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Announcements

Village Club Events

Please stay tuned to our Facebook page for updates on all of our upcoming events!

Sunrise Yoga

Saturday, June 6
5:45am
on the beach

Everyone loves to watch a sunset, but have you seen the birth of a new day? Join us on our beautiful beach for a sunrise watch over Lake Erie.

Yoga will be taught by Paula Gardner

Social distancing measures
will be in effect:
participants will be required to
remain 6ft apart

In case of rain, the event
will be cancelled

Presented by the Village Club

Recycling Dates

6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21, 9/4,
9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/28
(Sat), 12/11, 12/26 (Sat)

2020 Census

Hello Good Residents of Timberlake! As you know, the 2020 Census is in full swing! We as a community have done a good job, with 60% of our residents responding to the Census. It's time for us to all work together to make sure we get to 100%. It's important to remember that the results of the Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. It helps determine everything from federal funding to highway design and school lunches. Please take the time to complete your Census...our community will be impacted! See the link below for the timelines from the Census Bureau Website: <https://2020census.gov/en/important-dates.html>

Neighbor News

Aishwarya (Sunny) Sharma of Timberlake, Ohio, was among the students who received a doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) degree from Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine at the college's April 18 degree conferral.

The child of Dr. Ritu Sharma and Shreyasi Sharma (sister) of Timberlake, Ohio, in 2014 Dr. Sharma earned a bachelor's degree in biology with a concentration in pre-medicine and political science with a concentration in pre-law from Lake Erie College, and is a 2011 graduate of North High School in Eastlake, Ohio. After graduation, Dr. Sharma will begin a residency in Family medicine at MetroHealth in Cleveland.

Congratulations!

Good Timberlake Residents,

In Timberlake, we all take pride in our quaint, lakefront community. To maintain and improve the beauty of our community, we ALL need to work together. With a new, energetic Mayor, and fully engaged members of Council, both new and incumbent, we look forward to maintaining the beauty of our community and start a new era in our Village!

While the Village's Administration and Council will drive the bus in these efforts, it's incumbent upon every resident of Timberlake to accept the challenge of beautifying and maintaining this place we all call home.

To that end, the Mayor, members of Council and the rest of the Village Administration will begin the legislative and enforcement procedures that are necessary to ensure that we all know the proper guidelines. However, that is only half the battle. The most important cog in this process is all of you! We need every resident to be vigilant and take pride in our community. We (all Residents) need to take an active role in the beautification of our personal properties and Village.

Following is a brief synopsis of specific areas that will be the focus of the Village Administration's legislative and enforcement efforts. As we pass new ordinances, we invite all of you to be a part of the legislative process. More importantly, we ask that every resident take pride in your property, your neighborhood and YOUR Village.

The Village Administration's legislative and enforcement of property maintenance will take three forms: Adoption of new Property Maintenance Ordinances; Modifying existing Ordinances; and improved enforcement of existing Ordinances. Some of the specific issues the Village will look at include, but are not limited to:

A. BEAUTIFICATION

1. **Grass and Weed/ debris Control (Weeds, Overgrown Shrubs etc.)**
2. **Trash cans moved to the side of your property out of sight from the street.**
3. **Commercial Heavy Equipment vehicles /RV's, Trucks, Box Trucks, Boats, trailers etc.**
4. **Fire-wood stacking**
5. **Appliances (visible from the street)**

B. MAINTENANCE

1. **Peeling Paint on homes and Sheds (visible from the street)**
2. **Gutter and Hanging Downspouts**
3. **Overgrown trees and shrubs/dead trees and shrubs**

C. OTHER:

1. **Feeding wildlife, Feral Cats**
2. **Leash Laws**
3. **Signage and House numbers**
4. **Drainage Ditches**
5. **Trespass, Light Trespass (Spotlights) , Noise and Open Burning**
6. **Swimming Pools/Safety**

As we undertake this process, we look forward to each and every one of you showing the pride and perseverance necessary to maintain and improve our beautiful community!

Let's all meet the challenge and make Timberlake a shining jewel in Lake County and Ohio!

Very Truly Yours,

Timberlake Village Council



VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE - PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMPLAINT FORM

11 East Shore Blvd, Timberlake, Ohio 44095

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Email Address: _____

Address of Alleged Violation: _____

Please use this form to report any possible zoning or property maintenance violation(s) you observe. Mail or return this signed form to the Village Enforcement Office at the address listed above. Complaints will be investigated upon receipt of a signed and complete complaint alleging a violation of the zoning, building or property maintenance law or regulations.

Please note: In the absence of a signed complaint or a fully completed complaint form, a concern will be acted upon at the discretion of the Village.

Nature of Complaint: (Include all relevant facts – Attach sheets if necessary)

If requested, will you attend a Village Council meeting to explain your complaint? **Yes**___ **No**___

If no, please explain why: _____

Please be aware that if a citation is issued based on this complaint, you may be required to testify to the above complaint in a court of law.

Signature: _____

*****Village Staff Use Only*****

Received on: _____ (Date) **by:** _____ (Staff Name)

Investigation completed on: _____ (Date) **by:** _____ (Staff Name)

Ref Number: _____

Comments: _____

THE VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE: MAY 2020 MINUTES

John Marra, Mayor

JoAnne Clapp, Fiscal Officer

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Sherri Falkenberg **Vince Cronin** **Nancy Marra**
Ritu Sharma **Shannon Sharma** **Kimberly Saba**

TIMBERLAKE COUNCIL MEETING May 19th, 2020

The Mayor opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance followed by the prayer at 7:30 PM. He asked for roll call of the officers. All council members were present along with the Fiscal Officer, JoAnne Clapp. The Solicitor, Jeremy Iosue, was also present.

The Mayor and Ms. Falkenberg both attended the Ohio Sunshine Training and passed. All council members must do this training. The Mayor shared gratitude to Ron Mona and the entire team for purchasing flowers and updating the mulch around the Village. He also thanked the service men for their diligence in cleaning the village and keeping up with the storm damage. There was a lot of flooding at the last storm. The sewers are very undersized. The Mayor spoke with the engineer, but there is a hold on the funding from NOPEC as of right now. The Mayor said they are working on cleaning the basins. There were some basement flooding problems, which he also addressed. He spoke with the residents and recommended putting up splash blocks.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for March 10th, 2020.

Motion to approve: R. Sharma

Seconded: Falkenberg

Motion carried; Minutes approved.

PUBLIC PORTION

Please refer to the comments below:

- A resident asked about a stump at the end of her driveway; she is willing to pay for it herself, but she wants to see if the Village can give a rate to her. Her other question is can we plant trees on the Village property? She'd like to replace the tree on 100 Eastshore. The Mayor stated that when he sends out a quote, he will include that stump. In regard to the tree, the tree commission must meet and can look into it for the resident. She also asked about letters being sent about neighbors. She wanted to hear more about this.

Ms. Saba said that the complaint form starts a paper trail and reduces confrontation between neighbors. These are not meant to be malicious. Ms. Saba said that the council will go around the Village and note infarctions, this way there will be no diversions. This process will take time, but it will be done. The resident asked if they will be given warnings. Ms. Saba said the legal process will be followed.

- Another resident said he has never seen the Village this bad before. He said it is a mess. He was glad to see the ordinance letter and he hopes the Village will go back to the way it used to be. Mrs. Marra said this is right and she hopes that this will be improved in the future. He said he knows this council will clean things up.

The Mayor presented Ordinance 2020-02 and placed it on third reading: An ordinance, subject to an election pursuant to ORC 718.04, to amend section 880.01 (b), section 880.03 and any other related sections of the of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Timberlake in order to increase the income tax rate from one percent to two percent beginning January 1, 2021, and continuing thereafter for the purpose of providing police, fire and emergency medical services, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to approve: Falkenberg

Seconded: Marra

All were in favor of the Ordinance; Motion approved.

The Mayor presented Resolution 2020-02 and placed it on third reading: A resolution declaring the necessity of an election on the question of approving the passage of an ordinance to amend section 880.01 (b), section 880.03 and any other related sections of the of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Timberlake in order to increase the income tax rate from one percent to two percent beginning January 1, 2021, and continuing thereafter for the purpose of providing police, fire and emergency medical services, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to approve: S. Sharma

Seconded: Saba
All were in favor of the Resolution; Motion approved.

The Mayor presented Resolution 2020-03 and placed it on third reading: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to take all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant(s) and declaring an emergency.

Motion to approve: Cronin

Seconded: Falkenberg

All were in favor of the Resolution; Motion approved.

The Mayor presented Resolution 2020-04 and placed it on second reading: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to expend funds received from the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant and declaring an emergency.

Motion to approve: Falkenberg

Seconded: R. Sharma All
were in favor of the Resolution; Motion approved.

The Mayor presented Resolution 2020-05, a resolution amending the permanent appropriations funds for the Village of Timberlake, Ohio for the Year 2020 and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the rules: S. Sharma

Seconded: Saba

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-05: Falkenberg

Seconded: Saba

All were in favor of the Resolution; Motion approved.

The Mayor presented Resolution No. 2020-06, a resolution establishing the “2902 COVID19 Fund” of Timberlake Village, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Per Ms. Clapp, This special fund is to track COVID-19 expense in case we are able to obtain government funding.

Motion to suspend the rules: Falkenberg

Seconded: S. Sharma

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-06: Cronin

Seconded: Saba

All were in favor of the Resolution; Motion approved.

The Mayor presented Ordinance No. 2020-03, an ordinance authorizing the mayor of the Village of Timberlake to reaffirm their commitment with the Lake County Board of Commissioners to participate in the Urban Entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and for the utilization of funds made available by the housing and community development act of 1974 as amended, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the rules: S. Sharma

Seconded: R. Sharma

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-03: Falkenberg

Seconded: R. Sharma

All were in favor of the Ordinance; Motion approved.

The Mayor presented Ordinance No. 2020-04, an ordinance appointing Richard G. Shilling as a special patrol officer with the Village of Timberlake police department and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the rules: Cronin

Seconded: S. Sharma

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-04: R. Sharma

Seconded: Saba

All were in favor of the Ordinance; Motion approved.

The Mayor presented Ordinance No. 2020-05, an ordinance appointing Jessica M. Page as a special patrol officer with the Village of Timberlake police department and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the rules: S. Sharma

Seconded: Cronin

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-05: Falkenberg

Seconded: R. Sharma

All were in favor of the Ordinance; Motion approved.

The Mayor presented Ordinance No. 2020-06, an ordinance appointing Adam J. Nunns as a special patrol officer with the Village of Timberlake police department and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the rules: S. Sharma

Seconded: R. Sharma

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-06: Cronin

Seconded: Saba

All were in favor of the Ordinance; Motion approved.

Mayor

The budget had to be trimmed a lot due to a loss of revenue. There was a 30% cut in income tax this year. A revised budget was put out, which showed that by 2025 the Village will be \$74,000 in deficit running on the current budget. Hopefully the income tax will pass this year. The police department was on budget this month; zoning was on budget; tree budget was significantly under; the storm sewers was on budget as the catch basins were cleaned out in house; the auditor's report and insurance had to be paid, but finance department was on budget; there was some service repair on the loader, which Mr. Cronin was able to get a good deal on. A lot of the trees were cut down and the

stumps will be cleaned soon. The Village is looking into replacing catch basins.

Solicitor

There is nothing to report for the solicitor's report. There are four people watching the meeting at this time.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Clapp said there will be a public hearing on June 16th for the preliminary 2021 Budget Meeting, which has to be submitted in July. Current expenditures to date for prior administration late fees, penalties and auditor cost totaled \$21,124.58; there is still more to come when audit is complete. The normal estimated cost for audit is about \$7,000. After the math is done, it showcases an additional cost of \$14,124.58. The Village had to pay out \$4298 to the IRS for 2018 for employee withholding taxes, pushing the budget significantly higher. The reports online show the expenditure for April through UAN. Money was taken from the General Fund and moved to Paving fund as per the resolution that was passed in the beginning of the year. The Fiscal Officer will not be at the July meeting as she has vacation planned at that time.

The Chief was unable to access the monthly report due to being locked out. As soon as he is able to log in, he will submit the report to the secretary.

Finance/Ordinances/Record Retention

Ms. Saba does not have much to report today. She did submit a letter for amending ordinances to the council members and around the village. She wanted to see if anyone had heard any feedback. Mrs. Marra said she has heard positive and negative feedback. People are nervous about it. She informed them that everyone received the letter and it is not a violation at this point. This letter is part of the initiative to clean the Village. Ms. Saba said it is important to increase compliance with the fourteen points on that list. A complaint form was also created, which will be posted on the website and in Timberlake Times. This allows for a creation of a paper trail for issues. This can be dropped off at the Village Hall's mailbox or can be hand delivered to any council member. Mr. Cronin thanked Ms. Saba for her diligence on this. Ms. Saba thanked Mr. Iosue for his help on this matter.

Safety

He has no updates right now. Mr. Cronin thanked the police department for their diligence and being

proactive in the general public while being reactive in the Village. He spoke to another police sergeant about having an influx of individuals coming to the beach as pools have been shut down in the area. It is important to be proactive about the beach issue. This weekend will be nice, so it is important to stay vigilant.

Village Hall

Per Ms. Falkenberg, there have been some cancellations in reservations, but there are also still reservations coming in.

Recreation/Trees/Environment

Mrs. Marra reported there were four trees taken down thus far. There were 10 trees that had limbs pruned. There were 12 stumps ground out. There was also quotes on removing trees, which the lowest were approximately \$3000. The Village has been very understanding about the budget and has accommodated it.

Grants

Dr. Sharma reported she was given two recommendations for grants: one by the Chief for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Solicitation FY 2020 Formula Grant Solicitation and the other by the Mayor for COVID19 supplies grant. Sadly, for the emergency grant, we were not eligible as we were not part of the JAG program. As for the other grant, we were not eligible as the submission date was for April 17th and we found out about the grant on April 24th. She is still requesting grants and looking into new opportunities. The Mayor hopes we can get the funding at a later time.

Sewers

Ms. Sharma reported that there was a lot of rain a few days ago. She received several calls from neighbors. She did drive around the Village and saw flooding areas, which was reduced 3 hours later. The rain takes a lot of time to go down the smaller sewers, but they are clearing it after a few hours. There was a complaint from a resident about the sewers, but that issue was discussed with by the Mayor. The Mayor had talked to them and the resident snaked their sewers out, which had branches in it. Mr. Cronin stated that Ms. Sharma is doing a great job. However, with the rain, like last week, the residents must understand the Village is older and the sewers are small. He stated that he has three neighbors around him, and they all cleaned the drains together when it rained last. If residents use a rake to clear out the sewers, that

will help with the drainage. Sadly the Village has poor sewers, so this is a way to resolve the issue.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the March and April 2020 Financial Report.

Motion to approve: Saba

Seconded: Cronin

All were in favor.

Motion carried; Report approved.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve to pay Council for April due to Council meeting being cancelled because of COVID19.

Motion to approve: Falkenberg

Seconded: R. Sharma

All were in favor except Ms. Saba, who voted no.

Motion carried; Report approved.

The Mayor asked for a motion to appoint Mayor as Delegate and Fiscal Officer as Alternate Delegate to the Regional Council of Governments (RITA). Per Ms. Clapp, with RITA we need a government representative to attend the annual meeting and speak to the board.

Motion to approve: R. Sharma

Seconded: Falkenberg

All were in favor.

Motion carried; Report approved.

The Mayor spoke to a company to repair the beach gate with a lock on the outside as it currently is. There will 18 inches added onto the top of the gate and tapered on the side. The cost for this is \$460. The Mayor will donate this to the Village. A key will be made to be distributed to the Village. If a key is lost, a minimal fee will be charged for this. This will help to secure the beach. If someone tries to jump the fence, the police can pursue them.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM.

Motion to adjourn: Falkenberg

Seconded: S. Sharma

All were in favor.

The next Council meeting will be on 6/16/20 at 7:30 PM.