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IMPORTANT DATES

| DATE | EVENT | TIME (LOCATION) |
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| MON, MAY 7 | <i>Committee Meeting: Recreation</i> <i>Committee Meeting: Trees</i> (both meetings open to the public) | 6-7pm 7-8pm (Village Hall) |
| TUES, MAY 8 | General Election | 6:00am-7:00pm (Village Hall) |
| SUN, MAY 13 | Mother's Day | |
| TUES, MAY 15 | Timberlake Council Meeting | 7:30pm (Village Hall) |
| MON, MAY 21 | Deadline for <i>Times</i> submissions | 5pm |
| MON, MAY 28 | Memorial Day | |
| THURS, MAY 31- SAT, JUNE 2 | Village-wide Garage Sale | 9am-4pm each day |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEACH CLEAN-UP: UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who came out and volunteered for our third Adopt-a-Beach clean-up!

20 volunteers donated time and helped us clean up 114lbs of garbage. We report our data to the Great Lakes Alliance who keeps a tally of all the garbage removed during beach clean-ups of all the Great Lakes shorelines. Thanks for helping us make a difference!

We hope to see everyone back in the Fall to do it again (mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept 22, 2018 at 9:30am).

IN MEMORIUM

Lori Stanton
(1963 - 2018)

St. Peter, open your Pearly Gates - Lori Stanton is on her way. Lori's death on March 31, 2018 is a tremendous loss to Timberlake and all those blessed to call her wife, mother, and friend.

Lori, thank you for sharing your love of life. Volunteers, please take note of Lori's dedication to serving our Village.

SAVE THE DATE

- Beach Night – June 15 @ 6pm
- Beach Night – July 20 @ 6pm
- Family Day Picnic – Aug 5 @ 1pm

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 refurbished court at the Village Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights at 6:30 and 7:00pm.

Teams play once per week from June through early September. Teams consist of 4 people so sign up as a team, a couple, or a single.

You don't need a lot of skill and we have a lot of fun so come and join us and meet some nice people!! Call Fred Bittner at **P: (440) 951-2992** to sign up or with any questions!!

HAMILTON TICKETS

The Village Club will be raffling off a pair of Hamilton tickets!

Stay tuned for your chance to win. Raffle details will be announced in the Timberlake Times and on our Facebook page (facebook.com/TimberlakeVillageClub).

RECYCLING DATES

2018 recycling dates: 5/4, 5/18, 6/1, 6/15, 6/29, 7/13, 7/27, 8/3, 8/17, 8/31, 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9, **11/24 (SAT)**, 12/7, 12/21

THE VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE: APRIL 2018 MINUTES

John P. Roskos, Mayor

John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Linda Murphy

Vince Cronin

Jodie Marsh-Coleman

Mike Stanton

Ritu Sharma

Shannon Sharma

TIMBERLAKE COUNCIL MEETING

April 17th, 2018

The Mayor opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance followed by the public portion at 7:30 PM. He asked for roll call of the officers. All council members were present, along with our Solicitor and the Fiscal Officer.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve March 20th, 2018 Council Minutes.

Motion to approve: S. Sharma

Seconded: Murphy

Ayes: Murphy, Cronin, Stanton, Marsh-Coleman, R. Sharma, and S. Sharma.

Nays: None

Motion carried; Minutes approved.

SAFETY

Mr. Cronin stated the department is working on fixing the police department. The wall by the Chief's office was taken down and the office is being cleaned every week by the Service Department. So far, the Village has received \$1100 from Vitalone's Towing on the \$2200 they owe. Mr. Cronin would like the money to be put into the police car acquisition fund, which will help defer the cost of the \$6,489.72 that was originally taken out. There is a Fleet Officer who will review the monthly bills through Vitalone's. The Chief is currently looking into enhancing the auxiliary unit of the department, which includes officers that are paid \$1/year. Since the last meeting, there have been policy updates which Mr. Cronin will bring to the Safety Committee. He also requests that the police department has a specific public records' request for police-related issues. Currently, it's the fiscal officer who takes care of these requests. The Fiscal Officer noted he forwards all requests to the police department. Mr. Cronin stated the new cruiser will arrive on 5/9; it will take 4 weeks to build the cruiser and the turnaround for delivery will be within one week after it arrives to the dealership.

Mr. Cronin presented Resolution 2018-11, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a three (3) year contract with Vitalone's Towing Service, Inc. for towing and various services.

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-11: Cronin

Seconded: Marsh-Coleman

All were in favor of the Resolution; Motion approved.

Mr. Cronin asked about passing resolution confirming the appointment of Alex Hyla, but the Mayor refused the appointment. Mr. Cronin answered a villager's question and stated that the recreational vehicle enforcement is done by the police department.

Chief Esser noted that he had numerous discussions with Mr. Laudato in terms of proof of residency or proof of knowing a Village member for guests attending the Timberlake beach. He stated that currently it is important to not send police officers toward civil liability, so options are being discussed on what the police department can do in terms of individuals visiting the beach. If there is an individual who doesn't live in Timberlake or know anyone in Timberlake, they will be approached by the Police Department and informed that the beach is not open to the general public. The Mayor clarified that Parcel A is approximately 5 feet off the most exterior wall of the Village Hall. Chief Esser stated that police department issues should not have a middle man and all requests should be done through the police department. Chief Esser stated that the police department did not receive all of the emails that were occurring between the fiscal officer and the requestee; these conversations were not sent to the police department until the Chief requested the emails from the fiscal officer. He denied these claims and said he did not agree with the implications. Chief Esser stated there are no significant updates on the bears; currently, there are no confirmed sightings immediately surrounding the Timberlake area. He said to be cautious.

Furthermore, in terms of the “No Knock” policy, the Chief discovered it doesn’t stop all solicitors, only for-profit solicitors, from coming on a resident’s property. This requires the Village to become a NOPEC community to take part in the “No Knock” policy. Eastlake has run the full course on this and Chief Esser is discussing with them the requirements of what documents must be passed for Timberlake to become a NOPEC community. If residents want to research, they can go on NOPEC’s website for further information. The Mayor stated that anyone that contacts him for a permit to solicit in the Village must provide a list of the individuals they will be soliciting and the individuals that are part of the soliciting team. He states he has given very few permits in the past several years. Chief Esser provided the monthly report for March. There were 22 incident reports, 34 traffic details, 222 house checks, and 40 community policing checks. The total activities logged were 409. He stated the police department has been generating about 90 candid activities a month on average. In the future, all activities will be comprised of calls for service or officer-initiated activities.

SERVICE

Mr. Stanton looked into replacing the street signs, which the law requires the Village to have by the end of the year. Out of 4 different companies, he narrowed it down to one company and has two designs currently requested for quotes. He is filling out two grants to pay for the signs; if the grant comes through, he will go with the more advanced signs, but if it doesn’t, he will go with the basic design. He stated that the service garage door opener had an issue that wouldn’t allow it to open. It was fixed today and reinforced by a company, which also realigned the garage door correctly. He stated that he contacted for dumpster quotes and found the 30-yard and 40-yard dumpsters were \$450 and \$550 respectively. If he was to use the current dumpster, have it filled, and taken away in a week, it would cost \$25/day. There are 2.5 loads that can be obtained with a 30-yard or 40-yard dumpster. This will be about 40 to 50 truck trips if we were to throw it away ourselves. He will brainstorm which option would be the cheapest. It’s a large pile of unusable wood chips, which need to be cleared and will help with aesthetics. The signs

at the beach and the park are also being evaluated. He is thinking of putting a more neutral sign at the park and moving the current signs to the beach. He is thinking of putting the signs up during the season and taking them away during off-seasons. Mr. Stanton stated that the Village Club was able to obtain 2 tickets to the Hamilton, which will be raffled off at the Village Picnic. Please keep a lookout for the information in the Timberlake Times. He stated that one of our service workers is currently out due to a health issue and is expected back in 4-6 weeks. The goal for the summer is to clean the islands and the hall property while doing improvements. If there are any ideas that the residents would like to propose, please email Mr. Stanton. He would like to focus on labor-centered projects. Furthermore, Mr. Stanton stated he lost his wife 2.5 weeks ago and has had a difficult month. He wanted to thank the Village for their kind thoughts and their help over the past few weeks.

TREES & RECREATION

Ms. Marsh-Coleman had a donation for the Rec Program and she is looking into buying a tennis court net, which was damaged. She is also contacting companies for quotes on the fence coordinating with the net. There are some really interesting ideas for summer programs for the children of the Village. There was also tree-work done in the past month and she has three more areas that she wants to target for when the tree service company returns.

Mr. Germano stated they are finalizing the deal on the parcel. He is currently going through Mr. Laudato’s records to finalize the complaint. The records must be gathered for several decades prior to filing the documentation. The beach property and the park are what is involved. This is a legal issue currently, and there are issues involving the ownership. The trustees of the property are currently the Village of Timberlake. He is hoping to file the complaint so that the property is only under the Village of Timberlake rather than prior owners or other individuals. Currently, filings must be done to get the property in the Village’s name. Ms. Sharma asked that once it goes into the Village’s name, would the council be able to dismiss the current warrants and charges against village members. Ms. Murphy clarified that the

council is current trustees of the property and therefore, could the council dismiss the charges. Mr. Germano stated he is unsure whether or not that can be done legally; however, the motion can be made and researched later. He stated that it is private property and the council is responsible for the property. Ms. Murphy asked why the council can't make a motion to drop the charges and make a complaint against these charges. Mr. Germano stated the council can make a motion and pass it, which will need to be reviewed and researched legally. He stated that the charges have been brought after a thorough investigation. Mr. Germano stated the council doesn't have the authority to dismiss the charges, even though they are the trustees. The village members asked who filed the complaint, and Chief Esser stated it was the Mayor. The Mayor stated that the two individuals being charged were told to not cut down the trees. The Mayor stated he made the original complaint as a resident. The Mayor asked villagers to hold their comments till after the meeting. Ms. Murphy asked if there is a criminal offense and she decides to drop the charges, will that take care of the issue? Mr. Germano stated no, and sufficient evidence must be found. He said that the property is private, and the two individuals did not have authority over it. Ms. Murphy asked if the council can give authorization to the two individuals to cut the trees. Mr. Germano stated that can't be done after the fact; and if it was done before, a statement with the police department must be made. Mr. Germano stated that Mr. Laudato informed the villagers that they could not cut down the trees. Dr. Sharma stated that she looked into quotes for clearing that area last year, so why are village members being incriminated for volunteering. Mr. Germano stated that this information needs to be presented to the police department.

FINANCE

Dr. Sharma asked about why the 5-mill levy was changed to a 7.5 mill levy. The fiscal officer stated that the 5-mill levy would only maintain the current services in the Village, but excludes funding for capital improvements, which is why the 2.5-mill increase was noted. Mr. Cronin stated that this was originally a 5-mill levy, but what capital improvements are being noted and why is it being increased by 2.5-mill. The Mayor answered is for

new radars, new stunt guns, a new roof for the Village Hall, a new truck for the service department, and a new police car. Mr. Cronin stated that it comes out of his expense account due to missing money and not from the levy fund. The Mayor stated that it would be an option for the Village in the future. He said the storm sewers and trees may also be part of the capital improvement. The Fiscal Officer clarified that one mill is .1% tax on the assessed value of the house, so 7.5-mill will be an additional 0.75% tax on the house. The money leftover would be used to pay off the road loan. Mr. Cronin asked why another excel presentation was not created for the increase in the levy; the Mayor stated that could be done. Mr. Stanton added that as council, it is their duty to be able to provide the villager members what their taxes are going toward. The Fiscal Officer said he had asked all council members their funding for their projects, which he did not receive yet. Mr. Stanton recommends that each department should have an acquisition fund that can't be touched by others. The Mayor said there is not enough money to put in the acquisition fund, which is why the levy increase was proposed. He stated that the levy passed in early 2000 is still generating the same amount of money, which is why an increase is necessary. Mr. Cronin asked where the 7.5-mill number came from. The Fiscal Officer stated his rationale was that there should be at least \$30,000 in the capital improvement fund. Ms. Murphy stated that many new council members are unaware of the costs of what might be needed in the next 10 years and that this should be clarified.

Dr. Sharma presented Resolution 2018-12, declaring it necessary to impose a new 7.5 mill tax levy for current operating expenses of the Village and requesting the county auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the Village and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that levy.

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-12: R. Sharma
Seconded: S. Sharma

Mr. Cronin was not in favor of the Resolution; the other members were; Motion approved.

Dr. Sharma presented Resolution 2018-13, approving and directing payment of certain bills by the Village.

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-13: R. Sharma
Seconded: Stanton

All were in favor of the Resolution; Motion approved.

Dr. Sharma presented Ordinance 2018-07, an ordinance amending ordinance 2018-2 specifically section 880.06 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Timberlake regarding municipal income tax and put it on third reading. She then made a motion to approve the ordinance.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-07: R. Sharma
Seconded: Murphy

All were in favor of the Ordinance; Motion approved.

SEWERS

Ms. Sharma stated there was a storm this past month and there was a blockage on Nokomis and some catch basins that need to be cleared. Ciro's came and bid a job for Owaissa along with Eastshore. This was the first bid and we are awaiting more bids for Nokomis before anything can be approved and changes can be made. The council is aware there are some blockages and are reviewing them.

Ms. Sharma presented Resolution 2018-14, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Ciro's to come in and take care of the catch-basin on Owaissa. This bid is to televiser and locate the existing storm line in front of 10 Owaissa. The storm line will be excavated so a future swale can be installed. They will remove a section of the line, install a 6" bed of stone, install a 2' x 2' x 3' concrete precast catch basin with a drop-in grate, connect the existing storm line inlet and outlet to the newly installed basin, haul all dirt and debris away and back fill with sand to grate, then top soil the excavated area. The total cost was \$2,980.

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-14: S. Sharma
Seconded: R. Sharma

All were in favor of the Resolution; Motion approved.

The sewer in Nokomis had a bid by Ciro's yesterday. There are three catch basins there that need to be looked into. The Mayor noted there is a clear blockage there.

VILLAGE HALL

Ms. Murphy presented Ordinance 2018-09, establishing the rates for rental for the Village Hall and Village Hall Pavilion and suspend the second and third reading. The rates will increase approximately \$25.

Motion to suspend second and third reading rule:
Murphy

Seconded: S. Sharma

All were in favor of suspending the second and third reading rule.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-09: Murphy
Seconded: Stanton

All were in favor of the Ordinance; Motion approved.

Ms. Murphy stated that most individuals moved here for the wholesome community and the beautiful lake. The hall was created by volunteers and it was that generosity which has been sustained in the village. This Sunday is Earth Day and the Village Club is having a beach clean-up. Some individuals have asked to clean off the hill, as well. Ms. Murphy said she would rather have volunteers plant flowers and fix up the issues around the Village Hall as compared to paying for these tasks. She is requesting village members to come and support the endeavors. The clean-up will start at 9:30 AM. The children can help with the park. Ms. Murphy stated this is the Village gathering place and belongs to all of us, so she hopes many residents will attend. There will be coffee and snacks. It will be moved to next month if the weather is bad.

Ms. Murphy would like to make a motion to dismiss all charges against Allen Peterson and George Transky.

Motion to approve request: Murphy

Seconded: R. Sharma

All were in favor; Motion approved.

Mr. Germano stated he is unsure if this is a lawful motion to make. Ms. Murphy asked to have this reviewed as soon as possible, as these individuals are going to court next week. He cautioned that other residents of the Village may not agree with the charges being dropped.

Ms. Murphy stated that Allen was suspended from his job working on the grounds. He has volunteered a lot of his time, besides just maintaining his position. Alan was on his own time when he volunteered on the hill and she feels that the suspension should be lifted. The Mayor stated that he will consider it and note it. Ms. Murphy asked why the council can't vote on the motion. The Mayor stated all employees report to him, so he will supervise Allen's work.

Ms. Murphy made the motion to reinstate Allen to his position with the Village.

Motion to approve request: Murphy

Seconded: R. Sharma.

All were in favor; Motion approved

Mr. Formica reported to the Mayor that the grants for the lights can be carried over every year. Ms. Murphy asked for the report and did not receive it. The Mayor stated Mr. Formica looked into the grants and stated that it can be carried over in 2019. The Mayor said that once the work is done, the money will be refunded by NOPEC. Ms. Murphy said she needs the specs for the lights to pursue further quotes. She is waiting on the information from Mr. Formica, who estimated a \$9000 job. Mr. Stanton got a quote for \$110/per fixture, and there are 36 fixtures. The quote was given to Ms. Murphy, and she will pursue others, as well, after receiving the specs.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Motion to adjourn: Stanton

Seconded: Marsha Coleman

All were in favor.

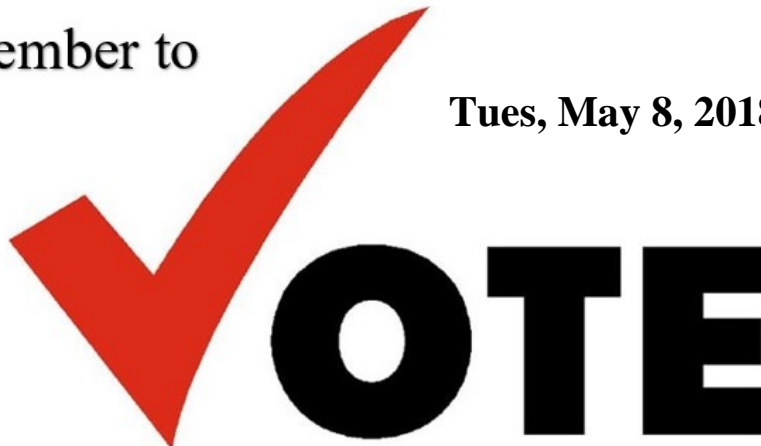
John H. Roskos, Fiscal Officer

John P. Roskos, Mayor

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

Remember to

Tues, May 8, 2018



VILLAGE CLUB EVENTS

Timberlake Neighborhood Garage Sale 2018

Thurs, May 31 – Sat, June 2
9am-4pm



\$10 to participate

Includes:

Garage Sale Permit

- Ad in the News-Herald and online
- Map of all houses in the neighborhood
 - Balloons for your house

**DEADLINE for
SIGN-UP &
PAYMENT:
Friday, May
25!!!**

Contact Jackie Orabone at 440-815-1951 or
jackelyn.orabone@gmail.com (email is preferred)
with any questions and/or to reserve your spot.

Fee is payable by cash or check (made out to
"Timberlake Village Club").