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Announcements

Luminaries

This time honored tradition begins with your help as Timberlake lights up the Village on Christmas Eve. Over one thousand milk jugs filled with sand and a votive candle are displayed on the median of East Shore Blvd and on the public islands of the Village. When you place your own luminaries along your driveway and the edge of your lawn, you can help keep this holiday spirit alive! Do you have extra milk jugs? Drop them at the service garage for us!

We will be filling jugs beginning at **10am on Saturday, December 18**. Please join us and bring the whole family – many hands make light work!

The luminaries will be placed on the E Shore median and the public islands of the Village on **Dec 24 at 10am** by volunteers. We need help!! Please join us starting at the service garage that morning. If you have a truck – even better!

Instructions for making luminaries are as follows:

- Using a clear milk jug, cut a “U” shaped flap in one side of the container; discard cap.
- Put about 2” of sand in the bottom of the jug for weight.
- Place a candle in the sand. A 10 hour votive candles work best.
- Light with a small butane lighter.

Huge thank you to Cindy Hardwick who again has donated all the luminary candles in memory of her husband, Scott. We will light up the night in his memory.

Help Village Club Decorate the Village for the Holidays

Please join us on **Sunday, December 5 at 10am** to decorate the exterior of the village hall and the street signs. We will have coffee and donuts for all!

Christmas Party & Santa Visits

The Village Club Christmas party and Santa visits will remain on hiatus in 2021. We hope to return in 2022!

Timberlake Gear Sale

Hoodies make great Christmas gifts!!

Available for purchase by either cash or check to "Timberlake Village Club". All are unisex styles. Interested? Contact Julie (216-235-6101) or email her at gjingent@hotmail.com

All proceeds go toward funding Village Club events. Photos of all gear are on our Facebook page.

Recycling Dates 2021

12/3, 12/17, 12/31

Announcements

Return to Timberlake

I was in sixth grade when my family moved here in Timberlake. We moved from Stevens Blvd and Eastlake so we were not far away. I had no idea that this place was even here, and I remember thinking even being that young, how beautiful it was.

I enjoyed riding my bike all around, and I made friends with a several kids my age here. Going to the playground was fun, and I actually practiced skiing on that small hill, and playing tennis. There was also some woods near there where myself and a girlfriend got a terrible bout of poison ivy! I helped my brother on a paper route for the News-herald here, and would ride my bike around early in the morning with my small dog. The folks here were always so kind to me!

I helped my mom do the Christmas jugs each year, and we loved that Community holiday charm. My friends and I would go around Christmas Caroling.

The beach was my favorite place. My mother and I both spent multiple hours enjoying walking the entire length of the beach, making bonfires, watching sunsets, and even sunrises.

My mom had sold the corner house on Owaissa, and built a new cape cod home on the second lot they had next to it.

I left in 1980, and happily returned to assist my mom as she got older, and it's here I remain after she died. She always loved it here, and it's a joy to have Timberlake Village my home!

-Denise Noda Verdi

Thursday Lunch Bunch

We will have our next Luncheon Thursday, December 16, at 12:00 at the Croatian Lodge. Please bring canned goods as we are making a contribution to the Food Bank. We have decided since to continue the luncheon through the Winter months. In January we'll go back to the 4th Thursday of the month, at 12:00. No need to make a reservation just SHOW UP!

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

Village of Timberlake Council
Regular Meeting
Held at the Village of Timberlake Hall
at 7:30 PM
November 16, 2021

Mayor John Marra presiding.

Roll Call of Council Members Present:

Cynthia Hardwick, Krista Kanuch, Nancy Marra, Stanley Roediger Jr., Dr. Ritu Sharma and Shannon Sharma.

Personnel in Attendance:

James O'Leary	Solicitor
Joanne Clapp	Fiscal Officer
Susan Scofield	Police Chief

Public Comment, Good & Welfare:

Mayor informed the public that they have 3 minutes per subject to present their concerns, comments, or questions to Council and they would be address later in the meeting.

Mayor extended a Thank you to Village Club Mary Beth Germano for the village clam bake.

Reading & Disposition of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Dr. Sharma and seconded by Stanley Roediger Jr. to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on October 19, 2021. All members of Council present voted yes.

A motion was made by Nancy Marra and seconded by Dr. Sharma to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Work Session Meeting held on November 10, 2021. All members of Council present voted yes.

Purchases & Approvals:

A motion was made by Nancy Marra and seconded by Shannon Sharma to authorize the Equus Group LLC invoice in the amount

\$1,500.00 to be paid out of the Council contractual line. All members of Council presented voted yes.

A motion was made by Stanley Roediger Jr. and seconded by Dr. Sharma to approve the October 2021 Financial Reports. All members of Council presented voted yes.

Legislation:

Resolution No. 2021-40

A resolution requesting the County Auditor to make advance payments of taxes for the year 2022.

First Reading: 10/19/2021

Second Reading: 11/16/2021

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Resolution No: 2021-41

A resolution authorizing the fiscal officer to transfer fifty-nine thousand seven hundred fifty-nine dollars and forty-four cents (\$59,759.44) from the general fund (1000) to the sanitary sewer debt service fund (3101) fourteen thousand one hundred seventy-three and ninety cents (\$14,173.90); paving improvement debt fund (3902) forty-five thousand, five hundred eight-five and fifty-four (\$45,585.54); for year 2022, and declaring and emergency

First Reading: 10/19/2021

Second Reading: 11/16/2021

Resolution No. 2021-43

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer 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.

First Reading: 10/19/2021

Second Reading: 11/16/2021

Resolution No. 2021-44

A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to revise zoning fees for the Village of Timberlake and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Mayor suggested adding a fee for storage pods.

First Reading: 10/19/2021

Second Reading: 11/16/2021

Resolution No. 2021-45

A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to establish a Capital Fund (4902) for the replacement of a service truck for the Village of Timberlake and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/19/2021

Second Reading: 11/16/2021

Ordinance No. 28-2021

An ordinance amending section 208.03, Public Record request policy of the codified ordinances of the Village of Timberlake and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/19/2021

Second Reading: 11/16/2021

Ordinance No. 29-2021

An ordinance enacting Chapter 1463 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Timberlake, Ohio, pertaining to the regulation of vacant structure within the Village of Timberlake, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/19/2021

Second Reading: 11/16/2021

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Ordinance No. 30-2021

An ordinance amending section 470.10, parking and storage of recreational vehicles of the codified ordinance of the Village of Timberlake and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 11/16/2021

Ordinance No. 31-2021

An ordinance amending a credit card policy of the Village of Timberlake and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 11/16/2021

Ordinance No. 32-2021

An ordinance amending Chapter 1026 trees, and renaming section 1026.02, responsibility of homeowner of the codified ordinances of the Village of Timberlake and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 11/16/2021

Resolution No. 2021-46

A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to establish a Capital Fund (4903) for the renovation of Village Hall for the Village of Timberlake and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 11/16/2021

Resolution No. 2021-47

A resolution the Mayor to hire Jeffrey Meeks as a Lieutenant for the Timberlake Police Department and declaring an emergency.

A motion was made by Nancy Marra and seconded by Stanley Roediger Jr. to suspend the rules. All members of Council that were present voted yes.

Discussion: Council is approving pending drug testing.

A motion was made by Stanley Roediger Jr. and seconded Dr. Sharma to pass Resolution No. 2021-47. All members of Council that were present voted yes.

Resolution No. 2021-48

A resolution approving the permanent appropriations funds for the Village of Timberlake, Ohio for the Year 2022 and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 11/16/2021

Ordinance No. 33-2021

An ordinance repealing ordinance 4701.01, left turns from Waban Street onto Lakeshore Boulevard from the codified ordinance of the Village of Timberlake and declaring an emergency.

A motion was made by Cindy Hardwick and seconded by Krista Kanuch to suspend the rules. All members of Council that were present voted yes.

A motion was made by Nancy Marra and seconded Krista Kanuch to pass Ordinance No. 33-2021. All members of Council that were present voted yes.

Department Reports:

Mayor:

Mayor informed Council that we are receiving complaints about trash cans.

Mayor extended a Thank you to James Summers for doing the repairs on the service truck and he is a well experience employee.

Mayor extended a Thank you to Brent Garden and Steve Piroso for the good job.

Mayor requested residents to remove leaves from around catch basins.

Mayor extended a Thank you Stanley Roediger Jr. for his work on the year 2022 budget.

Mayor is planning a Special Council meeting on January 4, 2022 for the swearing in of the newly elective Council members.

Mayor is planning for Council to hold an executive session before the January 18, 2022 to interview for new Council members to fill the empty Council seats.

Mayor informed Council that we have been experiencing internet/emails and presented to Council his request for approval on the Equus Group quote.

Solicitor:

Solicitor informed Council that he will work on rental properties ordinance for next council meeting.

Council Members:

Cynthia Hardwick-

Ms. Hardwick inquired why is there so much push back in reference to abiding our ordinances.

Krista Kanuch-

Mrs. Kanuch informed Council that the Village Hall carpets will be cleaned in the near future.

Nancy Marra-

Mrs. Marra informed Council that two more trees will be removed on Waban next week.

Mrs. Marra extended a Thank you to Debbie King and the Eagle Scout for taking care of the trees.

Mrs. Marra extended a Thank you to Village Club for their assistance with the clambake.

Mrs. Kanuch requested residents to donate their plastic milk jugs for the Christmas

luminaires and they maybe drop off at the Service garage and to please tie them together so they don't blow away.

Stanley Roediger-

Mr. Roediger Jr. informed Council that everyone has received a copy of the budget.

Mr. Roediger Jr. informed Council we are getting quotes for new village hall ceiling, repairs to restrooms and heating units.

Dr. Ritu Sharma-

Nothing at this time.

Shannon Sharma

Ms. Shannon Sharma informed Council she had not received any complaints about the sewers.

Fiscal Officer:

Nothing at this time.

Police Chief:

Read the October report as follows – 911 (1); Accident (1); Administrative Referrals (1); Alarm (2); Animal (3); Assist (6); Beach Check (7); Civil (1); Court (1); Community Policing (55); House Check (152); Investigation (7); Lockout (1); Patrol (1); Phone (2); Parking Violation (1); Property (1); Scam (2); Suspicious Person (2); Theft (1); and Welfare Checks (3)

Zoning/Property Maintenance: (absent)

Mayor informed Council that the Zoning/Property Maintenance issued four permits last month.

Public Comment and Questions (may be

directed at the Mayor or Council members only, and is limited to 3 minutes per subject):

Shannon Sharma read the following from Greg Transky

Dear Shannon,

Could you please read the statement (below) in the council meeting tomorrow night so it

will be in the minutes and the Timberlake Times? I do not attend the meetings in person due to the lack of mask wearing.

Much appreciated.

Gregg

The following are my concerns which I am emailing because of the lack of safety in the Council Meetings. Most people are not wearing masks and I have no idea if people are vaccinated.

This is not to be interpreted as everything was perfect in Timberlake's past. We have had our rough and turbulent times in the past but it was never a race to the bottom.

1. My priorities are not boats, trash cans, trailers, etc. None of those have ever led to a fatality while being parked.

2. Stop being disingenuous to residents at council meetings. Zoom always records the truth.

3. Stop slandering your neighbors, especially the ones that displayed your political sign.

4. Keep your hatred and vitreal in check when you dislike a council member. Use executive sessions or discuss issues in private.

5. Instruct the police when to use their authority vs. when a mental health expert should be consulted.

6. As our Solicitor could advise, there is the letter of the law and the spirit of the law. Why the sudden hard-nosed enforcement of ordinances that have destroyed the spirit of this neighborhood, in a time of economic hardship and a global pandemic? It appears that this is being promoted by a select few at the expense of all others in the community. It is evident that there is selective enforcement that was discussed with the Chief and the Solicitor several months ago.

7. Let Timberlake be a free spirit and not a cheap knock-off of a gated community. Maybe some individuals would be happier in Waite Hill.

8. Why a 3 minute limitation per subject? Mentor, a community of nearly 50,000 has a

3 minute limitation. Why such a limitation for a community barely over 600 people?

9. Treat those who rent here as equals and stop the discrimination. We have had owners living in Timberlake that have been convicted of the following: pedophilia, major drug dealing, spousal abuse, spousal killing, etc. None of those people rented here. I can verify this in private with the police.

10. Establish a Point of Sale with thorough house inspections. Timberlake is one of the few communities which does not demand this, which is a gross oversight since our housing stock is 50+ years old. Outdated electrical wiring such as fuse boxes vs. breakers exist. This is a safety issue for all of us.

11. Stop denying reality and admit that there was an incident during and after the September council meeting. Obviously, there is a correlation between the attendance of a large audience in September and just barely a handful in October.

If anyone on council has questions about my concerns, please don't hesitate to communicate with me. These 11 statements are just footnotes.

As Morley Safer (60 Minutes) commented about a conflict in SouthEast Asia, a commanding officer stated, "We destroyed the village in order to save it". We have witnessed some horrible meetings in 2020-21, let's hope we can reason, argue then compromise for the greater good.

We have to stop destroying what can be a great community once again.

Thank you for your time,

Gregg Transky

Atty. O'Leary stated he could not answer all of his concerns and that he has met with them. Angry words are not unlawful words.

Kevin Thompson 91 East Shore Blvd.—I don't think the issue is the three minute per person but the problem is per subject.

Krista Kanuch informed the public when we sworn in we are required to uphold the ordinance/resolutions.

Stan Roediger Jr. suggested we change to the Council meeting start time. Village Solicitor to write an ordinance to change the start time to 6:30 PM and that it should be done in three readings.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Krista Kanuch and seconded by Stanley Roediger Jr. to go into executive session for confidential matter and invite newly elective Council member Kevin Thompson at 8:45 PM with not action being taken afterwards. All members of Council present voted yes.

A motion was made by Stanley Roediger Jr. and seconded by Nancy Marra to return to regular council meeting at 9:17 PM. All members of Council present voted yes.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Shannon Sharm and seconded by Dr. Sharma to close and adjourn the regular council meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Next Council Meeting 12/21/21@ 7:30 PM