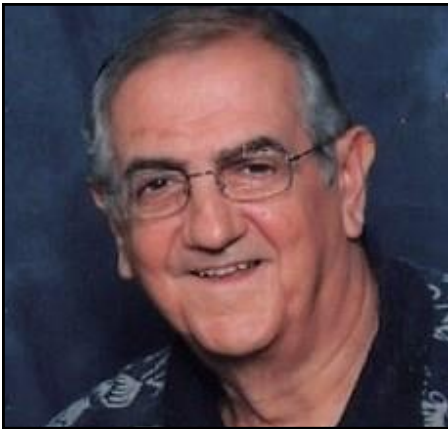




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Remembering Ron Mona



and a loyal volunteer to the needs of the village. Ron was instrumental obtaining flags for our boulevard and relentlessly organized our yearly family day parade. He served as president of the men’s club and was elected as man of the year. He also continued on the tradition of the luminaries. In addition, he was known as the spearhead of the ethnic dinners back in the 1990’s that were remembered as being enjoyable by all.

Dear Villagers,

We have lost a very special villager, friend, and a great man in Timberlake, Ron Mona. Ron passed May 22, 2022. We lift his wife Jane and his entire family up in prayer for their great loss.

Ron truly loved Timberlake. He and his family moved to Timberlake 45 years ago. Just as Ron served our Country, he served as a councilman,

Timberlake’s 75th anniversary is this year. We celebrate on August 7, 2022. According to Ron’s yearly plan, we will have our parade. Because it’s our 75th anniversary, Ron REALLY desired a firework display. In true Ron fashion, he persisted to get it done. Ron knew how to raise funds. He raised the funds for our fireworks display, once

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again proving what a great promoter and organizer he was for the village. He made the visits and made the phone calls and found the donations! The loyalty and love that Ron demonstrated towards the village was enduring. We hope as you watch the fireworks this year with your family, that you remember Ron. He loved our country and loved Timberlake. Ron was as American as baseball and apple pie. He loved Timberlake and felt the 75th anniversary would not have been complete without the fireworks. Thank You Ron for your patriotism, your service, and your love of Timberlake. You will be greatly missed by all. Every colorful firework we see in the night sky on the evening of family day will make us think of you. You did it again, Ron. You made Timberlake’s 75th anniversary extraordinary. Thank You. You will be greatly missed.

*Village of Timberlake
Mayor and Council*

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“Timberlake,” A History

Editor’s Note: 25 years ago long-time resident Alan Curtis of the Timberlake 50th Anniversary Committee wrote a brief and wonderful history of the Village that has been provided to us by his daughter Gail Curtis Morse. In the coming months we will be publishing excerpts from Alan’s history. We hope you enjoy it as we prepare for our 75th anniversary.

**Mr. Alan Curtis
50th Anniversary Committee
July 19, 1997**

On September 25, 1513, Vasco de Balboa, a Spanish explorer, climbed a hill on the Isthmus of Panama and viewed the then known Caribbean Sea. To the west, he saw, the vast “South Sea,” or the Pacific Ocean.

In the 16th century the European community knew little of the “hour glass” form of the Western Hemisphere. Thus, subsequent charters, granted by European monarchs, often included “sea to sea” descriptions. So the land now known as northeastern Ohio was claimed by several entities.

Most of the states resolved post-Revolutionary War conflicting claims giving claim to their western lands to the new federal government. Connecticut, however, “reserved” part of her western territory. She yielded her

“sea to sea” claim but retained a strip of land extending 120 miles west from the Pennsylvania border and approximately 50 miles south from Lake Erie. The area included all or part of fourteen (14) present Ohio counties and was and is called the “Western Reserve.”

The state of Connecticut set aside the western end of the Reserve to compensate citizens who had suffered most during the Revolution. They sold the eastern portion to a group of investors who formed the Connecticut Land Company. The company sent out surveying teams in the summer of 1796 and 1797. The first group was led by Moses Cleaveland whose name, though misspelled, was given to his last stop at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River.

It was during these years that many settlements were established primarily at river mouths including the Conneaut,

Ashtabula, Grand, and Chagrin. The surveyors divided land into five (5) mile square townships and reported the quality of soil, water and geography of each region. The development of the hundreds of communities which eventually would locate in the Western Reserve had begun. Timberlake became one (1) of these communities.

Lake County was incorporated in 1840 having formerly been part of Geauga County and a small portion of Cuyahoga County. Our present “West Lake County” included the Villages of Willoughby (incorporated 1853), Wickliffe (1916), Willowick (1922), Lakeline (1929). Interestingly, our immediate neighbor, Eastlake, was not incorporated, first as a Village, until 1948.

June Recycle Dates
6/3, 6/17

Timberlake Lunch Bunch

Come join us for the monthly Timberlake luncheon held every 4th Thursday. This month’s luncheon will be June 23 at Trader Jack’s on the Chagrin River off Lakeshore Blvd.

Enjoy present and past neighbors for conversation and memories.

Mark your calendars for future luncheons: July 28, Aug 25, and Sept 22. Locations to be announced.

Village Club News

Fireworks Update

To celebrate 75 years, Village Club would like to have fireworks at the Family Day Picnic on August 7. If you plan on donating, the deadline is June 30. Donations can be dropped off to MaryBeth Germano at 36 Shawondassee, 440-477-5024.

Upcoming Events

Bonfire at the Beach - June 17 at 6:30 pm - come join your neighbors for some s'mores on the beach. BYOB.

Paint and Wine Night - July 9 at 6 pm - In the pavilion. Join us for an unforgettable event of friends, fun, wine and painting. We provide the paint supplies and Nadia will guide guests step-by-step through a featured painting. Bring your favorite wine and an appetizer to share. Limited seats. \$30 per person. Call Nadia to reserve your seat - 440-530-0204.

Ice Cream Social - July 29 at 6:30 in the pavilion. We provide the ice cream. Bring your favorite topping. BYOB.

Family Day - August 7 Parade at 1 pm, picnic immediately following. Family Day is a long standing tradition in Timberlake. Kids can decorate their bikes and be in the parade. We throw candy to those who are watching. Immediately after the parade everyone bring their dish to share (please make sure this feeds at least 8 to 10 people) and heads to the Village Hall for hotdogs, beer, popcorn, entertainment, and games. Fireworks, if we have them, will be after dark. Bring a blanket or chair to watch. We will have a 50/50 raffle, so don't forget to bring cash!

Volunteer Needed

Village Club has an open secretary position. If you like to volunteer and be part of the party planning, please reach out to Julie Gjinplaku or attend a VC meeting the second Tuesday of every month.

We also need help with the above events! Anyone in the village can attend the meetings.



75th Anniversary Parade

Calling all kids and families for the best Timberlake Family Day Parade ever! Get your bikes, scooters, wagons or whatever you'd like to decorate ready to be in the parade on August 7.

A day and time to decorate will be announced soon. We hope to have the most families ever in the parade.

Memories of Timberlake

My family began its Village experience in a newly built concrete block house built on a lot of trees on Owaissa Dr. It was 1951 and I was three years old at the time and my three brothers and I thrilled at the ability to explore the many empty forested lots, playing cowboys and indians. We moved when I was seven to 13 Minnewawa Drive and my family made it their home until my parents' deaths in 2008/2009. My memories of the early years in Timberlake are of a great deal of infrastructure work—the building of tar covered roads, the planting of trees on the center strips of the double wide streets, the buildup of sewer and sanitary systems, the building of our Village Hall, the night spraying of DDT to try and control the mosquito population (they didn't know the dangers of DDT then), the many pancake breakfast fund raisers at the Village Hall, the annual June beach cleanups and my largest memory of all was the annual July 4th bike parade and fair in the park adjacent to the village hall. My father, and many others, were the strong volunteers who literally "built and maintained" the Village to its bucolic splendor. Such a wonderful place to grow up!

I am glad his work will be made public to the present residents. It is an interesting glimpse at the history of Timberlake Village.

*Sincerely,
Gail Curtis Morse*

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

Village of Timberlake Council
Regular Meeting
Held at the Village of Timberlake Hall at 6:30 PM
May 17, 2022

Mayor John Marra presiding.

Roll Call of Council Members Present:

Ryan Konrad, Nancy Marra, Dr. Sharma, Kevin Thompson;
Cynthia Hardwick was absent (excused).

Personnel in Attendance:

James O'Leary	Solicitor
John H. Roskos	Fiscal Officer (Absent, excused)
Sue Scofield	Chief, Police Department
Gary Gray	Zoning

Opening of Meeting 6:30 PM

Meeting began at 6:30 PM with the pledge of allegiance, and the Mayor's opening prayer.

Public Comment, Good & Welfare:

Comments from the public:

Jane Shaveyco (14 East Shore) - Read letter written by by Gregg Transky of 57 East Shore Blvd; letter provided history of resident Mrs. Van Dusen, and the many contributions she made to the life of the Village, and talked about the tree planted in her honor on the grass island in front of Parcel A. Suggested another tree should be planted to replace it. Also spoke of parking issues caused by Village Hall rentals. He is against paving over the grass island for additional parking.

Debbie Shaveyco (12 East Shore) - Spoke against paving over the grass island, as well.

Hollie Goddard (10 East Shore) - Read a letter from residents inquiring about April 19 Council Meeting, and Resolution 2022-23 and why it was considered an emergency measure. Also, inquired of purpose of paving over grass island, and what issues would necessitate that; asked how many spaces would be gained et cetera. Gave suggestions for alternative use of funds.

Debbie King (43 East Shore) - Agrees with previous comments about parking over grass island. Thinks that center strips should be mowed by residents again (along with taking care of weeds); would help lower Service Department costs.

Reading & Disposition of the Minutes:

Regular Council Meeting 4/19/2022- a motion was made by Mr. Konrad to approve the April 19, 2022 minutes; seconded by Dr. Sharma. Roll call; all members of Council present voted in favor.

Legislation:

a) Ordinance No. 5-2022 (2nd Reading)

An ordinance addressing the provisions of Amended Substitute HB 172 concerning the right of municipalities to retain the regulations and prohibitions on the discharge, ignition, and exploding of fireworks that existed prior to the enactment of Amended Substitute HB 172 and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 5-2022 was presented for Second Reading.

b) Ordinance No. 6-2022 (1st Reading)
An ordinance authorizing the creation of the rank of Detective Sergeant within the Timberlake Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 6-2022 was presented for First Reading.

c) Resolution No. 2022-25 (Rules Suspended)
A resolution authorizing the Mayor to promote certain Police Officers of the Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

A motion was made by Mrs. Marra to suspend the three reading rule; seconded by Mr. Thompson; all were in favor of suspending the rules.

A motion was made by Mrs. Marra to approve Resolution No. 2022-25; seconded by Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson inquired as to the purpose, and whether this is ongoing or just for certain police officers at present time; this is only a particular instance per the Mayor. Mr. Konrad spoke about having promotions being an administrative duty only, and asked who is being promoted (Sgt. Brown to Lt. Brown). Roll call: all were in favor of the Ordinance.

Department Reports:

a) **Mayor:** Has been difficult to mow due to the rain; does like Mrs. King's idea to ask residents to mow center strips. Mayor said it is difficult to get everyone onboard, however; he did ask for volunteers to spray weed killer if possible (later rescinded idea after additional discussion). Mr. Thompson inquired as to whether this had been done previously. Mayor indicated that Jerry Fox used to spray. Mr. Thompson expressed concerns about residents walking animals near toxins. Mayor spoke about issues with parking on the median.

b) **Solicitor:** Nothing to report; will be out of town a few days next week, however.

c) **Council Members:**

Cynthia Hardwick (absent) - See Mrs. Marra's report

Ryan Konrad - Nothing to report; sewers have been doing their job, in spite of heavy rainfall. Did get quotes for grates; other than that, everything copacetic. Does appreciate feedback, and camaraderie of the community; thinks having residents cut the median is also a good idea. Talked about issues with weeds.

Nancy Marra - Hall is booked, and busy. There have been a couple issues with people trying to rent the Hall that are not residents; residents must be present for event. Also spoke about grass island, and parking issues at Hall; same problem has existed since Hall was built. Talked about ideas from residents of monitoring people coming to Beach. (Note from Fiscal Officer- some of audio was inaudible and could not be transcribed).

Dr. Ritu Sharma - Thanked the Chief, and Mr. Konrad for sharing information about grants. Had a meeting with Pete Formica about OPWC grants, preliminary application and the scoring system. Last year asked for \$90,200; half would have been paid by Village. 2021 Storm Sewer Basin Grant-missed by 3 points; Village received 62 points- we needed 65 points. Will pursue Catch Basin grant again. OPWC grant deadline is May 27. Sidewalk Grant would be 40% for planning, 60% for construction; deadline is September 15. Also spoke with the Chief about the Body Camera Grant; police department will pursue.

Kevin Thompson - Observed some cracks, and divots in roadway; gave list to Mayor. Our engineer will take a look at, and put together a plan to address.

d) Fiscal Officer (absent):

Monthly Financials (presented by Mayor Marra) - General Fund - ending balance through April 30 is \$276,652.25, after accounting for committed or encumbered expenses. Month to date revenue was \$57,198.01 vs expenditures of \$46,442.04, a net difference of \$10,755.97. There were no significant expenditures in our remaining funds (\$582 was paid out of our 9901 Hall Rental Security Deposit Refund FUND- one was a partial refund for \$82.00). General Fund Revenue through April 30, 2022 is up \$48,981.21 versus last year, primarily due to increased income, and property tax collection. Estimated end of year surplus based on current expenditure rates will be approximately \$39,000; this would not include transfers to the Village Hall, and Police Cruiser Capital Fund of \$20,000 each. With those transfers, the Village would be looking at a deficit of approximately \$1,000 for the year.

e) Police Chief:

For the month of April - 1 911 call, 1 accident complaint, 4 administrative referrals, 1 alarm call, 3 animal complaints, 4 assistance calls, 37 community policing events (beach checks, playground checks), 1 disturbance, 1 hazard complaint, 158 house checks, 11 investigations, 1 phone complaint, 1 prowler complaint, 2 suspicious circumstances, 1 suspicious person, 1 threat complaint, 1 traffic citation, 1 traffic complaint, 1 vandalism complaint, and 1 welfare check; a total of 233 calls.

f) Zoning/Property Maintenance - Mr. Gray- 3 driveway, 1 siding, 1 window permit this month.

Purchases & Approvals:

A motion to approve the April, 2022 Financial Reports. Dr. Sharma made a motion to approve the April Financial

Reports. Mrs. Marra seconded the motion. Roll call: all members present voted in favor.

Public Comment and Questions (may be directed at the Mayor or Council members only; reserved for follow-up questions on topics discussed at today's meeting):

Jane Shaveyco (14 East Shore) - Complimented the Service Department for cleaning up the hill by the Beach, enabling better visibility for residents. Spoke about Parcel A, and how it should be for only park and beach. Believes we should replace the tree that was taken down. According to her, many residents are in favor of this. In order to spread fertilizer on public land, you need to have someone with a license complete the work. Later asked if sign on the other side of the fence can be removed; discussion followed; also spoke near end of meeting about Hall Rentals, plowing, parking, ruts, drainage et cetera (additional discussion followed).

Debbie King (43 East Shore) - Heard a rumor about people climbing over fence, or breaking lock at the Beach; is this true? (Someone is trying to open the gate now; Chief is investigating).

Mayor says residents need to call Central Dispatch if they see someone attempting to trespass; this creates a record, so it can be addressed. Mayor has received complaints after the fact about people climbing the fence, but nothing can be done unless it is reported immediately (If you see something, say something). Further input from the Mayor, residents, and Council about this issue occurred; Mr. Konrad indicated the new gate is already bent.

Hollie Goddard (10 East Shore) - Inquired again about why Resolutions in April were listed as emergency measures. Why was Renewal Levy Measure considered an emergency? Mayor indicates that it needs to be placed on the ballot. Mr. O'Leary indicated that the Resolution undergoes scrutiny by the Board of Elections; did not want to be in a situation, where we would not have enough time to make changes, if it was required. She is concerned about use of emergency clause.

Mayor reviewed Resolution regarding bids for paving the grass island. Was not for any other reason; would still need a committee meeting to discuss. Mrs. Goddard made additional related comments; Mayor indicated that bids were too high, and project will not go forward. There was additional discussion (See also above under Jane Shaveyco).

Adjournment

Mr. Konrad made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Sharma seconded the motion. Roll call: all members voted in favor of adjourning. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 PM.

Called by: Mayor Marra Posted

Next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM, following the Tax Budget Hearing at 6:15 PM.

Fiscal Officer, John H. Roskos Mayor, John Marra