# MINUTES OF MEETING November 6,2024

# VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Wednesday November 6, 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 Lauren Ingebritson, Mr. Pax Lindell, Mr. John Gaskey, 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, Solicitor Jeff Forbes, and EMS Chief John Maggard. Council member Mr. Jeff LeMay and Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield, were absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the October 8, 2024 Minutes. Council Member Judith Lehman motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the October 8, 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.

Mayor Tepe requested the AP Government Class completing their Civic Engagement Class to introduce themselves.

Caroline Doherty, Vivian Moore, Lorelei Toran, Janie Neville, Soren Alrich, Will Stephens, Claire Kessler and Eva Lowery.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Tepe reported:

- Halloween was a great success.
- Chief Dronsfield recently suffered a medical issue, while he is recovering, Mayor Tepe has asked John Maggard to be the interim Fire Chief.
- Mariemont School District Levy was approved.

**Chief Fiscal Officer:** Katie Lyons reported that the Hamilton County Auditor's Office was able to return an unspent balance from the Auditor's Real Estate Assessment Fund to local Governments. This happens every 6 years. The Village of Terrace Park will receive \$18,578.04.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes- no report.

**Clerk of Council:** Katie Lyons no report.

EMS CHIEF: Chief Maggard reported:

- The next EMS Class will begin January 2025, we currently have 8 interested people.
- The Pancake Supper is Sunday November 10,2024 4:30-7:30pm at St. Thomas Church.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Dronsfield absent.

### POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chief Hayhow reported he recently met with Duke regarding the Gas Line Replacement. The project will be broken into 4 phases. (see attached) All information will be sent out on Code Red and will continue to be posted on our website. The entire project is estimated to take 3 years.

#### Other items of note:

Maintenance has completed 2 complete passes of leaf pick up.

• The large tree at the village green will be taken down tomorrow.

### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

**Planning & Zoning** — Mr. Gaskey provided the statistics on zoning variance over the past 4 years. During the years 2020,2021,2022 there were 124 zoning permit applications with 19 going to variance. 2023 was zero and 2024 was zero to date.

Variance applications are down, most likely due to the upgraded zoning code.

Finance – Mr. LeMay -absent.

Buildings & Grounds -Ms. Sharp no report.

Rules & Law - Judith Lehman no report.

Public Works-Pax Lindell no report.

**Public Safety** – Lauren Ingebritson introduced an oral motion appointing John Maggard as the interim Fire Chief to the Terrace Park Fire Department. Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Lindell, Sharp, Ingebritson and Lehman voted aye. Appointment to go into effect immediately.

Ms. Ingebritson reviewed that during the October meeting Chief Dronsfield stated his intention to appoint several new members to the fire department and include promotions within the department. While council is happy to see the appointments, it exceeds the current code. The Safety Committee met to discuss the proposed appointments, and amendments to the code on Tuesday October 29,2024 at 6pm. Members of the Safety Committee supported the proposed appointments. The safety committee would like to defer to the Rules and Law Committee to change the Code requesting the change from 1 Assistant Fire Chief to 2 and from 2 Captains to 3.

Solicitor Jeff Forbes clarified that Chief Dronsfield is currently incapacitated to fill the duties of the Fire Chief at this time. We will continue to monitor the situation.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

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

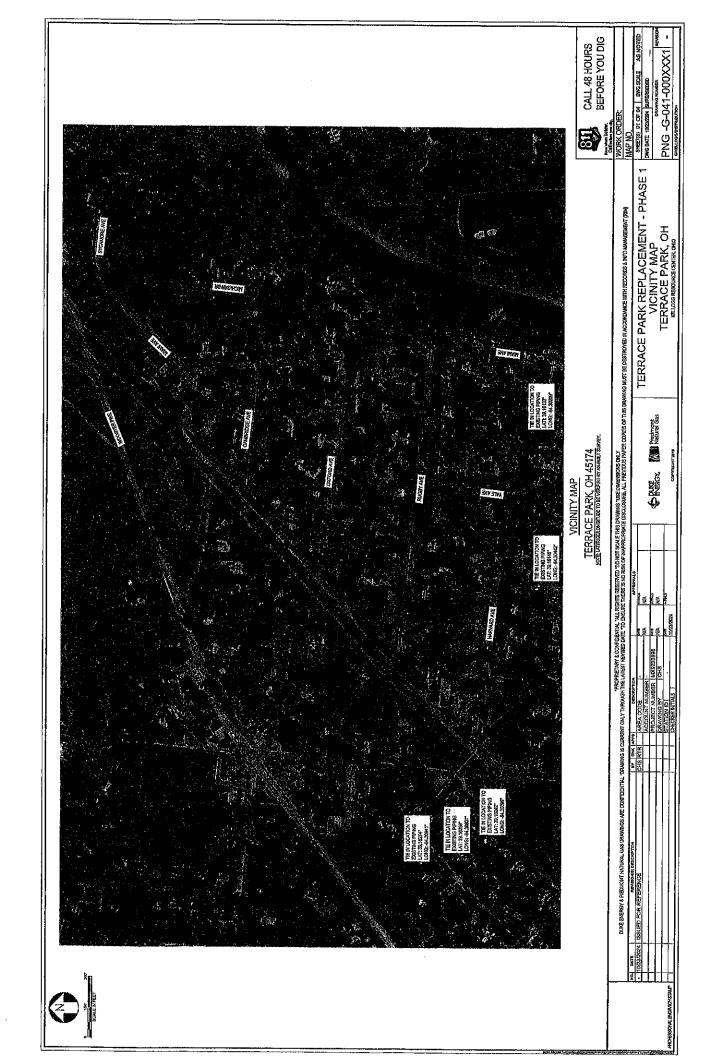
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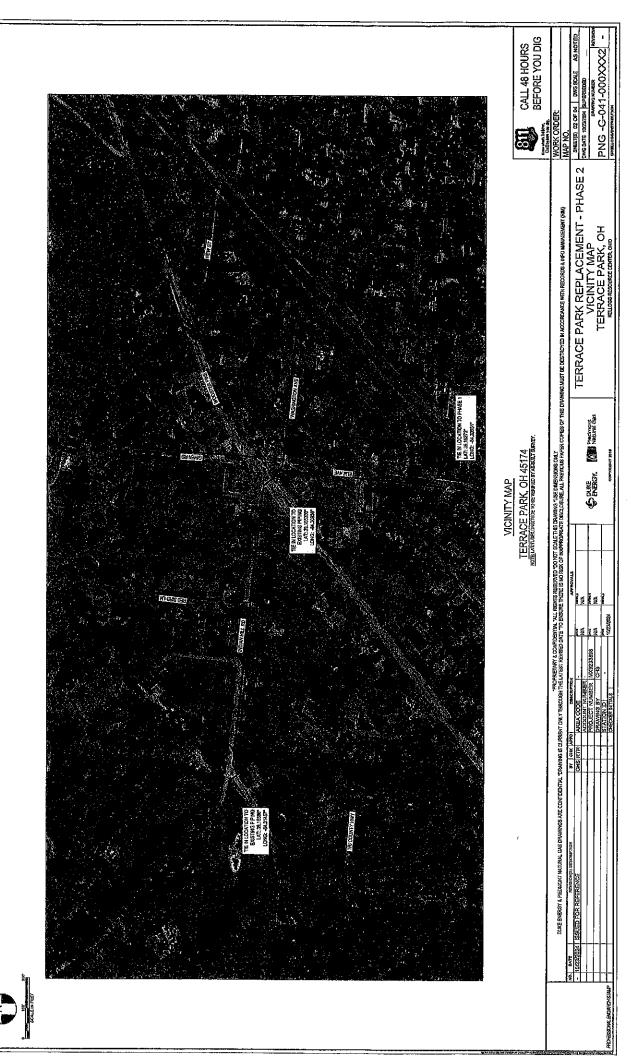
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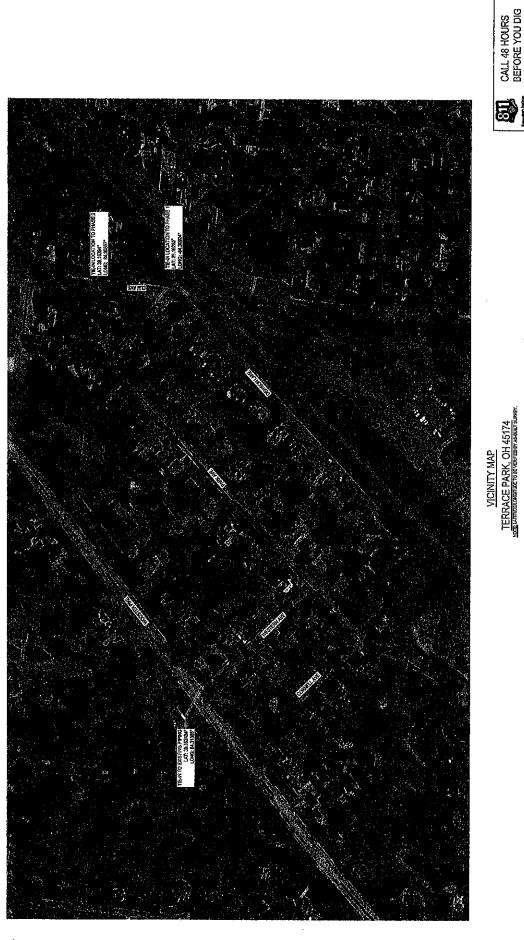
**Clerk of Council** 

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