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April



Apr. 1	Friday	April Fool's Day	
Apr. 15	Friday	Income Taxes Due	
Apr. 18	Monday	Patriot's Day	
Apr. 19	Tuesday	Timberlake Council Meeting	7:30 PM
Apr. 22	Friday	Earth Day/ Passover Begins	
Apr. 27	Wednesday	Administrative Professionals Day	
Apr. 29	Friday	Arbor Day	
Apr. 30	Saturday	Deadline for Times' Articles	

Please e-mail all articles to the Editor at Aishwaryaprhr@gmail.com

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Neighborhood Watch

If anybody is interested in championing a Neighborhood Watch, please contact Chief Esser directly so this idea can be discussed further ~ Chief Geoffrey A. Esser; Email: gessertpd@gmail.com; P: [440-942-6460](tel:440-942-6460)

Timberlake Bocce League

I hope everyone is ready to get outside again!! We are NOW accepting sign-ups for the Bocce League. We play on the court at the Village Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights at 6:30 and 7:15 PM. Teams play once a week. Teams consist of four people, so sign up as a team, a couple, or a single. You do not need a lot of skill and we have a Lot of Fun!! So come and join us, we play from June into September.

Call Fred Bittner for more information at 440-951-2992.

Village Public Announcement

Timberlake is known for our lovely trees. Strong winds blow off the lake and as you know, know down limbs and branches. For those of you who enjoy burning fires in your fireplace or backyard, there's always plenty of wood stored in the yard of the service garage for the taking. Please help yourself to the branches and wood of various sorts. Some pieces are already cut while others still need to be cut.

-Maureen Munera

Coffee Pot Talk

To be informed about the goings on in the Village, join the COFFEE POT TALK. Our next meeting will be April 11, 2016 at 10 AM at the Village Hall. We will continue sharing our memories growing up in Timberlake. Special Note: A guest from the Council on Aging will discuss their provided benefits. This event by the Village Club is FREE! Contact Ron Mona at [440-942-2887](tel:440-942-2887) and a seat, coffee, and donuts will be saved for you.

Six Reasons to Plant a Prairie Garden or Wildflower Meadow

- Plant for the pollinators that are suffering from loss of habitat. Bees need wildflowers to make honey. Butterflies and hummingbirds drink nectar as a food source, as they drink they are pollinating plants. Create a garden just for Monarch butterflies. Include these plants: milkweed, butterfly weed, Joe-pye weed, goldenrod, asters and blazing star.
- Bird populations are declining. According to Ohio's 2014 State of the Birds Report*, 228 bird species are on a "watch list", in need of immediate conservation help. Implementing best management practices such as buffer strips could help to stop the steep decline of this bird species.
- Lake Erie starts in your yard! Slowing down stormwater helps water quality in rivers and lakes. Rain and snow are absorbed slowly in wildflower meadows. As the stormwater soaks into the ground, the water is filtered.
- Soil remains undisturbed in prairie gardens. Less soil erosion happens during rain events when the soil has been left undisturbed. Again, this filtering process improves the quality of water.
- Saving money is always a good reason to do a conservation practice. Converting lawn into a wildflower or prairie garden can save on the ongoing costs of upkeep to a lawn.
- Plant a cutting flower garden for bouquets using native flowers and grasses. Purple cone flowers, ox-eye sunflower, Bee Balm, black-eyed Susan, and New England Asters are included in prairie or pollinator mixes and make long lasting flower bouquets. Milkweed pods make interesting additions to fall flower arrangements.

For more information contact the Lake County Stormwater Management at 440-350-5900 or visit www.lakecountyohio.gov/smd Adapted from article written by: Linda K. Schneider, Education Coordinator, Medina County

Village of Timberlake

John P. Roskos, Mayor

John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Linda Murphy

Anthony Swartz

Mike Stanton

Dennis Dicki

Ritu Sharma

Shannon Parihar

TIMBERLAKE COUNCIL MEETINGMarch 16th, 2016

Mayor Roskos opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 PM. After the public portion, Mayor Roskos asked for roll call of the officers. All council members were present along with our Solicitor and Mr. Roskos, except Dr. Ritu Sharma who was excused.

FINANCE

Mr. Dicki presented Resolution 2016-09, approving and directing payment of certain bills by the Village.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-09: Dicki

Seconded: Stanton

All were in favor of the Resolution; Motion approved.

Mr. Dicki presented Ordinance 2016-07, an ordinance adopting a budget for the Village for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2016 for the submission to the Auditor of Lake County.

Motion to suspend three reading rule: Dicki

Seconded: Murphy

All were in favor of suspending the third reading rule.

An idea was proposed to form a special police car purchase fund by the Mayor, which the Council will discuss.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-07: Dicki

Seconded: Parihar

All were in favor of the Ordinance; Motion approved

Mr. Dicki presented Ordinance 2016-06 on second reading, an ordinance amending section 260.12, municipal officers may attend conference or convention; expenses, of the codified ordinances. Mr. Stanton asked if police officers can utilize the police cruiser to go to training rather than being reimbursed for gas and mileage; he informed the Mayor that it will be much cheaper to pay for gas on the cruiser rather than mileage on the private car. The mileage payment is approximately \$0.54 cents/mile. Mr. Stanton would like to amend the language so it states that if applicable, the cruiser can be taken for conferences/conventions.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve February 16th, 2015 Council Minutes.

Motion to approve: Stanton

The Mayor noted some changes on the Minutes including the need to exclude the phrase "a .22 rifle" along with the inclusion Ms. Murphy noting there was a \$1000 credit at the Lake County nursery for trees.

Seconded as amended: Parihar

Ayes: Dicki, Stanton, Parihar, Swartz, Murphy

Nays: None

Motion carried; Minutes approved.

SEWERS

There were two complaints this past month about issues with the sewage taking all night to reduce the water and draining slowly.

The Mayor noted that the Board of Public Affairs will be meeting on March 22nd and the Village has received a bill for \$7100 which is meant to be 2.9% of the mandated cost on the sewage plant.

VILLAGE HALL

Ms. Murphy states that the Village Hall is getting booked quickly. She also had a meeting with the Fire Marshall in order to get a sign noting that the Village Hall has a 150-person carrying capacity.

The Mayor introduced the 5-year projected budget plan which showcases the projected expenses of 2016-2021. Afterwards, the Financial Officer presented his report, summarizing 2015 finances.

SAFETY

Mr. Stanton discussed the Safety Meeting conducted after the council meeting last month. This meeting

included a discussion on staffing, fleet, training, and equipment. There was also a discussion on replacing the garage door and revising current policies along with developing the neighborhood watch. Eastlake also contacted Timberlake in regards to helping out with the E-Pal program. A resident will be needed to volunteer on the Board of Directors of E-Pal. The Police Department will also be conducting a voluntary beach clean-up where hot dogs will be offered. Also, Mr. Swartz offered the services of his friend who could help install the back-board on the basketball court at the Village Playground.

Per the Police Monthly Report, there were 190 house checks, 32 park checks, and 11 beach checks performed. 22 citations were issued for traffic offenses with 4 written warnings. 22 reports were generated of which 19 were non-arrests.

Mr. Stanton informed residents that last year, the total expenditure for the police department was \$150,223 while the budget was \$177,105. This year, the budget for the police department is \$182,653, as \$5000 is needed to be added for the dispatch services. Last year, the budget for payroll was \$90,705 and the department came in at \$89,651. This year, the budget is \$99,000 and the goal is to have a similar outcome as last year. The City of Cleveland will reimburse the Village \$2,000 to \$3000 for installing the computers into the cruisers. Mr. Stanton is looking at the department to pursue options to reduce costs, including putting the chief on an hourly rate vs. salaried rate and offering specials to police officers to work more shifts, as proposed by the Mayor. North Randall is doing something similar in their city. Mr. Stanton emphasized the importance of abolishing over-time. Currently, there are 7 individuals going through the interview process for hire. There are increased costs and greater fees associated with hiring new police officers. Furthermore, Detective Miller has been helping the department find the best candidates; looking to bring on 2-3 new trainees per quarter. By adding and maintaining these additional employees, the cost for the Police Department will reduce as overtime is reduced. Mr. Stanton says that this is a work in progress and he will continue to better the department. Mr. Stanton is working toward securing office equipment in the Village Police Department office. He will be looking into putting locks on the file cabinets for increased safety. He will also look into confirming officers that have completed probation, as by law it needs to be done in 6 months. Mr. Germano said that the same needs to be done with the special officers, as well. There was a discussion during the Safety Meeting about the cost effectiveness of changing the Chief from hourly to salaried, as well. The Mayor sent an email to the Council, which included literature about bettering the management of a small police department. This document included comments on supervision and pay rates on duties amongst other tasks. Mr. Stanton states that the book details the pros and cons of establishing a department in Pennsylvania and should be used as a reference point rather than a blanket statement. Mr. Stanton will be updating the signs on the beach and park as they are becoming old and faded.

SERVICE

Per Mr. Swartz, the mowers are tuned up and ready for the summer. The department is also getting rid of a damaged old plow; this would need to be declared as a surplus and then sold. The Mayor said to note surplus in the inventories, as well. Mr. Swartz informed residents that there is free firewood available and if anyone is interested. The garage area will also be cleaned up in the next few weeks. Mr. Swartz requested a \$0.45 cent raise for Maureen, which was refused by the Mayor. Mr. Swartz, then, offered to give part of his salary so she can receive the raise, but the Solicitor stated that could not be allowed at this time and other options would need to be reviewed. Furthermore, Mr. Stanton informed residents that the State Department passed the Jason Gresco Act, effective 3/23/2016, which states that each community that hires volunteer or special officers needs to set up a fund with other communities in case of emergencies; this fund should be no less than 300 and no more than 500. There needs to be a 5 member board created in order to analyze the law and configure the amount the Village will have to give to the fund. Village residents can volunteer for the board, if they would like. There will be a safety meeting a week or two prior to the next council meeting, so this new ruling can be implemented at the next council meeting.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Motion to adjourn: Swartz

Seconded: Dicki

All were in favor.

John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer

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