

MINUTES OF MEETING
June 18, 2024
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday June 18, 2024, 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, Ms. Judith Lehman and Ms. Regina Sharp. 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.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the May 14, 2024 Minutes. Council Member Regina Sharp motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the May 14, 2024, 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.

Jay Gohman from 100 Marian Lane thanked Jerry Hayhow and Jim Pruitt for helping on Memorial Day. He is a part of the Mariemont Kiwanis which sponsors the 6th grade essay contest. Mayor Tepe also thanked council member Ingebritson for stepping in to help.

Mayor Tepe asked Ms. Ingebritson to move up in the agenda the resolution for our Police Officer. With that, Ms. Ingebritson introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION NO. 6-2- 2024 RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAMERON M. AMMERMAN AS FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Sharp, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lehman and Lindell voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Sharp, Lehman, Ingebritson, Lindell and LeMay voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Tepe reminded residents:

- While the Village Maintenance staff does pick up brush, please be mindful that they do pick up for the entire village. If you have excessive amounts, please hire someone to remove the brush to the Environmental Services Area or if you have someone doing the work please have them remove the brush completely.
- Trailers, Boats and pallets are not to be stored in parking pads or driveways.

Chief Fiscal Officer: Katie Lyons reported that earlier this evening they held the Public hearing for the 2025 Budget.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes- No Report.

Clerk of Council: Katie Lyons-No Report.

EMS CHIEF: Chief Maggard reminded residents to hydrate during this extreme heat. He expressed the need for residents to volunteer for EMS. We currently have 5 people in the EMS Class, none are residents, and only 1 has passed the exam to date. He will reach out to find out the status of the other 4. Next class begins January 2025.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Dronsfield-No Report.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

- Chief Hayhow reminded residents that only licensed drivers are allowed to drive golf carts. For safety reasons Officers will be pulling over underage drivers and citing them. They will be cited for Driving without a license and sent to Juvenile Court. The Chief stated this is purely for safety reasons.
- Duke will be upgrading all gas main lines in early 2025, with construction estimated to take 12-18 months. Please see the village website for the map of effected streets. When the time comes the Village will put out more information. July 10,2024 Chief Hayhow will meet with Duke to get more precise information. They will restore all village property to proper condition.
- Jk Meurer is scheduled to start street repair in mid-July. Information will be sent out via code-red.
- ODOT tore up a piece of conduit while grinding the center lane on Wooster Pike. The Chief will be attending a meeting to ensure that the village is reimbursed for the repair.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

Planning & Zoning – Mr. Gaskey-No Report.

Finance – Mr. LeMay explained

Council Member LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 6-1- 2024**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Sharp, LeMay, Ingebritson, Lehman and Lindell voted aye. LeMay then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Ingebritson seconded. Gaskey, Sharp, Lehman, Ingebritson, Lindell and LeMay voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Buildings & Grounds – Regina Sharp reviewed

- that the Buildings and Grounds Committee had a meeting on May 28,2024 to discuss the Ohio River Foundation clean up of invasive species on a 1-acre lot in Miami Grove. The Committee would like to sign a non-binding agreement with ORF and decide later if they were going to move forward with the project. Council agreed.
- Ms. Sharp was approached by resident Jim Rauth who offered to fund a community garden at the previously designated Environmental Services Parking Area. Some concerns are the quality of the soil and the lack of space. Ms. Sharp is holding a committee meeting on July 11, 2024 at 6pm to discuss.

Rules & Law -Judith Lehman no report.

Public Works-Pax Lindell no report.

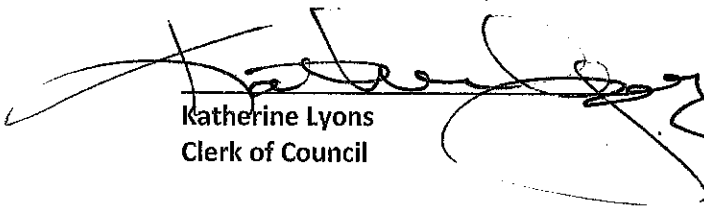
Public Safety –

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None

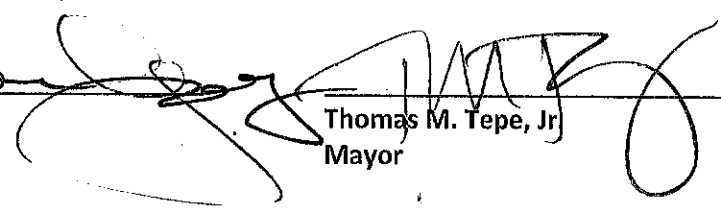
NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Tepe requested that we have no council meeting in July to allow council to enjoy their summer vacations.

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

Respectfully submitted:



Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council



Thomas M. Tepe, Jr
Mayor