

MINUTES OF MEETING
May 12,2026
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday May 12,2026 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. Pax Lindell, Mr. John Gaskey, Ms. Lauren Ingebritson, Ms. Regina Sharp, Mr. Kyle Lehman and Ms. Pat Wirthlin. In addition, Mayor Tom Tepe, Village Administrator and Police Chief Gerald Hayhow, Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council, Katie Lyons, Solicitor Jeff Forbes, and Fire Chief George Heffner. EMS Chief John Maggard was absent, Creigh Long represented EMS in his absence.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to April 14, 2026, Minutes. Council Member John Gaskey motioned to approve the Council Minutes from April 14, 2026, Council Meeting. Voice vote, all voted, aye. Minutes approved.

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

Nick Watterson, of 720 Elm Avenue, addressed Council regarding off-road motorcycles. He said he was concerned that Council had already decided without fully considering opposing views. He noted that e-motorcycles are prohibited under Ohio law and asked whether Terrace Park could adopt different rules for residents. He also asked whether there is a safe place for children to ride e-motorcycles if they are not permitted on village streets, suggesting the village dump as one possibility. In addition, he questioned how Razor-style toy motorcycles are classified for sidewalk use and asked whether the Village could create a safe way for children to ride e-motorcycles locally.

Mr. Watterson stated that Terrace Park had agreed to change the law under the Clean Water Act for the benefit of the community and asked whether the Village could do the same for off-road motorcycles. The Mayor clarified that Mr. Watterson's concerns involve e-motorbikes and e-dirt bikes, not Class 1, 2, or 3 e-bikes. Mr. Watterson added that most of the children are currently riding off-road motorbikes on public streets. Mayor Tepe stated that the Village cannot permit what is prohibited under state law and that Village laws and ordinances mirror state law; however, in this instance, the Village will impose additional requirements for e-bikes.

The Mayor addressed Mr. Watterson's concern about the Clean Water Act and stressed that Village of Terrace Park does not have control over the water because our water is run by Indian Hill Water Works. Mr. Watterson then questioned the construction in Terrace Park septic and water run-off, without putting in sewers as it is a huge stress on the community. The Mayor explained that Hamilton County oversees septic systems and that the Village reached a settlement with the County because the Ohio law was not enforced as it was written.

Jay Gohman of 100 Marian Lane noted that Memorial Day will be celebrated in Terrace Park and that the Kiwanis Essay Champion will read the winning essay.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Tepe thanked the Maintenance Crew for all their hard work. He then reminded residents to please keep alert for kids on bikes while driving and to please wear reflective clothing at night or early morning when exercising.

Chief Fiscal Officer Katie Lyons reported The Village of Terrace Park received a grant as part of the Hamilton County Residential Recycling Incentive Program. This grant awarded Terrace Park \$6609.33 dollars in 2026. Over the years this amount has ranged from the most awarded was \$8666.33 in 2023 to the least amount of 5913.85 in 2025. For reference, in 2026, the monthly Rumpke Garbage bill is \$12,490.86 and the monthly recycling bill is \$4,514.18. While every penny counts, this awarded amount of \$6,609.33 will cover 1 and half months of recycling. Details of the grant award are available on the village website.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes No Report.

Clerk of Council: Katie Lyons reminded residents to sign up for CodeRed the village alert system.

EMS CHIEF: Creigh Long reported squad conversion is on schedule to start August 31,2026 with a loaner Ambulance from Montgomery fire department.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Heffner updated the following training:

- Thanks to David Rosson and his family, for donating their house for training purposes prior to demolition.
- Completed live fire scenario training at Loveland burn tower.
- Several area Fire Departments put on ropes training course at the Village Green.
- Received radios from the Ohio MARCS Grant.
- TPFD will be training with Anderson Fire Department on water rescue training.
 - Reminded residents to wear life vests on the river and know their conditions before heading out.
- Recruit class is half-way done.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

- The LSI pipeline project is expected to be completed within the next two to three weeks. The Village is currently working with engineers and the Municipal Road Fund to repave Elm Avenue where the water line was installed.
- RLA should be moving across Wooster Pike shortly.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

Planning & Zoning –John Gaskey no report.

Finance – Regina Sharp began with a review of the levy process. Last month council approved the resolution of necessity. This resolution is requesting the Hamilton County Auditor to certify the calculation of revenue generated by the renewal of the village of terrace parks 5.58 operating levy and does not increase taxes. This certification has been received with an estimated property tax revenue to be produced of \$713,193. This amounts to \$123.00 for every \$100,000 of the county auditors' market value. Tonight's resolution is the resolution to proceed of the taxing authority and declaring it necessary. If approved by council, the documents will be sent to Hamilton County Board of Elections to be put on the ballot for the fall election. Ms. Sharp reminded residents that this renewal does not raise our taxes.

Council Member Sharp introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 5-1, 2026 RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO PROCEED WITH A RENEWAL TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND SUBMITTING SUCH LEVY TO THE ELECTORS (5.58 MILL RENEWAL)** Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, Sharp, Wirthlin and Lehman voted aye. Sharp then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, Sharp, Wirthlin and Lehman voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Council Member Sharp reviewed the upcoming budget with the following highlights:

The 2027 budget is projected to reduce spending by approximately \$200,000 due to the elimination of ambulance costs that we had in 2026 and lower fire expenses. The 2027 Budget also includes funding for the planned replacement of a police car, which occurs every five years and an increase in the street budget for repairs.

Council Member Sharp introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 5-2, 2026 TO EMPOWER THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO REVISE THE 2026 APPROPRIATION BUDGET** Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, Sharp, Wirthlin and Lehman voted aye. Sharp then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Ingebritson seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, Sharp, Wirthlin and Lehman voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Council Member Sharp introduced **RESOLUTION 5-3, 2026 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2027 ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK**

Buildings & Grounds –Kyle Lehman

Rules & Law-

Pat Wirthlin explained that the two ordinances she will read tonight were reviewed by two committees: first the Public Safety Committee, then the Rules and Law Committee. The Rules and Law Committee agreed to present the following ordinances, which relate only to e-bikes and toy vehicles, to Council this evening.

Council Member Wirthlin introduced and advanced to the third reading **ORDINANCE NO. 5-1 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 78 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK, OHIO, REGULATING THE OPERATION, REGISTRATION, AND USE OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES WITHIN THE VILLAGE** Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, Sharp, Wirthlin and Lehman voted aye. Wirthlin then moved to adopt the ordinance. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, Sharp, Wirthlin and Lehman voted aye. Ordinance passed and will take effect in 30 days.

Council Member Wirthlin introduced and advanced to the third reading **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 75.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK, OHIO, REGULATING TOY VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS** Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, Sharp, Wirthlin and Lehman voted aye. Wirthlin then moved to

adopt the ordinance. Ingebritson seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, Sharp, Wirthlin and Lehman voted aye. Ordinance passed and will take effect in 30 days.

Public Works-Pax Lindell

Council Member Lindell introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 5 -4, 2026 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JK MEURER CORP. FOR ASPHALT PATCHING AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$37,890 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, Sharp, Wirthlin and Lehman voted aye. Lindell then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Ingebritson, Lindell, Sharp, Wirthlin and Lehman voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

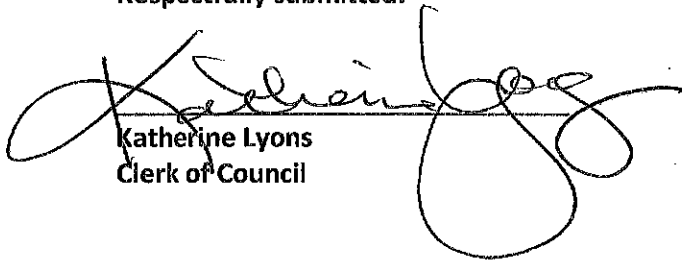
Public Safety – Lauren Ingebritson

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None.

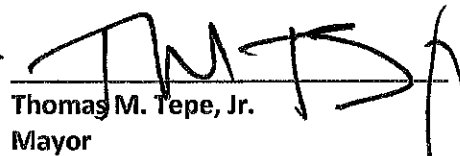
NEW BUSINESS: None.

Adjournment: Mr. Gaskey motioned to adjourn. Voice Vote all voted "aye."

Respectfully submitted:



Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council



Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor