



# THE TIMBERLAKE TIMES

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## Timberlake Memories

Dear MaryBeth,

We wanted to thank you and the committee for all the time and effort putting together the Timberlake anniversary celebration. It was such an enjoyable day!

Looking back on growing up in Timberlake, it now seems like we were living in our own Mayberry. With our shared memories, reconnecting with former neighbors and friends was as if no time had passed. As kids we all loved the Fourth of July. We didn't really grasp what we were celebrating but the annual parade, the festivities at the park and the fireworks one of the highlights of the summer. This

gathering brought back so many fond memories. My parents belonged to a circle of friends who are always playing practical jokes on each other. The year my dad put in a new sidewalk in front of the house, which seemed to take all summer, once it was completed a sign appeared in our yard stating "The summer of ???." As children we saw the adults attend Village sponsored dinners and parties. The Christmas Dinners our parents dressed up and looked to us like they've stepped out of a fashion magazine. Quite differently the Halloween parties challenged them to be funnier or more outrageous. One of the costumes my dad wore still makes me laugh is when he dressed up as a ballerina. All 6'1" of him and a pink tutu complete with hairy legs

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and army boots. Of course there were all sorts of things for the kids to do at the height of the baby boom they were families with multiple children everywhere! I remember trick or treating , Egg hunts, Christmas caroling with hot chocolate, the luminaries came later, picnics on the beach and looking for glass stones for craft projects, walking and riding bikes everywhere, taking piano lessons, playing at the playground, sliding in the winter down the hill, and babysitting. I'm sure there are more but these are the ones that came to my mind at this time. As I watched the grand finale of the fireworks on Saturday night, it occurred to me how fitting and how nice to have begun my childhood in this lovely village. Again, thank you and please express our appreciation to the committee for the Timberlake anniversary celebration.

*The Crotser family.*

### **October Recycle Dates**

10/7, 10/21

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## "Timberlake," A History

*This is the 4th and final installment of a history of our village written for its 50th anniversary by Alan Curtis*

### **But, the roads, the roads, it's the roads, stupid!!**

Our most aggravating, if not the Village's biggest problems was certainly the roads. For the first ten (10) years of incorporation we were able to cajole a Willoughby company, Daniels Brothers Fuel Company, to come by on a Saturday with their tanker at negligible cost. Volunteers filled the holes with gravel (shovel & rake brigade), poured a thick petroleum sludge we called "cold patch" over the evened out roadway. We then patted it down with Daniels huge roller. This activity was done via large quantities of sweat and even larger quantities of beer. The fact that no one ever ended up under the roller remains one of the great Timberlake mysteries!

The roads remained passable and the children were covered with tar which they tramped through their respective homes. The mothers cursed both the road repairs and the kids and the day usually ended in a series of parties in which everyone partook and celebrated that year's fresh, smooth sticky roads. Good fellowship prevailed!

Timberlake's safety forces were organized and equipment purchased. We had volunteer police and firemen and a mayor's court was initiated for infrequent misdemeanors. A garage was constructed at the eastern end of Keewaydin to house the 1934 open cab Ford fire truck which was purchased in 1954 from Mentor Village with money earned via a large raffle organized by the volunteer fire department. While we continued to purchase fire protection from larger communities our truck performed valuable service in responding to frequent brush fires and flooded basements. As one of Timberlake's first major purchases, the fire truck was a symbol of civic pride.

During our early years council meetings were held in resident's homes, primarily in the basement of our first Mayor, George Klein. As attendance at council meetings grew, it exaggerated our need for a community building. However, with increased pressure for permanent road improvement, sanitary sewers, improved surface drainage and occasional urging for a public swimming pool, street lighting, paved sidewalks, etc. the building did not materialize at this time.

It should be stated that for the first thirty (30) or more years of incorporation all public servants served for the generous compensation of \$1.00 a year. Only the Clerk/Treasurer and the Solicitor received any significant pay. With an initial annual budget of \$2,800.00, which grew to only \$24,000.00 over the next twenty (20) years, the nickels and dimes were closely watched.

During the late 1950's attention was focused on our storm water system. A few catch basins and manhole covers that had not been lost due to the annual "cold patching" and subsequent road raising provoked curiosity about just what Elworthy-Helwick had left behind. A great treasure hunt by a former group of city people ensued and a rather extensive, although incomplete, storm water system was found, cleaned, and mapped. That it has not proven to be sufficient capacity for needs at present is regrettable and requires future improvement. However, it is much better that it was forty (40) years ago.

In 1963, our sanitary system was installed to the relief of everyone with the exception of mothers who had to again address the hordes of filthy kids, soiled from playing in all the

## **History (from page 2)**

fresh excavation. Our sanitary system continues to serve us well and remains one of Timberlake's better improvements.

In 1959 a great event took place. The time had come to address the matter of a public building to accommodate storage of our village vehicles, accumulated public records and most welcome, an adequate place for community assemblage.

A solicitation was made to our neighbors, The Illuminating Company, who responded with a very generous contribution. One of our residents was an architect who engineered and designed a sixty (60) x thirty (30) cement block building to be reinforced like a bomb shelter. This designer, a Dutch immigrant, experienced the destruction of World War II had wrought on much of Europe.

In 1959, our nation was involved in a Cold War with the then Soviet Union and there existed the considerable concern over a possible bomb attack on our shores. Thus, the original building was built with that possibility in mind. At your next opportunity, inspect the heavy beamed ceiling and reinforced concrete lintel running the parameter of the structure. Talk about built to last!

The new addition to the Village was thoroughly enjoyed but rapid population growth mandated the need for more room, primarily to host community and social gatherings.

The same bunch who volunteered to build the original structure tackled a sixty (60) x fifty (50) addition which was more tastefully decorated. This building project was completed in 1969.

There were no public monies involved in either of the building projects. The necessary funding was raised by donation and private enterprise. The materials involved were either donated or purchased at greatly reduced prices and the labor was virtually all voluntary. The women of the Village participated by providing on site lunches. A regular Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. schedule was maintained with all the day's activities organized with men scheduled to perform specific tasks before they even arrived.

Each of these activities was enthusiastically participated in and the citizenry was drawn into an even a closer community. What now is frequently referred to as "Timberlake Spirit" was expanded and strengthened by these accomplishments.

For many years the Men's and Women's Clubs collaborated in organizing a 4th of July carnival which was great fun. The event started with a parade and culminated with a grand fireworks display. On July 4, 1969, an unexpected and ferocious storm struck the greater Cleveland area. The storm was particularly devastating to lakefront property on both sides of the city. It hit

Timberlake in the late afternoon at the height of our activities. Dozens of trees were downed, many homes and cars were either destroyed or severely damaged. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries, in large part, due to the shelter provided by the new building for the hundreds of people gathered at the park.

Again, a great outpouring of volunteers was quickly organized. It took three (3) days to clear roads and weeks to clean up the debris, again cooperation prevailed.

This Village history purposefully omitted the names of individuals who contributed to our Village's founding and the success it has enjoyed over the past fifty (50) years. The list is legion and their efforts outstanding. I salute all of them.

During the years preceding my retirement from "regular" employment, my wife and I were fortunate to have visited many areas, of our country, that our peers matriculated to over time. We have seen California, Arizona, the Carolinas and other attractive parts of our great nation. When I asked her where she would prefer to live out the balance of our time, she replied "I think I like it best right where we are." I concurred and in the past nine (9) years, nothing has happened to cause us to change our minds.

Respectively,  
Alan Curtis

**IMPORTANT:** As of press time, election issues were being contested in some states. AARP strongly recommends confirming voting dates and other details by going to [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) before submitting your ballot. You can also get updates at [aarp.org/ohvotes](http://aarp.org/ohvotes).

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### How can I register to vote in the election?

► **Online:** To register, check the status of your registration or update your address, go to [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) under Register to Vote. To register or update your information, you'll need a current Ohio driver's license or Ohio state ID, and the last four digits of your Social Security number.

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles also offers voter registration when you apply for or update a driver's license or state ID card. ► **By mail:** Download and print an application at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) under Register to Vote in the What You Need section. Mail your completed form to your county board of elections office. It must be postmarked by Oct. 11 for you to vote in the Nov. 8 election.

A directory of county boards is also linked in the What You Need section. You can also call the Ohio secretary of state's office at 877-767-6446, extension 1, and request that an application be sent to you.

► **In person:** Forms are also available at any county board of elections office or Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles location, public high schools and libraries, and at some government agencies. A full list of locations is on the Ohio secretary of state's website.

The deadline to register to vote in the election is Tuesday, Oct. 11.

### How can I get an absentee ballot?

Ohio is a no-excuse state, which means all registered voters can apply for and receive an absentee ballot.

► **Online:** Fill out an application at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov), under Vote by Mail. Then print and mail it to your county board of elections.

► **Phone and mail:** Have an application mailed to you by calling your county board of elections office. You can also make and mail your own application. Instructions are in the Vote by Mail section at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov).

► **In person:** Visit your county board of elections to ask for an application. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is noon on

## NOV. 8 ELECTION



# OHIO

## KEY DATES

**Voter registration deadline**  
Tuesday, Oct. 11, postmarked

**Early in-person voting**  
Wednesday, Oct. 12, through  
Monday, Nov. 7

**Deadline to apply for a mailed absentee ballot**  
Saturday, Nov. 5, noon

**Deadline to postmark absentee ballot returned by mail**  
Monday, Nov. 7

**Election Day**  
Tuesday, Nov. 8. Polls are open  
from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

More information at  
[aarp.org/ohvotes](http://aarp.org/ohvotes) and the state's  
official site, [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov).

Nov. 5—the Saturday before Election Day.

### How do I submit my absentee ballot?

Mail your completed ballot (with proper postage) to your county board of elections. It must be postmarked no later than Monday, Nov. 7, and received within 10 days after Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Absentee ballots can also be returned in person to your county board of elections office starting Wednesday, Oct. 12, until 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Drop boxes are available at all county board of elections offices. The deadline to deposit ballots in a drop box is also 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

### Can I track my absentee ballot?

Yes. Go to [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) and click on the

Track Your Absentee Ballot section under Vote by Mail.

### Can I vote in person before Election Day?

Early in-person voting will be available from Wednesday, Oct. 12, through Monday, Nov. 7. Most counties provide early voting at their county board of elections offices, except for Lucas and Summit, which have early voting centers.

You can find hours at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) under Vote Early In-Person.

### When are the polls open?

Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Find your polling place at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) under Vote on Election Day. You can also call the Ohio secretary of state's office at 877-767-6446 for assistance.

### Do I need identification to vote?

Yes. You must bring ID with you to the polls. A complete list of acceptable IDs is under Voting Information at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov).

If you do not have an acceptable ID, you may provide either the identification number of your Ohio driver's license or Ohio state identification, or the last four digits of your Social Security number, and cast a provisional ballot.

Your ballot will be counted after your information is verified by your board of elections. If you don't have such information, you can still cast a provisional ballot, but you must return to the board of elections office within seven days after Election Day with an acceptable form of ID to have your ballot counted. —*Catherine Maddux*

## RACES TO WATCH

- U.S. Senate:** One seat
- U.S. House:** All 15 seats; Ohio lost a seat after the 2020 census.
- Governor and lieutenant governor**
- Attorney general**
- State House:** All 99 seats
- State Senate:** 17 of 33 seats
- Other state and municipal offices**

Scan this code with your smartphone camera to link to the Ohio secretary of state's page or go to [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov).



# Flying the American Flag

*Editor's Note:* The following is an excerpt from *Guidelines for Display of the Flag* by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and features the guidelines that would likely pertain to displaying the U.S. flag here in Timberlake.

Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it is illuminated during darkness. The flag should not be subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during rain, snow, and wind storms unless it is an all-weather flag.

It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays and special occasions.



When the U.S. flag is displayed, other than from a staff, it should be displayed flat, or suspended so that its folds fall free. When displayed vertically against a

wall, the star field (canton) should be at the upper left and when it can be seen from both sides place the canton so it is to the north or east, depending on the direction the flag is facing.

The flag may be flown at half-staff to honor a newly deceased federal or state government official by order of the president or the governor, respectively. On Memorial Day, the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon.

## Things that should not be done with the U.S. flag

Out of respect for the U.S. flag, **NEVER**

- Display it draped or drawn back in folds. Draped red, white and blue bunting should be used for decoration, with the blue at the top and red at the bottom.
- Dip it for any person or thing, even though state flags, regimental colors and other flags may be dipped as a mark of honor.
- Display it with the union down, except as a signal of distress.
- Let the flag touch anything beneath it: ground, floor, water, merchandise.

- Carry it horizontally, but always aloft.
- Fasten or display it in a way that will permit it to be damaged or soiled.
- Place anything on the flag, including letters, insignia, or designs of any kind.
- Use it for holding anything.
- Use it as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery.
- It should not be used on a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be attached to the uniform of patriotic organizations, military personnel, police officers and firefighters.
- Use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on paper napkins, boxes or anything else intended for temporary use and discard.

## Timberlake Lunch Bunch

Come join us for the monthly Timberlake luncheon held every 4th Thursday. This month's luncheon will be October 27 at a NEW LOCATION, El Palenque Restaurant, 35520 Vine Street, Eastlake.

Call MaryBeth Germano at 440-477-5024 for details.

## Timberlake – 1945

We took up abode one bright autumn day  
In a beautiful Shangri-La woodland  
Abounding in squirrels and ring-tailed racoons,  
And a barn owl to hoot in the nighttime.

A virginal spot where the trees grew tall  
And the wildflowers flourished in season:  
A candle to shine here and there through the trees,  
And the area as yet quite un-peopled.

Abundant with growth in myriad forms,  
Lake Erie lapping its edges:  
A road running by to take us to town  
And keep us in touch with our brothers.

Elizabeth B. Southworth

## Andrew John Ford

Andrew John Ford of St. Louis MO, formerly of Timberlake OH, passed away Aug 19, 2022. Andy is survived by three children, Amber, Isabella, and Louis, and by daughter Susan and two brothers, James and Joseph. His mother Elaine still resides in Timberlake.

Andy attended St. Justin, Lake Catholic, and North High School. He spent four years in the Marine Corps and was promoted to Lance Cpl at Cherry Point, NC. He graduated cum laude in physics from North Carolina State University. Funeral services and military burial were held in St. Louis Sept 19, 2022.



# TIMBERLAKE VILLAGE CLUB

## Upcoming Events

The Village Club runs all of the events in the Village. If you like to plan parties, please join us at the next Village Club Meeting on Wednesday, Oct 12 at 7 pm at the Village Hall.



**Fall Fest -**  
Saturday, Oct 8  
from 1 to 3 pm.

**Pumpkin Painting -**  
\$6 per pumpkin.

Contact Julie at 216-235-6101 to reserve your pumpkin! Popcorn, candy, games!



**Christmas Hall  
Decorating -**  
Saturday, Nov 26,  
10 am to 1 pm.  
All welcome!



**Luminaries -** Save  
your milk jugs!  
Every Christmas  
Eve Timberlake  
Village Club puts  
out luminaries.

We use gallon or half gallon plastic milk jugs, fill them with sand and a candle, and line our driveways and property. It is magical to see.



**Timberlake  
Christmas  
Dinner -** Save  
the date -  
Saturday, Dec 17  
at 6 pm – ticket prices TBD

Celebrate the holidays with your neighbors! We have a catered dinner with a white elephant gift exchange. BYOB.

**COUNCIL AGENDA  
VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE**

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022  
Work Session 6:00 PM**

Work Session began at 6:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance, and the Mayor’s opening prayer.

**Roll Call of Council Members Present:**

Ryan Konrad, Jerry Joyce, Nancy Marra, Kevin Thompson, and Cynthia Hardwick. Dr. Sharma was absent

**Personnel in Attendance:**

James O’Leary      Solicitor  
John H. Roskos      Fiscal Officer

**Discussion of Ordinance 10-2022 Regarding Peddlers**

- Chief was not in attendance, however, she put together some recommendations, and also provided Council with a copy of Bay Village’s Ordinance.
- The Mayor recommends tabling the Ordinance, redoing, and bringing back on 3 readings.
  - o Draft of the Ordinance needs a major overhaul.
- Discussion regarding the Do Not Knock section of the Ordinance; this can be through NOPEC’s system or our own. There would be more administration for the Police if we have them handle (Third Party would be better).

**Review/Discussion of HVAC Quotes for Village Hall**

- Mayor provided Council and Fiscal Officer with a spreadsheet of the quotes, and reviewed.
  - o Received quotes from 8 companies; Chief was also present for quotes.
- Upstairs ductwork is a mess; needs to be reorganized. There are only 4 registers currently.
  - o Contractors that understand the complexity of the situation include Anderson, Smylie, Burrier, Relmec, Kobella, and Bryan.
- Least expensive with Carrier equipment was Anderson.
  - o 2 Stage units are very efficient; top of the line; 10 year warranty parts, 2 year warranty for labor.
- Amana is generally of a lower quality.
- Longevity of any equipment depends greatly on installation (all quotes include metal duct work)
- Discussion of difference in proposed units 80,000 btu, 100,000 btu, tonnage, et cetera
  - o We need 3 units total.

- Discussion of efficiency ratings, comparison of units, differences between the various Anderson quotes.
- Air purifiers are in addition to the main quote, but is what helps us utilize American Rescue Act funds for the project.
- Mayor recommends going with Anderson ( 2-5 tons, and 1-3 ton unit)
  - o Discussion of how long it would take to recover costs.
  - o Bigger savings would be experienced on heating.
  - o Approximately 2 days for installation time.
  - o Quote does include permits.
- Would need a Resolution for the Contractor, \$35,900 plus \$1,785 for the air purifiers, and funds would need to be appropriated for this project.
- Duct work would be metal.
- Council could have a Special Meeting, if they don’t want to wait until October’s Regular Meeting.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business, Mr. Joyce made a motion to adjourn the Work Session; this was seconded by Mrs. Marra. Roll call: all members present were in favor of adjourning the Work Session. Work Session adjourned at 6:30 PM.

**Regular Council Meeting 6:30 PM**

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

Mayor John Marra presiding.

**Roll Call of Council Members Present:**

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

**Personnel in Attendance:**

James O’Leary      Solicitor  
John H. Roskos      Fiscal Officer

**Public Comment, Good & Welfare:**

- o Nicole Beck (333 Clarmont Rd, Willowick)-
- o She is a parent in the Willoughby Eastlake School System and a representative of the Willoughby Eastlake Levy Committee; has 2 sons going to North High School
- o Wants to remind the community of the Renewal

Levy (Issue 3) for Willoughby Eastlake on November 8; please spread the word to vote to renew

- Many cuts will happen if it doesn't pass.
  - o Continuous levies have not been successful
  - o This Renewal Levy was originally passed in 1994.
  - o Deadline for voter registration is October 11; recommends sending in absentee ballots by October 22. Poll hours on November 8 are 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM.
  - o Willoughby Eastlake Levy Committee is a separate organization from the Board of Education.
  - o Levy Committee will answer questions if submitted to their website- [www.weschools.org](http://www.weschools.org); can follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, also has fundraisers coming up
  - o There are additional renewals coming up in 2023.
- Jane Shaveyco (14 East Shore Blvd; note- portions of audio inaudible)
  - o Spoke regarding the Work Session about sidewalks
  - o Thinks it is a waste of time to look at; better off looking at improving sewers, drainage
  - o Also, asked why the Tree Commission hasn't met and noted that terms have lapsed; doesn't want Village to become "Lake" without any trees (Mrs. Marra addressed at the end of the meeting; indicated that the current Tree Commission format is old, and it needs to be revised. Does not believe Commission should have power to give permission to residents to remove or plant trees. Believes this should be up to the resident.)
- Jennifer McIntire (8 Nokomis)
  - o Here regarding access to Beach; received a flyer regarding issues.
  - o Concerned about loss of use after dusk
  - o Wasn't aware that she needed a key; was surprised by this, but was provided with one quickly
  - o Doesn't seem to be crime at the Beach, doesn't understand the dusk rule
  - o Wants to know the reasoning for the rules
- Mayor's Comments
  - o Reminded residents that the Village has a renewal levy coming up, 4.2 Mills; it raises \$34,110 per year for the Village, and provides funding for Police, Fire, and other General Fund expenses- keeps things running. Will not increase taxes.
  - o Some sewer issues that were taken care of; service department is out there.
  - o Bought a branch chipper that will help with taking care of yard waste; noted that Ohio EPA didn't want to see branches piled up, and would prefer that they be disposed of. Will be able to use some of these woodchips in various areas of the Village.

### **Reading & Disposition of the Minutes:**

- a. Grant Committee, August 16, 2022- Mrs. Marra made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, Grant Committee meeting.

Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of approving the minutes.

- b. Regular Council Meeting, August 16, 2022- Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Konrad seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of approving the minutes.

### **Legislation:**

- a. Ordinance No. 10-2022 (3rd Reading- Table?)

An ordinance repealing, and replacing Chapter 820 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Timberlake, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to table Ordinance No. 10-2022 until the Ordinance is revised.

Mrs. Marra seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of tabling Ordinance No. 10-2022.

- b. Resolution No. 2022-34 (Rules Suspended)

A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to suspend the three reading rule.

Mr. Thompson seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Roll call: all were in favor of suspending the rules.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-34.

Mrs. Marra seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of the Resolution.

- c. Resolution No. 2022-35 (Rules Suspended)

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amended agreement with the Lake County Automatic Data Processing Board for the purpose of providing information technology services for the Village of Timberlake Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Hardwick made a motion to suspend the three reading rule.



Mr. Thompson seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Roll call: all were in favor of suspending the rules.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-35.

Mrs. Hardwick seconded the motion.

Mr. Konrad inquired whether this is the same processing Board; yes, however, the rate has increased from \$55 to \$85 per hour. Roll call: all were in favor of the Resolution.

d. Resolution No. 2022-36 (Rules Suspended)

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with ComDoc for the purpose of providing Xerox Copy Machines for the Village of Timberlake and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to suspend the three reading rule.

Mr. Joyce seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Roll call: all were in favor of suspending the rules.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-36.

Mrs. Marra seconded the motion.

Mayor: our 5-Year Lease Agreement is up; this contract is for two machines, everything we have now, plus color. Copies are not included in the lease payment; these will be charged separately. This will actually save money, as we have not been utilizing the contracted amount on the current agreement. Mr Konrad questioned the operating systems supported by ComDoc connect (stops at Windows 10); we will look into that.

Roll call: all were in favor of the Resolution.

e. Resolution No. 2022-37 (1ST Reading)

A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to revise the effective date of Ordinance 2018-7 regarding municipal income tax for the Village of Timberlake, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 2022-37 was presented for First Reading.

f. Resolution No. 2022-38 (Rules Suspended)

A resolution amending the Permanent Appropriations Funds for the Village of Timberlake, Ohio for the Year 2022 and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Konrad made a motion to suspend the three reading rule.

Mr. Joyce seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Roll call: all were in favor of suspending the rules.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-38.

Mr. Konrad seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of the Resolution.

g. Resolution No. 2022-39 (Rules Suspended)

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to promote certain police officers of the Police Department and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to suspend the three reading rule.

Mr. Joyce seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Roll call: all were in favor of suspending the rules.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-39.

Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Roll call: all voted in favor of the Resolution.

h. Resolution No. 2022-40 (Rules Suspended)

A resolution declaring it necessary and determining to proceed with acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, improving, maintaining, and repairing improvements necessary to abate erosion along properties within the Village included within the Lake County Communities Shoreline Special Improvement District, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to suspend the three reading rule.

Mrs. Hardwick seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Roll call: all were in favor of suspending the rules.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-40.

Mrs. Hardwick seconded the motion. This Resolution will allow a homeowner (Dewey) to complete an erosion control project on his property; there are no funds from the Village involved in this project.

i. Ordinance No. 12-2022 (Rules Suspended)

An Ordinance levying special assessments for acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, improving, maintaining, and repairing improvements necessary to abate erosion along properties within the Village included within the Lake County Communities Shoreline Special Improvement District, together with

all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to suspend the three reading rule.

Mrs. Marra seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Roll call: all were in favor of suspending the rules.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-2022.

Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. Mr. Joyce inquired as to the purpose of this Ordinance; this allows a homeowner to proceed with the project. Again, it is at their cost; nothing is being completed on Village property. Some additional discussion followed. Specifically, this is an Ordinance passed at the request of a homeowner to place a special assessment on their taxes for the purpose of an erosion control project on their property. Roll call: all were in favor of the Ordinance.

- o Not the most pressing item in the Village, but thinks it is important.
- o Up for additional discussion.

Jerry Joyce:

- Clambake was terrific. Mary Beth Germano and Cindy Hardwick did a nice job; about 100 people came.
  - o Village Club has booked the same caterer for the December 17 Christmas Party.

Nancy Marra:

- Thanked everyone for their help with the Clambake (there were 98 dinners, and 6 take out orders).
- Fall Fest is next Village Club event on October 8.
  - o Mainly for kids.
- Mrs. Hardwick encouraged people to join the Village Club.

Dr. Ritu Sharma (absent)- NO REPORT

Kevin Thompson:

- He is looking for one more quote to take down the large maple tree by the dumpster at the Village Hall. Estimates have ranged from \$3,500-\$6,000 plus \$600 to grind the stump.
- Thanks Cindy Hardwick for looking at playground grants; would be willing to donate \$1,000, if the project is completed in the next two years, and project costs over \$5,000.

### Reports:

a. Mayor:

- The Village purchased a chipper.
- Not much else to report.
- Clambake had a great turnout.

b. Solicitor:

- Nothing else to report

c. Council Members:

Cynthia Hardwick:

- Is already receiving reservations for 2023
- Looking at new flooring, new tables, and upgrades to other areas.
  - o Old stains keep coming up after cleaning.
- Grants are available for playground equipment; currently, playground is in sad shape.
  - o Is hopeful for some movement in the Spring
  - o There are some fully-funded, as well as match grants available.
  - o Discussion about how improvements would make safer ( rubber pellets); trim could be installed to help keep pellets in place.

Ryan Konrad:

- One call about sewer drain that sunk near the end of a resident's driveway
  - o Service Department will take a look.
- Federal Funding is available for sidewalks, which would also include funds for drainage repair.
  - o Believes Lake Shore will be safer with sidewalks; noted that his trash can has been hit a couple of times.

d. Fiscal Officer:

Monthly Financials- General Fund- ending balance through August 31, 2022 is \$400,931.69. Month to date revenue was \$135,789.22 vs expenditures of \$42,200.63, a net difference of \$93,588.59. (Please note, we received our Second Half Property Tax Settlement from the County Auditor).

General Fund Revenue through August 31, 2022 is up \$121,845.32 versus last year, primarily due to increased income tax collection; property tax collection rates have also improved. Revenues in August exceeded projections by approximately \$560, however, expenditures were \$6,460.24 more than anticipated. The increase in expenditures was mostly due to unexpected repairs to the police cars, payment to the U.S. Treasury for the Third Quarter of 2018 Withheld Payroll Taxes (Form 941- previous administrations never filed), flushing of a portion of the sanitary sewers, and greater than estimated payroll.

Estimated General Fund surplus based on current expenditure rates will be approximately \$115,620; 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 surplus of approximately \$75,620 for the year.

Other Fund Activity: There was no significant expenditures in our other funds. \$600 in refunds were issued from the 9901 Hall Rental Security Deposit Refund FUND.

e. Police Chief (absent)

Mayor presented the Chief's monthly report- 3 911 calls, 2 accident calls, 1 alarm, 6 animal reports, 10 assists, 4 backups, 2 court appearances, 101 community policing, 1 distribute, 102 house checks, 17 investigations, 1 lockout, 2 neighbor disputes, 2 noise complaints, 4 patrols, 2 phone complaints, 1 scam, 1 suspicious person/vehicle, 2 trespass; 282 reports total.

f. Zoning/Property Maintenance (Gary Gray)-

Since we last met (2 months ago), we wrote 27 permits, 2 for windows, 10 for roofs, 8 for contractors, 2 fences, 1 shed, and 1 yard drain.

**Purchases & Approvals:**

a. Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve the August, 2022 Financial

Reports. Mrs. Hardwick seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor.

b. Mrs. Marra made a motion to approve the purchase of a 429-cc Kohler 6 inch Steel Gas Wood Chipper in the amount of \$2,200.00.

Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of the purchase.

**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):

- Martha Takacs (11 Nokomis)
  - o Commented regarding issues at the Basketball, and Tennis Court
  - o Sign regarding curfew only refers to playground
  - o Thinks there should be a sign for the Basketball, and Tennis Court also.
  - o Suggests a 9:00 PM curfew
  - o Had to call 911 at 10:30 one night to complain about people using the Court; police asked the individuals to leave
  - o She noted that this has been a continuing problem, and inquired whether we have an Ordinance addressing this.
- Jane Shaveyco (14 East Shore Blvd)
  - o She suggested surveying Lake Shore Blvd. residents to determine if they want a sidewalk; also mentioned that residents would likely be

- o responsible for future sidewalk repairs
- o Asked the Fiscal Officer whether we go through County regarding permits to make sure contractors are paying taxes to the Village (*Fiscal Officer responded later indicating that we do not ask contractors individually to pay taxes, and noted that RITA does an excellent job ensuring that businesses withhold taxes for the Village. However, if you believe a company may not be paying taxes, you can let us know*)
- o She noted that the Village would not be able to use the woodchips from the chipper at the Playground
- o Mentioned that Playground hasn't been maintained since Batoki; thinks the slide should at least be repaired
- o Thinks people should be questioned when they go down to Beach as to whether they are residents
- o
- Peggy Piroso (8 Nepahwin)
  - o Had questions about rules at the Beach, regarding alcohol, fires, etc
    - Are these rules different for the Village Park versus private residences?
  - o Mr. O'Leary indicated that the Ordinance for the Parks prohibits open fires in those locations.
    - You can have an Hibachi grill, however.
    - Additional discussion by Council and Mayor indicated that the Ordinance references groups specifically in regards to permitting fires for events.
    - The Ordinance has not changed.
    - 660.08 deals with Open Burning otherwise
    - Additional discussion of the 1987 Beach Ordinance; we are enforcing Ordinances of the Village. Prohibits alcohol, open fires. The Village has liability and we have to error on the side of safety.
    - Believes the gate has solved the problem with unauthorized access.
    - Many of these issues date back to the 1960s.
    - Discussed Parcel A and implications associated with change from Board of Trustees to Village control.
- Maureen Munera (34337 Lake Shore)
  - o Believes the reputation of the Village has gone downhill; thinks there are too many rules, and restrictions.
  - o Agrees with no alcohol on the Beach.
  - o Believes the curfew was changed without any notice to residents (Mayor clarified later in the meeting that this curfew applies only to minors)
  - o Noted that renters have been asked to leave the Beach by the Chief
  - o Council has the power to change rules
  - o Thinks there is too much bullying in the Village

- James Swartz (22 Waban)
  - Would like to add to Maureen’s comments
  - Wants stairs that he can negotiate (wants ADA stairs or a ramp)
  - Thinks there are too many stop signs
  - Addressed Police Chief raise; Mayor asked Mr. Swartz to save these comments for the next meeting, as this section of Public Comment is follow-up for questions of events during the meeting.
  - Addressed fires on the Beach; in the past, as long as fires were for cooking, there was no big deal.
  - Thinks we should include all the community in events.
  
- Frank Germano (36 Shawondassee)
  - Reminded people to speak into the microphone so everyone can hear.
  - Had a zoning issue he wanted to address; said in the past, you had to provide a plot of your lot, what you’re going to add on, and where you’re going to put it. Then provide to Zoning Committee.
    - Thinks there are some things going up now that make the Village look bad.
    - Council and Mayor noted that Gary Gray is the Zoning Inspector
    - Frank Germano mentioned the shed at 44 Shawondassee as being in violation of the code; Mr. Gray indicated that it meets the setback restrictions, and is not in violation of Ordinances. Additionally, the ramp is on the homeowner’s property.
  
- Jane Shaveyco (14 East Shore Blvd)
  - What about property maintenance?
  - Wants Ordinance regarding illegal trailers, and campers to be enforced.
    - Wants fair enforcement across the board
    - Mayor noted that he recently drove through the Village and saw 1 Camper; they currently have permission, as they are completing improvements. Chief is aware of the accommodation.
  
- Other Discussion
  - There was a multitude of comments on various subjects at the end of the meeting regarding fires on the Beach, grilling, Beach improvements, etc; Mayor says we are looking into grants for the steps, however, we are inhibited as state and federal grants would require us to open the Beach to everyone from all areas. There was additional discussion regarding Beach Improvements by the Mayor, and Council, Mr. O’Leary and residents present. Mrs. King inquired as to whether we have an estimate on the cost of this improvement; Mayor indicated that we do not. We recommend watching our Youtube video of the meeting for further details- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lm46WLU2hQY>

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Hardwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Konrad seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Called by: Mayor Marra                      Posted

**Our next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM.**