

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**December 8, 2020**  
**VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL**  
**HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

Council met on Tuesday December 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. via zoom. Mayor Tepe led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of Council present were Mr. John Gaskey, Ms. Judith Lehman, Ms. Lauren Ingebritson, Mr. Jeff LeMay, Mr. Pax Lindell and Ms. Regina Sharp. In addition, Mayor Tom Tepe, Village Administrator and Police Chief Gerald Hayhow, Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield, Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council, Katie Lyons. Solicitor Jeff Forbes and EMS Chief John Maggard were Absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the November 4, 2020 Minutes. Council Member Gaskey motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the November 4, 2020 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:** Mayor Tepe thanked all the wonderful volunteers and employees of the Village of Terrace Park. First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone on Council, their service is invaluable. Chief Hayhow is the "go to person" the Village Administrator and Police Chief, and a very good friend,

- He then went on to thank the police department: Lt. Chin, Sgt. Pruitt, Officer Sowders, Officer Williams, Officer Johnson, and Officer Navarra. Thank you for the hard work that you do.
- Thank you to Dave Evanchyk, Steve Fuhrman, Tim McLemore, they keep our village looking beautiful.
- Thank you to Bob Barket, Clerk of Courts and Katie Lyons, Clerk of Council and Chief Fiscal Officer.
- Mark Castator, our urban forester, it is his passion and he does it well, thank you.
- Mayor Tepe went on to thank the Volunteer EMS and Fire Departments. (*see list attached*)

Mayor Tepe reminded the community that it is time for people to step up, the younger, new residents, the retired residents to sign up to volunteer to the PTO, Terrace Park Recreation, EMS, Fire..."we need you".

Mayor Tepe reflected on the tremendous athletic season the Mariemont High School had this fall. From Football to cross country, from tennis to golf, but tonight is about men's soccer. He asked Vice Mayor Lemay to say a few words. Mr. Lemay stated we are joined by the coaching staff and members of the MHS soccer team, he then thanked them and said, "it was a joy to watch the dignified manor and competitive way that you represented Mariemont".

Mr. Tepe introduced the **Mariemont High School Boys Soccer State Champions Day 2020 Proclamation** and declared December 8, 2020 as Mariemont High School Soccer State Champions Day in Terrace Park. Head Coach Mr. Eric Vanags stated this is a "classic example

of why I love to work in this district” The support of the community softens how rough 2020 has been. On behalf of the staff and players, he thanked the Village of Terrace Park for the support and recognition.

Mayor Tepe reminded the residents that Covid is out there, to stay safe and be smart.

**Chief Fiscal Officer:** No Report.

**Solicitor:** No Report/Absent.

**Clerk of Council:** No Report.

**EMS CHIEF:** Absent.

**FIRE CHIEF:** Mr. Dronsfield reminded residents to have their fireplaces inspected annually.

**POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:** No Report.

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:** Council Member Sharp asked about a sewer update, Mayor Tepe responded that it has been “absolute radio silence”. He does not see sewers anytime soon, there is still a tremendous amount of work to be done.

**Planning & Zoning** –No Report

**Buildings & Grounds** –Council Member Sharp stated that Mark our urban forester is taking down 30 trees, that are on the ‘risk list’.

**Finance** – Council Member Lemay stated that this first resolution is annual to certify the 2021 Appropriations for the 2021 Budget.

Council Member Lemay introduced and advanced to the third reading **ORDINANCE 12-1, 2020 2021 FINAL APPROPRIATION** Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Lemay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Ingebritson seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Ordinance passed as an emergency.

Council Member Lemay explained, then next resolution, that we are only moving money into areas that we need it and that this is not an increase in our budget.

Council Member Lemay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 12-1, 2020 TO EMPOWER THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO REVISE THE 2020 APPROPRIATION BUDGET** Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Lemay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Lehman, LeMay, Lindell, Ingebritson and Sharp voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

**Rules & Law** –No Report

**Public Works** –No Report

**Public Safety** – Council Member Ingebritson thanked our volunteers, for keeping us safe this year and always.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Adjournment:** Council Member Ingebritson 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**