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## March

Mar. 8	Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Starts	
Mar. 14	Saturday	Pruning Seminar	1- 4 PM
Mar. 17	Tuesday	Timberlake Council Meeting	7:30 PM
Mar. 17	Tuesday	St. Patrick's Day!	
Mar. 29	Sunday	Last Day for Article Submission to Times	

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## **Councilperson Wanted**

With the recent resignation of Mr. Santangelo on February 17, 2015, we have a vacancy on Village Council. I'd like to thank Sam for his work during his time in office, as well as for the help he has provided, and will continue to provide, the village in Service Department related issues.

Council meets at 7:30PM on the third Tuesday of the month. In addition to the monthly meeting, each councilperson chairs one of the following committees: Finance, Storm Sewers, Service, Village Hall, Parks / Recreation / Trees, and Safety. Committee meetings are typically only scheduled as needed. The monthly time commitment varies according to committee assignments and seasonality. This is a great way to help the Village, meet people, and learn how local governments operate. We have a strong council, which brings its diverse professional experience together to help Timberlake meet the needs of the residents. The incumbents are more than willing to help the appointee get up to speed, so don't worry about a lack of elected experience.

To learn more about the position, call Mayor Dave Cattani (440-269-0705), Council President Mike Stanton (440-942-6660), or any other council person.

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## **VILLAGE CLUB NEWS**

Our social calendar of the Village Club is in jeopardy. The financial support of the last two years of the Family Day Picnic was below the cost of the event and our finances are depleting rapidly. This is the only fund raiser we hold to support the children's Halloween Party, the Easter Egg Hunt, and Santa visits. Appeals for volunteers go unanswered.

Please keep in mind with no financial support, no volunteer help, and no external assistance, there will be no social events.

Please contact Ron Mona at 440-942-2887 if you'd like to offer your assistance in any manner.

### **“Clean-up After Your Pets”**

For most dog-owners, taking a walk is part of your daily routine. But did you know that leaving pet waste on the ground could harm water quality? Pet wastes contain bacteria like E. coli and cryptosporidium, which can make humans sick. When pet waste is left on the tree lawn, stormwater washes it into storm drains and directly into our lakes and rivers. This means the bacteria will flow directly to Lake Erie, our drinking water source. Not only does pet waste contain bacteria, it also contains nutrients. These nutrients also wash into rivers and lakes with stormwater, where it can be harmful to plants and animals living there. An excess of nutrients leads to increased algal growth, including algae in a Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB). This type of algal bloom can produce toxins which close beaches and makes water undrinkable. Follow these steps to help keep bacteria and nutrients out of stormwater:

- Pick up after your pets! Flush the waste down the toilet or throw it in the trash.
- Never throw waste down the storm drain.
- Because pet waste contains bacteria, it cannot be composted.
- Do not dump pet waste anywhere but in the trash!

Stormwater pollution can be found in everyone's backyard. Do your part to keep Lake County's waterways clean. For more information, contact the Lake County Stormwater Management Department at [www.lakecountyohio.gov/smd](http://www.lakecountyohio.gov/smd) or 350-5900

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David Cattani, Mayor

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### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Dennis Dicki            Ritu Sharma  
Jim Gasier                Mike Stanton  
Sam Santangelo III    Mary Trepal

Special Council Meeting  
February 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:33PM.

Attendance:

Roll Call: Stanton, Gasier, Dicki, Trepal

Excused: Santangelo, Sharma

Also Present: Mayor Cattani, Solicitor Laudato

Mayor Cattani presented a contract with LakeHealth for occupational medicine services. This would allow the village to secure employment physicals for employees.

Mr. Dicki introduced Resolution 2015-5, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with LakeHealth Occupational Services. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Trepal.

Roll:

Ayes: Stanton, Gasier, Dicki, Trepal

Nays: None.

Resolution carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stanton and seconded by Mr. Gasier.

Roll:

Ayes: Stanton, Gasier, Dicki, Trepal

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36PM.

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Lisa Stefaniak  
Clerk – Treasurer

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David Cattani  
Mayor

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### TIMBERLAKE COUNCIL MEETING February 17, 2015

Mayor Cattani opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:35 PM. After the public portion, Mayor Cattani asked for the roll call of the officers. All were present. Our Solicitor and Mrs. Stefaniak were also present.

There are two sets of minutes to approve. The minutes from the meeting of January 20, 2015, regular council meeting.

Motion to approve: Gasier

Seconded: Stanton

Mr. Stanton made a correction under SAFETY, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph. January minutes states 3 full time and two part time officers. January minutes should be corrected to -0- full time and 4 part time officers are on payroll.

All were in favor.

The minutes from the February 11, 2015 special meeting to sign the contract for Lake Health West employment physicals

Motion to approve: Dicki

Seconded: Gasier

All were in favor

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa and Maureen Munera will attend Sunshine training in May. They are going to act as proxy for Mr. Dicki, Mr. Santangelo, Dr. Sharma, and Mrs. Trepal.

The mayor asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the appointment of a police chief.

Motion: Stanton

Seconded: Dicki

All were in favor

Council returned from executive session at 7:53 PM.

## **SAFETY**

Mr. Stanton stated that the body cameras are in place and set up. The Chief is establishing all the policies to make sure that everything is in place when the body cameras are used.

The mayor presented Resolution 2015-6 a resolution confirming the appointment on a probationary basis of Geoffrey Esser to the position of Chief of Police in The Village of Timberlake Police Department.

Motion to approve: Dr. Sharma

Seconded: Santangelo

All were in favor

The mayor swore in the new police chief and congratulated him.

The chief gave his monthly report from January 20, 2015 to February 17, 2015.

The chief explained policy and procedures and rules and regulation for the police department. Everything is working well. This year all policy and procedures will be gone through and updated.

There are no updates on grants. The chief is putting together the police training schedule with shooting, vehicle, defenses tactic training, domestic violence training, and different opportunities for training.

The chief showed the new body cameras and how they are worn and used. There are two cameras. Only one camera used per shift.

## **HALL RENTAL**

Dr. Sharma reported there is nothing new to report. The hall rentals are picking up. The mayor said they are looking into a used carpet extractor to help with carpet cleaning to defray the expense for outside cleaning.

## **FINANCE**

Mr. Dicki presented resolution 2015-7, a resolution approving and directing payment of certain bills by The Village of Timberlake. Monthly bills

Motion to approve: Dicki

Seconded: Gasier

All were in favor

Mr. Dicki presented resolution 2015-8, allowing the mayor to renegotiate with Republic Services the contract to bill the residents for rubbish removal.

Motion to approve: Dick

Seconded: Gasier

Discussion-the rate for this year will be frozen for 2016. The bill to the residents will be approximately \$50.00 plus some change, billed on a quarterly basis. The village will still be on the hook for bills that are not paid by the residents. The village will then go back

to the resident with the possibility of putting the bill on their property taxes plus some fees for compensation for this action. Legislation for this collection process will come later. The Republic Service bills will be sent to the property owner of record.

All were in favor

Mr. Dicki presented Ordinance 2015-5 and ordinance amending the pay scales for the public employees of The Village of Timberlake.

Motion to suspend the 3 reading rule: Dicki

Seconded: Stanton

All were in favor

Motion to approve: Dicki

Seconded: Stanton

All were in favor

Mr. Dicki is starting to look at financing the road repairs. He is looking into all the resources that are available. They will be working on this over the next month or two.

### **PARKS AND TREES**

Mrs. Trepal reported that they had an information tree commission survey. The arborist showed many different ways of doing a tree survey regarding diseased trees, trees removed, replanting, etc. Mary has four books from the tree commission that she will share with the residents. Contact her for this information. There will be a tree pruning demonstration on March 14<sup>th</sup> for the public. Bring your gloves and pruners and he will show people how to properly prune. On March 6<sup>th</sup> there will be Urban Forestry conference that several people from Timberlake's tree commission will be attending.

Lisa Stefaniak reported on the public requests that are currently in Timberlake. Lisa is assisting Maureen Munera, who has been hired part-time to help Lisa, in responding to the public requests. Lisa reported that in 2013 there were a total of 116 public record requests. In 2014 there were 60. This year, 2015 to date, there have been 30. There is one request in which a resident requests all emails that contain her name in every email be sent to her. All council people needed to be contacted, current and past, in her time frame request, which is a total of 10 people. Lisa, herself, has a total of 1,782 emails to print out, because it has to be kept on file. The mayor has submitted over 600, Mr. Stanton has submitted almost 700, with still more to be submitted.

The mayor announced the Easter Egg Hunt will be March 28<sup>th</sup> or the Saturday right before Easter.

The March meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day.

### **STORM SEWERS**

Mr. Gasier reported that the mains by Waban all seem to be flowing. The sanitariums were not flushed out last year. Ciro Sewer said that they would honor the same price that was passed last year to do the sanitary lines this spring. As soon as the ground thaws the

repairs that were done will be cleaned up and landscaped. Mr. Formica said that when the weather breaks continued repairs will be made.

**SERVICE**

Mr. Santangelo reported that we received another shipment of salt the end of January. We should be set for the rest of the winter. Scott has tried to be very conservative with the salt spreading and plowing more often as needed. The billing for the salt is still being figured out as the state has not done this sort of billing before. Lisa has the pink slips from the salt deliveries.

Mr. Santangelo said that he will be resigning from council for personal reasons. He will still be available to help out when needed with the roads and equipment.

The mayor has asked again that residents please keep their garbage and recycle containers out of view from the front of the homes.

The solicitor explained that the minutes taken at the council meetings or not word for word. The minutes are a summary of the meeting. There will never be an exact word for word. The minutes are corrected/approved at each council meeting. Again they are only a summary of the meeting.

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Stanton

Seconded: Gasier

All were in favor

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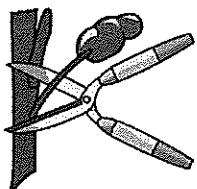


## **Saturday, April 4, 11:00 AM, Village Hall**

The Village Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Village Club, will start at 11:00 AM promptly. The hunt will be outdoors weather permitting, so dress for the weather. Young children will hunt first, followed shortly by the older kids. Some of the eggs will contain tickets that can be exchanged for prizes. We will have games for the kids, the sidewalk art contest, and treats for everyone. Juice and coffee will be provided. We need volunteers to buy or bake treats and pastries. We also need people to help stuff the 1,000 eggs.

If you can help out, please call Dave or Julie Cattani at 440-278-4038.

## ***Pruning Seminar***



**Chad Clink from the Holden Arboretum is presenting a Pruning Seminar on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-4PM at Village Hall. Bring pruners and glove, or just come to observe how pruning is done! We look forward to seeing you all there—Mary Trepal**