

MINUTES OF MEETING
October 12, 2021
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday October 12, 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, Ms. Lauren Ingebritson and Ms. Regina Sharp. In addition, Mayor Tom Tepe, Village Administrator and Police Chief Gerald Hayhow, Solicitor Jeff Forbes, EMS Chief John Maggard, Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield, Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council, Katie Lyons.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the September 15, 2021 Minutes. Council Member Lehman motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the September 15, 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, and the following residents stepped forward:

Resident Jeff Kropp at 107 Red Bird Lane asked if we as residents had an alert system available in Terrace Park. Mayor Tepe stated that he should always call the police, but that we do have a village alert system, and explained that TP List is a non-village system; it is not for reporting crimes or emergencies. The police chief reminded him to lock his house and car doors and that this event was a one night crime. The Chief went to explain that that everything that was stolen was in unlocked cars with items, including keys, left in them. He then reminded him that criminals are taking things that are that easy, they don't want to work; no locked cars were broken into.

Council member Gaskey reminded everyone that you can easily sign up for Code Red on our website.

Resident Chris Minges at 110 Red Bird Lane, questioned how he would know about Code Red, he was reminded by the Chief that it is easy to sign up for Code Red and we remind residents monthly at our council meetings and daily when they call the village, to sign up for Code Red. Mr. Minges explained that the Rangers in Indian Hill leave notes in unlocked cars, reminding residents to lock their cars and asked if our officers were able to do that. Chief Hayhow reminded Mr. Minges that we have always asked all residents to lock cars and utilize our Code Red System to alert residents. The Chief then asked Mr. Minges to feel free to put it on the listserv, which is not run by the village, alerting residents to sign up for Code Red. Mr. Minges obliged.

Mr. Minges went on to point out the construction on Red Bird Lane; and that the streets have been damaged during the construction. Mr. Minges believes the construction company should repair the streets. Chief Hayhow explained that you are allowed to park in that circle and assured Mr. Minges that he will keep an eye on it and any perceived damage.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor stated that Halloween is Oct. 31, 2021 from 6-8pm.

Chief Fiscal Officer: Katie Lyons-No Report.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes-No Report.

Clerk of Council: Katie Lyons-No Report.

EMS CHIEF: John Maggard reported that EMS class is going well.

FIRE CHIEF: Steve Dronsfield- No Report.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chief Hayhow explained the following upcoming events:

- ALS Awareness walk this Saturday, planning on walk Elm to Stanton to Miami to Amherst. Expect 15-20 people.
- The Village is renewing the agreement with Mr. Deters and Energy Alliance. We signed it 2.5 years ago and during that time the agreement has saved the village over \$3700.
- Leaf pick up is scheduled to start the week of October 18, 2021. Chief Hayhow mentioned that the truck may only go out once that week, due to the lack of leaves on the ground. Please remember no rocks, sticks, branches mixed with the leaves. Please be patient and remember our motto 'no leaf will be left behind'.

Council member Lemay asking about the recent stolen street signs around the village. Chief Hayhow responded that they have some leads and it seems to be non-resident kids that are being dropped off in Terrace Park.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE: None

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

Planning & Zoning – Mr. Gaskey- No report.

Buildings & Grounds – Council Member Sharp stated that the Buildings & Grounds Committee met to preliminarily discuss priorities in spending ARPA Funding. The committee will look at proposed projects and costs. In doing so, they will also prioritize the projects under consideration.

Finance – Council member LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **Resolution 10-1 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION & AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY** Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Mr. LeMay shared the following updates

- In regards to the upcoming Levy, he thanked everyone for putting signs up and reminded everyone that the levy renewal will not raise your taxes.
- Septic update-expects update from Frost, Brown and Todd shortly.

Rules & Law – Council Member Lehman explained that Rules and Law Committee met prior to this meeting in regards to adding 'No Parking' signs as more businesses move into the area. The committee discussed and agreed to move forward with the following ordinance.

Council Member Lehman introduced and advanced to the third reading **ORDINANCE 10 -2, 2021 AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK TO AMEND SECTION 76.04 REGARDING PARKING PROHIBITIONS** Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Lehman then moved to adopt the ordinance as an emergency. Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Ordinance will be in effect in 30 days.

Public Works-Council member Lindell explained the public works had a meeting this evening in regards to the ARPA funding and possible infrastructure projects within the village.

Council member Lindell introduced and advanced to the third reading **ORDINANCE 10-1 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK AND THE BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF ELM AVENUE** Ingebritson seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Lindell then moved to adopt the ordinance as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Ordinance passed as an emergency.

Public Safety – Ms. Ingebritson-No Report.

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