, 2022 Minutes. Council Member Gaskey motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the April 11, 2022 Council Meeting. Voice vote, all voted, aye. Minutes approved.

**RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL** The Mayor asked if there were any residents to address council,

John Blang resident on Red Bird Lane, (along with some of his neighbors) addressed Council with the following concerns:

- Red Bird Lane is too narrow, garbage trucks and other trucks cannot make the turn in the circle and they create ruts and when it rains, the water sits in the ruts. They are here to ask for the street to be widened and sloped, to make it nicer and increase drainage.
- The contractor that built the new house is supposed to review the situation. This problem did not exist to this extent prior to the new house being built.
- They want suggestions to make the area look nicer.

Mayor Tepe asked if they had parking pads on their streets, to which they responded “one”. Mayor Tepe asked if it was Rumpke, to which, Resident Jeff Kropp stated that it is not Rumpke but the construction workers that are creating the problem.

Chief Hayhow stated that he had spoken to the residents prior to tonight and stated the following:

- Suggested putting the boulders inside the circle rather than in the village right-a-way. The village let the boulders be placed in the right-a-way during construction.
- We have spent a lot of money on blacktop.
- No matter what way you slope the street, there are still no drains and that area is all clay so drainage will be slower.
- That is the largest circle in the village and one of the widest streets; the other circles in the village are much smaller.
- Putting the boulders in the center island will force drivers to pay attention when driving around the circle.

John Blang stated that the road was made 4 feet wider and now it doesn't drain right. Chief Hayhow stated that they had suggested a drain from the street to the creek, but they couldn't get a resident to allow it on their property. Mayor Tepe assured the residents that they would look at the situation, the cost, the limitations, etc. but stated that it seems unreasonable to think we could spend significant amount of money to widen the street.

Mr. Minges then approached and stated that he and his wife put dry wells in their yards that drained into the creek. This worked great until the new house was built and it now the drains do not work as well.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The Mayor regretfully announced the passing of Jack Brown. Jack Brown served on council for eight years beginning in 1988 and was a wonderful asset to the Village of Terrace Park. He was known for his warm personality and sense of humor. Mayor Tepe then stated that the village looks great, he thanked Jerry and Maintenance for all the hard work.

Mayor Tepe then went on to address the situation at the environmental service parking area. He stated that the ESA Parking area looks a mess and residents are taking advantage of it to leave old vehicles. He went to say that he has spoken to Jeff Forbes the Village Solicitor to see what can be done and the best way to handle it. Mayor Tepe would like that space to be utilized better; this program has gone back decades.

**Chief Fiscal Officer:** Katie Lyons-No Report.

**Solicitor:** Jeff Forbes-No Report.

**Clerk of Council:** Katie Lyons reminded residents to sign up for Code Red, the village alert system, which can be found on our website.

**EMS CHIEF:** John Maggard-Sincere thanks to Chief Hayhow and Officer Larry Johnson for the help with the river rescue today. Chief Hayhow got the 4 wheeler mule and was able to rescue the young woman in need. Mayor Tepe suggested that TPPD/Fire/EMS need a mule, which Chief Hayhow had suggested. Chief Maggard then thanked the EMS volunteers that helped with this rescue and in the Flying Pig last week.

**FIRE CHIEF:** Chief Dronsfield-no report, but he did rescue a cat from a tree!

**POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:** Hayhow explained Elm Avenue is 95% finished with the MRF Project. If approved this evening the next project we will use the ARPA Funds toward is a new roof for the Community Building.

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:** None

**Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee:** None

**Planning & Zoning** – John Gaskey-No Report.

**Finance** –

Mr. LeMay summarized the 2023 budget stating that there is a 2% increase in spending vs. what we have budgeted for the current year. It will end up being less than that since we will have a higher budget after budget this year. We have a very conservative projection on revenue. Tonight is the first reading of

the budget, with the public hearing, the second reading and the third reading in June. Mr. LeMay then thanked Chief Hayhow and Katie Lyons for their work in preparing the budget.

Council member LeMay introduced **RESOLUTION 5-1, 2022 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK.**

The next resolution is to increase the appropriation in the ARPA Funds to pay for the community building roof. Council member LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 5-2, 2022 TO EMPOWER THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO REVISE THE 2022 APPROPRIATION BUDGET** Lehman seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Gaskey seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Council member Sharp introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 5-3, 2022 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HARPER SIDING & ROOFING FOR THE TERRACE PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING ROOF AND GUTTER PROJECT** Lindell seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Sharp then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lehman seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

**Rules & Law** -Judith Lehman-No Report.

**Public Works**-Pax Lindell – Council member Lindell introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 5-4, 2022 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Gaskey seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Lindell then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Lehman, LeMay, Lindell and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

**Public Safety** –Lauren Ingebritson-Absent.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Katherine Lyons**  
Clerk of Council

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**Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.**  
Mayor