



THE TIMBERLAKE TIMES

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Village Luminary Display



Add a festive glow to your home and all around the Village with luminaries every Christmas Eve

This time-honored, Village Club-sponsored tradition begins with your help! We always need volunteers to fill, place, and light luminaries on Christmas Eve all around the Village on median strips and islands, along with your own luminaries lining your

driveway and the edge of your lawn along the street.

Please contact a Village Club officer if you can pitch in.

Materials and instructions for making your own luminaries

- One-gallon plastic milk jugs
 - 2" of sand* in the bottom
 - One 2" 10-hour votive candle
 - Knife for cutting jug
1. Discard cap
 2. Cut a U-shaped flap in one side of the milk jug
 3. Add sand and place candle in the sand
 4. Place luminaries all around the Village on Christmas Eve and light candles at dusk

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* A limited supply of sand will be available at the Village Service Garage. Please bring your own container.



Timberlake Lunch Bunch

The November lunch will be at **Manhattan Deli**, 34601 Ridge Rd. in Willoughby on Thursday Nov. 16 at 11:30 am. All are welcome.



**November
Recycle Dates**
11/3, 11/17

The Timberlake Times is a monthly publication staffed by volunteer villagers and sponsored by the Village of Timberlake. Please make article submissions **electronically** to the **email** below or **texted** to the number below by end of day Sunday before the last Saturday of each month.

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Follow the Village Club on Facebook to stay informed of current events, photos, and videos! We actively update it with announcements and reminders!

Village Club Voice

Village Club Happenings

Deck the Halls... Fa la la la lah la la la lah!

Its time to **Deck the Hall** (and Village) on **Saturday, November 18** at 10:00 AM.

- We would like to add more lights and decoration to the outside of the hall.
- Do you have outdoor holiday decorations you don't use any-more. Lights (that work), Snowmen, Snowflakes?? If so, send an email to khayes.widder@gmail.com and aleaflady@gmail.com
- We will be prepping decorations (some light painting, adding ribbon, testing and staging lights) on **Thursday, November 16**. Let us know if you can help.



The Annual Timberlake Holiday Dinner is Saturday, December 2. Champagne Punch toast, buffet dinner, the famous White Elephant gift exchange. Please sign up by November 18th so we can confirm number with the caterer. See Flyer for details on how to sign up.
It is a great night and tons of fun!!



The Village will be adorned with luminaries on **Christmas Eve**. It is such a beautiful tradition in Timberlake. Make sure you are collecting your milk jugs and ordering your candles. We will also need volunteers to help put and light luminaries out down the center of East Shore and on the islands.



Upcoming Village Club Meetings:

Second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at Village Hall

November 13 – Finalize Holiday Party and Christmas Eve Luminaries

December 11 – Discuss Events for 2024

January 8—Finalize 2024 calendar and budget

Have an idea for an event in Timberlake?

Have a talent you want to share?

Want to run a committee or a sub-committee?

Let us know, there is a place for everyone!



Timberlake Holiday Party
Saturday, December 2
6:30 pm at Village Hall

Appetizers and Champagne Punch Toast

Chicken Piccata, Potatoes, Vegetables, Pasta, and More

Holiday Desserts and Treats

Famous White Elephant Holiday Exchange*

21 and older—BYOB

\$40 per person—only 100 seats

I would like to reserve _____ seats at \$40

Name: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to Village Club

Drop off at 41 East Shore (mail box half way up the drive)

*Each person who brings a wrapped white elephant gift may participate.



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Work Session 5:30 PM

Meeting began at 5:30 PM with the pledge of allegiance, and the Mayor's opening prayer.

Mayor John Marra presiding.

Roll Call of Council Members Present and Motion to Excuse:

Cindy Hardwick, Jerry Joyce, Margaret Joyce, Ryan Konrad, Nancy Marra, and Kevin Thompson.

Personnel in Attendance:

John H. Roskos	Fiscal Officer
Susan Scofield	Chief of Police

Discussion:

a. Review and Input from Council and Administration on Proposed 2024 Budget

- The Fiscal Officer reviewed budget line items and related details.
- Mr. Joyce inquired why we are planning deficit spending; Fiscal Officer explained the historical budgeting process in Timberlake. Typically, we use conservative estimates for revenue and a more aggressive approach for expenses.
- Fiscal Officer reviewed a number of line items individually and explained the amount of leeway there is in each area.
- Mr. Joyce asked a question about the use of the emergency clause, and why it is necessary; Mr. Roskos referred him to Mr. O'Leary.
- Fiscal Officer reviewed additional important changes in line items from 2023 to 2024, particularly proposed wage increases for the Police Department and Service Department.
- Mr. Konrad asked about proposed cost of living adjustments; related discussion occurred.
- Approximate cost for wage increases would be \$15,000.
- No funds have been spent in the Village Hall Capital Fund yet
 - i. Still need a proposal for what work will be completed; discussion occurred regarding potential roof repairs
 - ii. Funds need to be spent within 10 year or they revert to the General Fund
- Fiscal Officer explained the difference between a carryover and surplus, as well as the reversion of appropriations at year end.

- Fiscal Officer reviewed and explained the approved vendor list in the proposed 2024 budget; most are for utility or recurring bills.
 - Discussion occurred regarding vacation and sick days for the Chief.
 - i. Legal discussion transpired regarding what benefits the Chief is entitled to; Mr. Joyce believes it is up to the Village Council. Additional discussion regarding this topic.
 - Discussion of Holidays for the Chief and shift coverage
 - i. A floating holiday was discussed; cost would be none or very minimal. Additional related discussion occurred.
 - Discussion of Chief's salary, time and a half pay, and related items.
- b. Discussion of Feeding Animals
- Mrs. Marra says we will to further discuss this next month.
 - Council receives many complaints about feeding animals, including rodents.
 - There are volunteers in neighborhood for feral cat communities.
 - i. Euclid Pet Fix was contacted for information; it is \$75 to rent a cage. Additional details were provided on the trap, neuter, and release program, and other offerings.
 - ii. We are down to about 4-5 feral cat communities in the Village
 - Mrs. Marra noted that corn is not healthy for deer, as they cannot digest. Additional details were provided.
 - There was additional discussion related to rodents, and cats, as well as issues in the Village with ticks and fleas.
 - Mrs. Marra proposed a Parks Committee Meeting, and would also like Mr. O'Leary to look into potential legislation regulating the feeding of animals.

Adjournment

Mr. Konrad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 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 and Motion to Excuse:

Cindy Hardwick, Jerry Joyce, Margaret Joyce, Ryan Konrad, Nancy Marra, and Kevin Thompson.

Personnel in Attendance:

John H. Roskos Fiscal Officer
Susan Scofield Chief of Police

Public Comment, Good & Welfare:

- Stan Roediger, 10 East Shore Blvd.
 - o Noted that he attended the work session and observed discussions.
 - o Asked about overtime and benefits for the Police Department; inquired as to why Ordinance 5-2023 was tabled and questioned why the Village doesn't have a written policy regarding benefits. Believes it should be there.
 - o Inquired about a liquor control board complaint about Family Days; why didn't they get a permit?
 - o Noted the sewer problem in front of his house and provided more details; believes it is in the Village right of way.
- Jane Shaveyco, 14 East Shore Blvd.
 - o Noted flooding the occurred in fire lanes; has the problem been assessed and why isn't the water draining
 - o Commented on speeding in the Village, particularly on Keewaydin and Minnewawa; related her experience where she had to jump out of the way due to speeding car.
 - Can we make the speed limit slower or work with Eastlake regarding Lake Shore speed problem, as well?
- Holly Goddard, 10 East Shore Blvd.
 - o Inquired as to why everything is passed as an emergency; does not believe it is necessary, and can be prevented with better planning.
 - The Fiscal Officer provided clarification on the proposed budget Resolutions, which will be placed on three readings.
 - ◆ Fiscal Officer indicated that Mr. O'Leary is more qualified to provide a detailed explanation of the emergency clause, its use and history.
- Elizabeth Laub, 9 East Shore Blvd.
 - o Inquired about the status of the August 25 incident involving Council President Cindy Hardwick
 - o She read this statement regarding her account of events:
"On August 25th , 2023 I was yelled at and called profane names by Council President Cindy Hardwick. The encounter was witnessed by

several neighbors and verbal complaints were made to the Police Chief. The Lake County Sheriff's department did an investigation, reviewed the video tape and made a transcript of the incident, which I received a copy of through a Public Records request. I chose to not make a police report but instead, sent an email to Mayor, Council members, Attorney and Police chief a formal request to review the video and audio tape and address the incident, quickly, discretely and professionally. I received no response from any of the recipients. The September Council meeting took place and my request was not addressed.

It was not until Friday, October 5th when Nancy and John Marra knocked on my door and handed me a re-election flyer for John Marra that a discussion was had regarding my formal request to address the incident. During the conversation both John and Nancy Marra assured me that the incident would be reviewed in executive session at the next Council meeting. Later that night, Mayor Marra copied me on an email to the Police Chief stating,

"Chief, Upon speaking with Mrs. Laub, please send me a copy of the video/audio tape of the Aug. 25 th incident you provided her. I need it for council to review in executive session at the next council meeting."

Being intimidated, yelled at and called profane names while standing in my driveway, in front of several witnesses, is conduct unbecoming of an elected official who took an oath of office...and needs to be addressed."

Reading & Disposition of the Minutes:

- a. Regular Council Meeting, September 19, 2023 – Mr. Joyce made a motion approve the minutes of the September 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Legislation:

- a. Resolution No. 2023-30 (Rules Suspended)

A Resolution declaring the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the Village of Timberlake, and providing for the submission of a 3.6 mill renewal tax levy in excess of the ten mill limitation at the primary election to be held on March 19, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to suspend the three reading rule; Mr. Joyce seconded the motion to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call: all were in favor of suspending the rules.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-30:Mrs. Joyce seconded the motion; discussion occurred as to the reason for the use of the emergency clause. The Fiscal Officer indicated this in case there

are issues with the language of the Resolution, and if so, we would have enough time to fix.

Roll call- all were in favor of Resolution No. 2023-30.

b. Resolution No. 2023-31 (Rules Suspended)

A Resolution declaring the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the Village of Timberlake, and providing for the submission of a 4.6 mill renewal tax levy in excess of the ten mill limitation at the primary election to be held on March 19, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to suspend the three reading rule; Mrs. Joyce seconded the motion to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call: all were in favor of suspending the rules.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-31: Mr. Joyce seconded the motion; roll call- all were in favor of Resolution No. 2023-31.

c. Resolution No. 2023-32 (Rules Suspended)

A Resolution declaring the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the Village of Timberlake, and providing for the submission of a 5.8 mill renewal tax levy in excess of the ten mill limitation at the primary election to be held on March 19, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to suspend the three reading rule; Mr. Thompson seconded the motion to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call: all were in favor of suspending the rules.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-33: Mrs. Hardwick seconded the motion; Mr. Konrad inquired as to the purpose of these Resolutions. Fiscal Officer provided an explanation of the process of placing a renewal levy on the ballot.

Roll call- all were in favor of Resolution No. 2023-33.

d. Resolution No. 2023-33 (1st Reading)

A Resolution approving the Permanent Appropriations Funds for the Village of Timberlake, Ohio for the Year 2024 and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 2023-33 was presented for first reading.

e. Resolution No. 2023-34 (1st Reading)

A Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) from the General Fund (1000) as follows: twenty-thousand (\$20,000.00) to the Police Cruiser Capital Fund (4901) and twenty-thousand (\$20,000.00) to the Village Hall Capital Fund (4903) for the current Fiscal Year 2023, and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 2023-34 was presented for first reading.

f. Resolution No. 2023-35 (1st Reading)

A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer forty-three thousand dollars (\$43,000.00) from the General Fund (1000) to the Paving Improvement OPWC Debt Service Fund (3902) for the Fiscal Year 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 2023-35 was presented for first reading.

g. Resolution No. 2023-36 (Rules Suspended)

A resolution appointing Fred Beverly as a Patrolman with the Village of Timberlake Police Department pending background and drug testing and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to suspend the three reading rule; Mr. Thompson seconded the motion to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call: all were in favor of suspending the rules.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-36: Mrs. Joyce seconded the motion; Fred Beverly retired from the Cleveland Police Department in 2020 with 26 years of service. He currently works security at a school; friend of another officer; additional details were provided on how he became interested in the position. He would be working about 1 day per week or 4 days per month; has varying days of availability. Additional discussions transpired on amount of availability. There was also discussion on the change in text of the Resolution from a Special Officer to a paid Officer; Chief confirmed with OPOTA, that Fred Beverly could start immediately as regular Officer. He has agreed also to pay for the required Refresher Course.

Roll call- all were in favor of Resolution No. 2023-36.

h. Resolution No. 2023-37 (Rules Suspended)

A Resolution amending the permanent appropriations funds for the Village of Timberlake, Ohio for the Year 2023, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Hardwick made a motion to suspend the three reading rule; Mr. Joyce seconded the motion to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call: all were in favor of suspending the rules.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-37: Mr. Thompson seconded the motion; the Fiscal Officer indicated that appropriations are running low for payroll expenses in Trees and Parks, so additional funds are needed in this area, as well as related tax withholdings and OPERS.

Roll call- all were in favor of Resolution No. 2023-37.

i. Ordinance No. 10-2023 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance amending wages and salaries for the employees of the Village of Timberlake, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 10-2023 was presented for first reading.

Reports:

a. Fiscal Officer:

Monthly Financials:

General Fund- ending balance through September 30, 2023 is \$406,436.62.

Month to date revenue was \$57,696.43 vs expenditures of \$44,085.81 for a net surplus for the month of \$13,610.62. Expenditures were \$4,086 more than anticipated; this was due to higher than estimated payroll expenses (police and service department), and other miscellaneous costs.

General Fund Revenue through September 30, 2023 is \$1931.35 less than last year. Revenues in September were approximately \$4,697 more than estimated; this was a combination of an unexpected Insurance Claims receipt of \$11,000, along with lower than estimated Income Tax revenues.

At this time, based on current estimated spending rates and revenue, we estimate a surplus for the General Fund this year of around \$55,692.34; this would not include any additions to the Village Hall or Police Cruiser Capital Funds. If the estimated surplus declines, we will need to consider reducing or eliminating transfers to our Capital Funds at the end of this year. Also, the Village will need to maintain conservative spending versus total appropriations to achieve a surplus; for example, total spending in the General Fund in 2022 was \$647,712 versus total permitted appropriations of \$761,708.

Other Significant Fund Activity and Misc: we received our quarterly reimbursement check from Lake County Department of Utilities for infrastructure fees, which benefits our Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund

(2901). \$234 in refunds were issued from the 9901 Hall Rental Security Deposit Refund Fund.

b. Mayor:

- Leaf machine bearings have been replaced and machine is ready to go.
- The salt spreader has been mounted on the new truck.
- The Mayor asked for a back-up volunteer for plowing.
- Debris has been mostly cleaned up from the storm.
- Mr. Joyce will address why Ordinance 5-2023 was tabled.
- Mr. O'Leary will answer the question about the liquor control complaint when he is here.
- Service Department has materials to repair the catch basin near Mr. Roediger's home.
- The Village does not have enough money to do most sewer projects.
 - i. Discussed the reason for setting aside money in capital funds, and how it helps with matching funds for grants.

- ii. Noted that our sewers are gross undersized.
- iii. Has been in contact with engineer and others, regarding sewer projects and grants; additional details were provided.
- iv. Matching funds are needed for grants.

- Will look at flooding again near Shaveyco's (14 East Shore)
- Chief will address issues with speeding

c. Solicitor: No report

d. Council Members:

Cynthia Hardwick- No Report

Ryan Konrad

- Need manpower to complete catch basin repair
- Spoke about speeding- noted that officers have been present on Lake Shore (by the brick road)- drivers only temporarily slow down though.
 - o Resident says he was almost hit by car on Lake Shore, while trying to put garbage cans out; additional details were provided.
 - o Thinks we should pull more people over, but doesn't think it should be a revenue stream.
- Additional discussion regarding the catch basin
 - o Systemic project needed
 - o Would look at a multiple-phase project
 - o We are trying to save money towards sewers
 - o Process for getting funding is slow; Village is starting to make some connections with grant organizations, such as NOACA
 - o Plan to clean catch basins before the winter

Jerry Joyce

- Spoke regarding Ordinance 5-2023; he was not on Council at the time of the Chief's hiring
 - o His understanding was that the Chief did not request benefits at that time.
 - o Mr. Joyce in consultation with Mr. O'Leary and an employment attorney do not believe that Village is required to provide benefits.
 - o Funds were appropriated this year to cover paid time off and sick leave for the Chief
 - o Does not object to providing benefits; thinks they would help recruit officers
 - o Should go in handbook if established; additional details were provided.
 - o Didn't have a good handle on costs; wanted more details on the estimated cost
 - o Currently the Village only has 1 official full-time employee, noted that Det. Sgt. Swanson is also working full-time hours currently.
 - o Doesn't believe it was fair to saddle a potential new Mayor with new costs

Margaret Joyce

- She noted that she will try to get feedback on

sidewalks from those she didn't have a chance to speak to

- Would like to work with Mrs. Marra on the animal issue

Nancy Marra

- Said that Council will have an executive session tomorrow regarding August 25 incident

Kevin Thompson

- Discussed a potential reason for use of the emergency clause.
 - Partly, this is due to the lack of meetings per month.
 - Talked about trees marked with ribbons by Service Department; some will be pruned, others may be taken down. This may be a large project.
- e. Police Chief- Monthly Report-
- There were 2 administrative referrals, 4 animal complaints, 5 requests for assistance, 54 community policing checks, 1 disturbance, 56 house checks, 3 calls for information, 13 investigations, 1 juvenile complaint, 1 neighbor complaint, 3 patrol requests, 2 phone complaints, 2 parking violation complaints, 1 suspicious person, 1 traffic complaint, 2 traffic details, 1 vandalism complaint, and 1 welfare check for a total of 154 events.
 - Spoke about issues with hiring officers; this is a nationwide issue
 - Referenced department in Minnesota left without coverage
 - Is grateful for raises, but it is an uphill battle
 - Hard to recruit given pay differential versus Eastlake
 - Left news article to share for those interested
 - Discussed issues with police academies; 1 shutdown due to insufficient recruits. Throwing more money is not the only answer.
 - Has officers complete 1 patrol every 2 hours; provided additional details.
 - Has received many thank yous for residents for what our officers are doing
 - Police can sit on aprons, but traffic poses a safety risk to officer and car; noted that the dirt triangle (on Lake Shore) is not Timberlake property.
- f. Zoning/Property Maintenance-
- Gary Gray is not here, but he shared with Mayor that there were 2 driveway, and 2 roof permits last year.

Purchases & Approvals:

- a. A motion to approve the September, 2023 Financial Reports-

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve the September, 2023 Financial Reports. Mr. Konrad seconded the motion; roll call, all were in favor of approving the monthly financial reports.

- b. A motion to approve payment of \$4,295.00 to Anderson Heating and Cooling for a Reznor UDX-45 heater and Plasma Pure Air Purifier.

Mr. Konrad made a motion to approve the payment of \$4,295.00 to Anderson Heating and Cooling for a Reznor UDX-45 heater and Plasma Pure.

Mr. Thompson seconded the motion; roll call, all were in favor of approving the payment. Mayor noted that the air purifier would be installed on October 18.

Mr. Konrad asked about the Pat Flowers Invoice; it just came in today and would be approved during next month's reports.

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):

- Debbie King, 43 East Shore Blvd.
 - Said she has 6-7 trees to donate to the Village (valued at \$25.00 each)
 - Mr. Thompson indicated the Village would be interested
 - They are native trees and ready for planting; additional details of where they came from
 - Fiscal Officer will prepare a Resolution acknowledging donation for next month
 - Asked Chief about examples of complaints
 - Chief provided some instances such as "...a car that people didn't think belonged in the neighborhood" (turned out to be someone using a personal car to make Amazon deliveries)
 - Mrs. King noted that she is familiar with article about police shortages
 - Additional discussion followed on speeding issues in Timberlake; noted that police will not run radar from residential driveways due to liability issues. Noted that the Police do give many warnings for stop sign violations. Related discussion on potential solutions occurred.

Editor's Note: *due to technical difficulties, there was no video recording of this Council Meeting.*

Adjournment

Mr. Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Konrad seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Called by: Mayor Posted

Our next regular meeting is Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE**

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Special Council Meeting 6:00 PM

Meeting began at 6:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance, and the Mayor's opening prayer.

Mayor John Marra presiding.

Roll Call of Council Members Present and

Motion to Excuse:

Cindy Hardwick, Jerry Joyce, Margaret Joyce, Ryan Konrad, Nancy Marra, and Kevin Thompson.

Personnel in Attendance:

James O'Leary	Solicitor
Brian Borla	Attorney at Law

Adjournment to Executive Session:

- a. Purpose: to discuss possible litigation
- b. Invitation: Solicitor James R. O'Leary and Attorney Brian Borla

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: Jerry Joyce

Seconded: Kevin Thompson

Roll Call Vote: Cynthia Hardwick, yes; Jerry Joyce, yes; Margaret Joyce, yes; Ryan Konrad, yes; Nancy Marra, yes; and Kevin Thompson yes

All visitors present were excused at this time. Executive Session proceeded.

Return to the Special Meeting:

Motion to return to Special Meeting: Ryan Konrad

Seconded: Jerry Joyce

Roll Call Vote: Cynthia Hardwick, yes; Jerry Joyce, yes; Margaret Joyce, yes; Ryan Konrad, yes; Nancy Marra, yes; and Kevin Thompson yes

Adjournment

Ryan Konrad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Margaret Joyce seconded the motion. Roll call: Cynthia Hardwick, yes; Jerry Joyce, yes; Margaret Joyce, yes; Ryna Konrad, yes; Nancy Marra, yes; and Kevin Thompson yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Called by: Mayor Posted 10-17-2023 News Herald

Our next meeting is a Special Council Meeting, Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE**

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Special Council Meeting 5:30 PM

Meeting began at 5:32 PM with the pledge of allegiance, and the Mayor's opening prayer.

Mayor John Marra presiding.

Roll Call of Council Members Present and

Motion to Excuse:

Cindy Hardwick, Jerry Joyce, Margaret Joyce, Nancy Marra, and Kevin Thompson.

Ryan Konrad was not present but listened via zoom.

Personnel in Attendance:

James O'Leary	Solicitor
Brian Borla	Attorney at Law

Adjournment to Executive Session:

- a. Purpose: to discuss possible litigation
- b. Invitation: Solicitor James R. O'Leary and Attorney Brian Borla

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: Jerry Joyce

Seconded: Margaret Joyce

Roll Call Vote: Cynthia Hardwick, yes; Jerry Joyce, yes; Margaret Joyce, yes; Nancy Marra, yes; and Kevin Thompson yes

All visitors present were excused at this time. Executive Session proceeded at 5:37 p.m.

Return to the Special Meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Motion to return to Special Meeting: Jerry Joyce

Seconded: Kevin Thompson

Roll Call Vote: Cynthia Hardwick, yes; Jerry Joyce, yes; Margaret Joyce, yes; Nancy Marra, yes; and Kevin Thompson, yes

Adjournment

Margaret Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Marra seconded the motion. Roll call: Cynthia Hardwick, yes; Jerry Joyce, yes; Margaret Joyce, yes; Nancy Marra, yes; and Kevin Thompson, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Called by: Mayor Posted 10-21-2023 News Herald

Our next Regular Council Meeting is November 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Timberlake Times Flashback, from November 2014

Residents may be curious as to the types of information that can be included in the Times. This should answer most of your questions.

Keith Widdersheim

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Due to recent inquiries, I would like to post **Resolution 2012**, which establishes the guidelines under which content can be posted in the Timberlake Times. This Resolution, passed by the Council in 2012, serves as a template I must abide by for posting articles/information/etc. Feel free to refer to the Resolution below for further information:

VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE

RESOLUTION 2012

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTENT OF THE TIMBERLAKE TIMES NEWSLETTER, AND DECLARAING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, guidelines for the content of the Timberlake Times Newsletter are needed to establish consistency and content neutral materials within said newsletter.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Timberlake, County of Lake,
and State of Ohio that:

The following shall be the guidelines for the content of the Timberlake Times Newsletter:

Section 1

The cover page will include the year, issue count, month, website, and names, emails, addresses and phone numbers of the editor, reporters, etc. The main content of the cover page will be the schedule for the month of Timberlake local events.

Section 2

Community events and general information. Informational articles from Council Members and Mayer, i.e. sewer, trash, parks, safety and police. Insertion of copies of publications from County-City organizations with "community minded" information such as the Lake County Storm Water News Bulletin, First Energy, Recycling, CT Consultants, etc. Announcements. Timberlake residents births, graduations, weddings, death notices of resident families and past residents, welcome to "new" resident homeowners, thank you and "Kudo" notes, and general accolades pertaining to our Village.

Section 3

All articles must have the author or name of the person submitting the article associated with the content. There will be no advertisements for products new for sale, such as Mary Kay, Tupperware, etc. or used residential items, such as lawnmowers, garage sales, and no advertising for services rendered such as lawn and plow maintenance. Political and religious endorsements, affiliations, etc. are not permitted. Potentially harmful information as announcements to our residents such as "threatening warnings" to our families and homes whether environment and/or governmental in nature, etc. will not be permitted, example, Sierra Club warning of the harmful effects of coal dust. Applications, forms and lengthy announcements for specific events pertaining to the Village should be left out of the Times include a number or locations to pick up the forms only, example, sign up for sports leagues/summer programs. Articles only informing residents of meetings and events for "established" Village groups under the umbrella of the Village Club and/or Council. Approved articles will keep to 60 words/5 sentences (exceptions may be articles deemed necessary to exceed the limit by Council and approved by the editor/committee)

Section 4

The editor of the Timberlake Times will be responsible for editing. When in doubt will refer to the Times Committee.

Section 5

It is found and determined that all actions of Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were so adopted in meetings open to the public, and Council and its committees acted in full compliance with Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Section 6

This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary to the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety for the citizens of the Village of Timberlake, and thereafter, provided that the within Resolution receives the requisite vote, it shall take effect and be in force after its passage; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.