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# Announcements

## Recycling Dates 2020

### November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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## In Memoriam

Olga lived in Timberlake for half a century and my family was fortunate to live next door to her. She was a very sweet and kind person, yet not a push-over. She always stood for what she believed in including our precious animals in the Village. She is greatly missed by those who loved her and was one of a kind.

- Gregg Transky and Family

## COVID-19 Info

### WHEN TO WEAR A MASK

Do I wear a mask?	Yes	No
At home with people who live in your household		✗
Running errands (e.g., grocery shopping)	✓	
Visiting the doctor's office or pharmacy	✓	
Dining at a restaurant (when not eating)	✓	
Driving in a personal vehicle with people who live in your household		✗
Riding in someone else's personal vehicle	✓	
Taking public transportation	✓	

Using a mask combined with social distancing can help slow the spread of COVID-19.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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## Eagle Scout Project

Hello, my name is John Kanuch, I am a Life Scout from BSA Troop 91. I am currently working on my Eagle Scout Project which is planting trees around The Village of Timberlake to add to the natural beauty and canopy of the village.

If residents were interested in helping with my project I am requesting:

- \*monetary donations to buy the supplies needed
- \*adopting a tree and caring for it after we put it in the ground
- \*ordering commemorative plaques that I will create and put at the bases of these trees to honor someone you want to have remembered. These plaques will cost \$30 each.

Any checks made to support my Eagle Project have to be made out to Troop 91 and mailed or delivered to 68 East Shore Boulevard. Any requests for plaques or commitments to adopting a tree can be sent to my email at [johnkanuch91@yahoo.com](mailto:johnkanuch91@yahoo.com).

I'm currently hoping to have my project completed by the end of this November, and by the time this is out I'll hopefully be started on the work days. Thank you for any and all support you can give!



## THE VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE: OCTOBER 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 October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 thanked everyone in compliance with the ordinances. This year, trick or treating will be from 6-8 PM on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please follow the guidelines as noted in the Timberlake Times. Please leave a porch light on if your home will be participating in the festivities.

The Mayor asked for a motion to promote Alicia Nagey to a paid Police Officer at a rate of \$9.00 per hr.

Motion to approve: Falkenberg

Seconded: S. Sharma

All were in favor; Motion approved.

The Mayor asked for a motion approving the hiring of Kalonji Osaze and Mansell Baker as Auxiliary police officers.

Motion to approve: R. Sharma

Seconded: Cronin

All were in favor; Motion approved.

All officers were congratulated in their roles and sworn in.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Motion to approve: Marra

Seconded: R. Sharma

Motion carried; Minutes approved.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the council work session.

Motion to approve: Falkenberg

Seconded: Marra

Motion carried; Minutes approved.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Please refer to the comments below:

- “Have we ordered the stop signs for East Shore? The Mayor noted they were bought last year. People don’t even do a slow roll through; they blast right through the stop sign. I authorize the police department to sit there in my driveway and ticket those people. My address is 8 Minnewawa.” The Chief noted very little revenue is made from ticketing for the stop signs.
- “The banner idea is a good idea and considerable; if we go through with it, it could be posted by the basketball fence as a tribute area. It would be nice to know what chemicals are being used on the inside of the buildings.” Mr. Transky also recommended having a wheelchair for people that need it. Ms. Sharma said she will try to donate one. Dr. Sharma said she would be happy to do it.
- Linda said she had a complaint about the flag; it was not raised when it should have been. “The least that we can do is adhere with the flag. Somebody needs to take care of that”; the Chief said they will take it on.
- Debbie King said it might be helpful if the community and everyone knew what the police department does. It used to be in the Timberlake Times, but no longer is. The secretary noted it is in the minutes. Ms. King also asked why we are now creating the Tree Commission. Mrs. Marra noted it

is a requirement. She asked lastly to ask the family where they would want the banner placed. Mrs. Marra said they definitely will discuss that. Ms. King asked if she has a boat in her yard, does it need a license plate? The Chief said there is a loophole that if you live within 5-6 miles of the water, you don't need a license plate.

- Mrs. Marra noted that a resident asked her to read the following letter. This is from 19 Owaissa. William passed away in April of this year, was a resident since 1957, and a former naval. This individual wanted council to discuss the hometown heroes in Willoughby. She requested this idea and Mrs. Marra noted she loved the idea. His five adult children would like to erect a hometown hero banner in his memory. The Morgan Litho company vendor has been contacted and will be getting back to the family. This is a formal request for the Village Council to vote on displaying the banner. The costs will be donated by the family. It is their understanding that the banner is put up annually by the municipalities service department and taken down around veteran's day. If it is will exorbitantly expensive to remove the banner, the family will pay for the costs. The family will hold off on ordering the banner until it is approved by Village. Mrs. Marra said she has not had something like this, but it was respectful, and she wanted to present it as she loves the idea. She said she didn't know where to go with this but wanted to present it. Mr. Cronin thought this was a great idea and it would be a good idea to open it to other residents too. Mrs. Marra noted they are covering all costs. If they are paying the expense, we should accommodate them. Ms. Sharma recommended making a motion to present this at the next meeting after discussing quotes with the printer. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Mrs. Marra said initial letters for enforcement have been sent out. It's still a

problem, but we are working on it in terms of legalities. A resident asked why Villagers are not following the laws and complying with the ordinances. The Mayor noted everyone will be cited if they do not comply. Right now, we do not have the manpower to do this; but we will as we increase the manpower. The Chief said that since police officers here are paid \$1/a year. They have other full-time jobs that prevent them from coming to the court for the citation hearing. Police officers will likely quit the police department if they have to lose out on money from their full-time jobs. In which case, we will lose police officers and will need to rely on other cities. Mrs. Marra said they are discussing this issue with other cities to find a solution to this issue. The Chief said that Willoughby had 80 applications. Eastlake had even less than that; they did not even get 40 applicants to come sit for the test. Willoughby and Eastlake pay much more than our Village does. Here, it is only \$9/hr. The police officers make \$1/year and are required to work 24 hours a month. The Chief said that some of the vests in the Village are expired. A recent police officer was shot and that could have happened in the Village where police officers are only making \$1/year. The Chief said he took this job for the people in the department that he knew. He noted that this is a dying profession, but he tries to grab the new individuals from the academy. He said that he is worried about the instincts of the kids in the academy. He said he has been teaching in the academy for 12 years. He is trying to do the best that he can to support the Village. Ms. Clapp said that the City of Painesville cannot even get lateral transfers. The test in Mentor had only 75 people pass to fill 6 spots. The Chief said nobody wants to be a cop anymore. Sooner or later, people will need to answer their own requests. He noted that the Black Lives Matter movement asked for the public records dating back to 2007. It will take him

about a month to finish. Another officer noted it will take over 100 hours to fulfil. A resident noted it is very nice to hear the Chief speak as people do not know everything the officers do, how they risk their lives to help the Village. The Chief noted a lot of people care about the Village, even though they are part time, including himself. He said that Villagers will say that they see police officers in the driveway of the Village Hall. However, most of the time they are there filling out reports for complaints. He also urges his officers to not stop anyone unless absolutely necessary due to risks of COVID. He said he is not trying to get his officers sick, just like everyone else. If there is a jerk driver, they will get a ticket certainly, but they will try to do it from a distance. He noted he doesn't want his officers getting sick. The Chief noted that his fuel budget currently is \$0.

- Dr. A. Sharma emphasized the importance of wearing masks and reiterated that the current law stands that all individuals in Ohio must wear facial coverings in public at all times when:
  - At an indoor location that is not a residence
  - Outdoors, but unable to maintain six-foot social distance from people who are not household members
  - Waiting for, riding, driving, or operating public transportation, such as a taxi, a car service, or a private car used for ride-sharing.
  - The order only requires those 10 years old or older to wear a mask. Additional exclusions include:
    - Those with a medical condition or a disability or those communicating with someone with a disability;
    - Those who are actively exercising or playing sports;
    - Those who are officiants at religious services;
    - Those who are actively involved in public safety; or

- Those who are actively eating or drinking.
- Mr. Transky said that there is no way of knowing if the police officer is inside of the police department. Is there a way of addressing that there is someone in the building or not? He noted he realizes that if there is an emergency, how can he know if there is a police officer available? The Chief noted that if someone is bleeding out, they should call 911. If there is a green or red sign telling if the police officer is inside, then burglars and thieves can see the sign as well. There is also a doorbell that chimes inside. He would not recommend knocking as it will be too hard to hear. They can also call the non-emergency dispatch number.
- Mr. Transky asked in the event of protracted litigation, what types of litigation are paid under the employment contractor? He noted those will not be additionally billed; only civil lawsuits are billed additionally per hour. He noted pretty much everything he does is covered under the annual salary.

The Mayor presented Resolution No. 2020-19: A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Vitalones for tow service and declaring an emergency. The contract is here and ready to go per the Mayor.

Motion to suspend the rules: Cronin

Seconded: S. Sharma

Motion to approve: Falkenberg

Seconded: S. Sharma

All were in favor of the Resolution; Motion approved.

The Mayor presented Resolution No. 2020-20 and placed on first reading: A resolution authorizing the fiscal officer to transfer seventy thousand dollars and ninety-five cents (\$70,000.95) from the general fund (1000) to the sanitary sewer debt service fund (3101) \$141763.90; paving improvement debt fund (3902) \$48977.29; police cruiser debt fund (3903) six thousand eight hundred forty-nine and seventy six cents (\$6,849.76) for year 2020, and declaring

and emergency.

The Mayor presented Resolution No. 2020-21 and placed on first reading: A resolution approving the permanent appropriations funds for the Village of Timberlake, Ohio for the year 2021 and declaring an emergency. Per Ms. Clapp, this can be changed up until December. She hopes to keep the public more informed if the levy passes. The entire list will be on there, including wages and utilities along with gas. The way the budget is currently set, we are deficit spending. We may need to go into watch or emergency if we continue to spend this way in the next few years. If we fall into this category, we have to have approval for everything we do per Ms. Clapp. In the current budget, there is no money available for a major disaster. If the levy passes, we may be able to change this.

The Mayor presented Resolution No. 2020-22 and placed on first reading: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Love Insurance Agency to provide for the continuation of property and casualty insurance coverage for Village property and declaring an emergency. There can be more quotes for this next year.

The Mayor presented Resolution No. 2020-23 and placed on first reading: A resolution requesting the County Auditor to make advance payments of taxes for the year 2021. This is so council knows that this allow the county to send us the property taxes in February. This has to be passed for the Village to get the advance. This was started

The Mayor presented Resolution No. 2020-24 and placed on first reading: A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Timberlake, Ohio, to hire Stefanik, Iosue, and Associates as Village Solicitor and setting the duties and salary and declaring an emergency.

The Mayor presented Ordinance No. 2020-08 and placed on first reading: An ordinance authorizing and approving the appointment of Vince Cronin as Street Commissioner of the Village of Timberlake, Ohio, pursuant to the provisions of section 735.31

of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency. (For 2020 it was Service Council Chairperson) This position is for \$1/year. It is a voluntary position.

### **Mayor**

The income tax levy needs to pass as we are in deficit spending, per the Mayor. The last levy lost by 17 votes for police, fire, EMS and general fund. This levy is needed for every fund. The tree budget and service budget will rely on this. The truck is 20 years old; the trees are deteriorating around the Village. The Village will need another zero-turn lawn mower for back up. The streets will need maintenance, as well. There have always been problems with the storm sewer. The blockage by Waban was taken care of by Wyatt. There are restrictions noted, as well, that have been spot repaired. We have saved money by manually cleaning some of the sewers. The split rail fence by the park has to be replaced, as well, along with the carpet in the Village Hall. The Mayor wants to stress to please support Issue 1. He will reach out to Eastlake for a discount for Fire/EMS, but it will be difficult due to COVID. He says it is usually a set fee so he doubts we will be able to get anywhere with that as they have already lost revenue on the Captain's Stadium. Mr. Cronin noted that the Village received the street grant from Lake County Commissioner Street Grant. We received \$4487.50 and spent everything.

### **Solicitor**

Mr. Iosue noted that his wife is due on 11/11, so he will likely not be in attendance for next month's meeting, but Jason will be here.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Ms. Clapp explained the fund summary for September to the public. She printed it out for residents. The general fund is \$1000. The starting balance was \$185057.75. This money is transferred out to pay for the debt. There are restrictions for what the money can be used for. The month to date revenue was only \$23675.44. The year to date revenue was \$585819.46. The COVID fund was \$68439.59. There was more COVID money this



month, which can be used for the EMS payment. 23351.16; Ms. Clapp is trying to keep transparency with the Village. The last date to make purchase in the year 2020 is Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> - all invoices must be in by Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> unless it is an emergency. Ms. Clapp sent out the webinar and ethics training documentation to all of council. The webinar is helpful, but not as good as the in-person sessions. There is a conflict of interest webinar coming up; they last 20-25 minutes. Another Village was noted to have a conflict of interest; not here. The Council Minutes should say draft on them unless they have been approved. Council's approval is needed for grant money. Audit report 2016-06 states that they find an additional council member whose term began 01/19/2018 was paid \$1500 in total. The recalculation showed that for 7 months of service; they should have received \$1050 and were overpaid. This was Liz. Mr. Iosue has gotten in contact with the Attorney General's office in regard to next steps for this. He will bring this information back to the Council. It may need to be discussed in an executive session as compared to general session.

Ms. Clapp noted that Governor DeWine has 1.3 billion dollars going to Ohio businesses. The money is being given back to employers. This second dividend is being provided to support employers. These checks will be mailed throughout the end of October. For struggling Ohioans, further funding will be announced in the near future.

#### **Finance/Ordinances/Record Retention**

Ms. Saba says she has nothing to report.

#### **Safety**

Mr. Cronin has no updates with safety. He noted that the income tax levy is not a tax increase. It does not tax the seniors, either. Most cities and villages are 2% anyways, per the Mayor.

The Chief reported 3 accidents, 3 animal complaints, 8 assists, 1 disturbance, 18 house checks, 20 investigations, 1 suspicious circumstance, 2 suspicious vehicles, 8 traffic stops, and 2 citations.

#### **Village Hall**

Ms. Falkenberg noted that hall rentals are down. No rental after October is scheduled until March 2021. The Hall has not made money this year at all; anything that has been made has already been used. There was no budget here to begin with. SurfPro is coming in the day after election day to sanitize the building and police department through the COVID fund. Euclid Glass will be coming in the next few weeks, as well, to automate the doors. They will replace the two-bathroom doors, as well, with COVID money. Pest Control will come in for \$100 a quarter. They have not been treating the interior for a long time; Ms. Falkenberg did not know that until an issue arose this past month. Another company is willing to come in and match their price. They will do the outside and the interior. Coming 2021, we will switch to them. Other cities will be doing the same. The Mayor noted we have an agreement with Agile plumbing company to make the equipment touchless in the Village. They will be coming in to do that through the COVID money. If the money is not spent, it will need to be sent back.

#### **Recreation/Trees/Environment**

Per Mrs. Marra, we have a beautiful canopy of trees, but we do not have money to maintain the trees. The Boy Scout Council has approved our Eagle Scout's project. With that being said, Mrs. Marra would still like to establish a tree commission with volunteers in the neighborhood. There has to be a council person on the committee but is open to volunteers. The last person just stepped up per Mrs. Marra. There are a lot of residents who have gone to Tree Academy and are very knowledgeable about this information. An arborist will guide the Eagle Scout project, as well. The Village Club did a great fall fest; the kids socially distanced and had a lot of fun. Everyone was very careful.

#### **Grants**

Dr. Sharma has registered for the Ethics training. Grants thus far that she has found require a match by the Village, which sadly we cannot afford.



### Sewers

Ms. Sharma noted there was an issue at the sewer by the playground that Wyatt Works came and cleaned. They sent a quote for \$9582 to replace the sewer there. The cleaning was \$748; there have been no further blockages there. The catch basins are open and running even during the last 2 rainstorms. Wyatt Works were about half the price as the other quotes. Ms. Clapp noted that thus far the budget has \$23624.54 thus far.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the September 2020 Financial Report.

Motion to approve: Falkenberg

Seconded: Marra

All were in favor.

Motion carried; Report approved.

The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the donation of 2 new round waste can from Nancy Marra and John Marra. Ms. Clapp said donations have to be accepted or rejected during by the

council. There was a complaint about the trash cans by the doggy-stations. The Mayor found these trash cans with embedded lids, so they are self-contained and do not smell as bad.

Motion to approve: Falkenberg

Seconded: S. Sharma

All were in favor.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Motion to adjourn: S. Sharma

Seconded: Marra

All were in favor.

The next Council meeting will be on 11/17/2020 at 7:30 PM.

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The complete text of each ordinance or resolution can be obtained from the Fiscal Officer or viewed at the Village Hall.