

MINUTES OF MEETING
October 8, 2024
VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Council met on Tuesday October 8, 2024, 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. Jeff LeMay, 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, Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield, and EMS Chief John Maggard. Council member Ms. Lauren Ingebritson was absent.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections, additions or deletions to the September 3, 2024 Minutes. Council Member John Gaskey motioned to approve the Council Minutes from the September 3, 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 introduced County Commissioner Denise Driehaus. Ms. Driehaus explained that she was working on her seeing all 49 districts in the county. She handed out a "menu of opportunity" which provided a list of contact information along with a list of grants. Ms. Driehaus reviewed the many changes within Hamilton County during her years of service and how she strives to meet each community's needs. *(attached please see "Menu of Opportunity")*

Mayor Tepe asked Ms. Lehman to move up in the agenda the resolution for our EMS Volunteers. (In lieu of Ms. Ingebritson's absence, Ms. Lehman read the resolution.)

Council Member Lehman introduced and advanced to the third reading **RESOLUTION 10-2, 2024 CONSENT OF COUNCIL TO THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF ISHA BHANDARY and RIO KADONO TO THE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK** Lindell seconded. Gaskey, Sharp, LeMay, Lehman and Lindell voted aye. Sharp then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Gaskey seconded. Gaskey, Sharp, Lehman, Lindell and LeMay voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Tepe reported:

- The Garden Club donated an 85 Inch TV with a stand to the Community which will reside in the Community Building.
- Halloween is October 31, 2024 Trick or Treat is 6-8pm rain or shine.
- Thank you to Jerry, the police department, fire department for the extra support during and after the recent storm. The Maintenance Crew did a tremendous amount of work cleaning up after the storm.

Chief Fiscal Officer: Katie Lyons no report.

Solicitor: Jeff Forbes- no report.

Clerk of Council: Katie Lyons no report.

EMS CHIEF: Chief Maggard reported:

- The next EMS Class will begin in January 2025.
- The Pancake Supper is Sunday November 10,2024 4:30-7:30pm.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Dronsfield reported the following promotions:

Assistant Chiefs: John Maggard and George Heffner.
Captains: Ty Zimmerman, Chris Padjen and Mickey List.
Lieutenants: Chris Dixon, Mike Kaplan and Craig Russell.
Engineer: Kyle Lehman

Chief Dronsfield reminded residents to have their Chimneys swept prior to use.

POLICE CHIEF/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Chief Hayhow reported.

- JK Meurer will install a new drain and catch basin on the curve of Terrace Place. 95% of the project will be paid for with the final ARPA Funds.
- Leaf pick up will begin Monday October 14,2024. Mrs. Lyons will send the Code Red.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE THEIR COMMITTEE:

Reports, Resolutions & Ordinances of Standing Committee: None

Planning & Zoning – Mr. Gaskey-No Report.

Finance – Mr. LeMay

Council Member LeMay introduced and advanced to the third reading **Resolution 10-1,2024 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION & AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR** Sharp seconded. Gaskey, Sharp, LeMay, Lehman and Lindell voted aye. Lehman then moved to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Lehman seconded. Gaskey, Sharp, Lehman, Lindell and LeMay voted aye. Resolution passed as an emergency.

Mr. LeMay explained that we completed our Audit, which is every two years. Mr. LeMay that the report states throughout the report no exceptions/no discrepancies. He explained that we received 4 Stars in Highest Achievement in Open and Transparent Government.

Buildings & Grounds –Ms. Sharp reviewed that there was a Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting prior to this meeting. The meeting was to discuss the Ohio River Foundation proposed invasive species removal at the Miami Grove Nature Preserve. We have run into some challenges regarding specifics:

- What began as a full acre of work has turned to 4 days of work.
- Funding of the chemicals and storage
- The long-term funding and how it will be beneficial to the Village.

Ms. Sharp will continue to work on clarifying the logistics and details of this project.

Rules & Law -Judith Lehman no report.

Public Works-Pax Lindell no report.

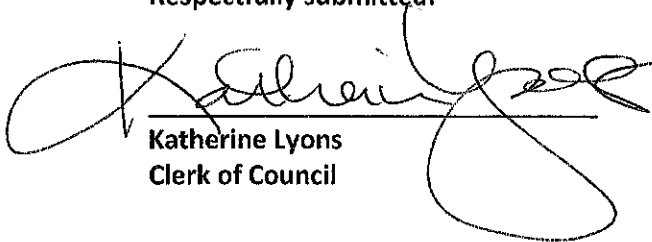
Public Safety – Lauren Ingebritson absent.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Adjournment: Ms. Sharp motioned to adjourn. Voice Vote all voted “aye.”

Respectfully submitted:



Katherine Lyons
Clerk of Council



Thomas M. Tepe, Jr.
Mayor

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Director: James Noyes

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- ◆ **Zoning and Development Services:** Zoning administration, zoning enforcement, nuisance ordinance enforcement.
- ◆ **Building Inspections:** Commercial and residential administration of building appeals.
- ◆ **Community Development:** assist with comprehensive community development plans, administration of Federal HOME and CDBG grant programs.
- ◆ **Fire Hydrant Maintenance and Stormwater Management.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Senior Economic Development Officer: Kelly Adamson

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- ◆ **Community Revitalization Grant:** applications open in the spring for property development, infrastructure, and building improvements.
- ◆ **Community-Based Event Grant:** promote economic development in first ring suburban communities through the support of smaller, community-based events in Hamilton County.
- ◆ **Facade Grant:** for building improvements in business districts.

PURCHASING

Director: Jill Williams

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- ◆ **Surplus Auctions:** localities can sell surplus equipment and purchase surplus from other participants for added value.
- ◆ **Joint Purchasing:** Bulk fuel, road salt, office supplies, etc.

ALLOY DEVELOPMENT CO.

Senior Vice President: Harry Blanton

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- ◆ **Business Attraction & Retention:** research, recruitment assistance, tax incentive administration.
- ◆ **Real Estate Development:** blight removal, site building, site acquisition, and bond issuance for economic development.
- ◆ **Entrepreneurial Assistance:** business incubation, small business loans, business coaching, small business technical assistance.
- ◆ **Office of Small Business:** Funding access, Incubator services, Business coaching.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Director: Brad Johnson

(513) 946-7705, Brad.Johnson@Hamilton-co.org

- ◆ **Community and Litter Grant:** recycling equipment, curbside and drop-off recycling programs, special venue recycling, outreach and education, contamination reduction, tire amnesty events, surveillance cameras, litter clean-up, and more.
- ◆ **Waste Reduction Innovation Grant:** fund programs that significantly reduce landfill waste in Hamilton County.
- ◆ **Scrap Tire Grant:** Offers Ohio businesses funding to create or expand scrap tire processing capacity and product manufacturing.
- ◆ **Illegal Dumping:** to report call hotline at 513-946-7788.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff: Charmaine McGuffey

(513) 946-6400, CMcGuffey@HCSO.org

- ◆ **Contract Policing Services:** customizable to fit the size and needs of the community.

OFFICE OF ADDICTION RESPONSE

Director: Meagan Guthrie

(513) 946-4311, meagan.guthrie@hamilton-co.org

- ◆ **HCARC:** addresses the impact of the addiction crisis in Hamilton County, focusing on prevention, treatment, interdiction, harm reduction, faith-based community, and business community.
- ◆ **Heroin task force:** investigates overdose(s) and overdose deaths back to the supplier.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Director: Nick Crossley

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- ◆ **Training:** for government officials, first responders, and weather spotters focused on building preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities within the region.
- ◆ **Ohio EMA Disaster Relief Funding:** coordination of local jurisdictions after disasters to jointly apply for emergency funds from the state agency.

Do you have an idea for a partnership with Hamilton County? Contact Commissioner Denise Driehaus at (513) 946-4406 or Denise.Driehaus@Hamilton-Co.org.