



THE TIMBERLAKE TIMES

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Times at a Crossroads

When I first took on the job of editor of the Timberlake Times I was struck by how few submissions for publication I was receiving from Villagers. I would see the occasional story about growing up in the Village or how much someone has enjoyed living here and similar articles but those for the most part have dried up. What we are publishing now is mostly Village Club articles and the Council meeting minutes, all important information to be sure.

Also striking to me, as I walk my dog Ginger, is how many old copies of the Times I see piled up in the old plastic paper boxes throughout the neighborhood. I wonder why it seems that many Villagers may not be reading it.

Just over 300 copies are printed every month and volunteers deliver one to every home in the Village. The Times is also available online (in color) at villageoftimberlake.com/timberlake-times/. It is the best way to find out what is going on in your community.

As I have posted here a number of times in these last two years, this is your newsletter, Timberlake. Yours. We need to hear from you. Share a memory, a recipe, a picture of a garden of which you are particularly proud, a story and maybe a picture of your dog. A poem. Something you are passionate about. Something about your life in the best kept secret in Lake County.

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This is the 77th year of the Timberlake Times and to keep it going as it has for all these years, it takes a village. Our Village.

Thank you. And I'll still be watching my inbox for your story.

Keith Widdersheim
Editor, The Timberlake Times

Timberlake Lunch Bunch

February's lunch will be at Trader Jack's on Thursday the 22nd at 11:30 am. All are welcome.



2024 yard waste pickups will resume Apr. 5 through Nov. 29

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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!



**February
Recycle Dates**
9th, 23rd

Village Club Voice

Mark Your Calendar for 2024 Events

April 8—Eclipse Event at Village Park

April 12—Spring Social Potluck

June 13—Sunset Concert with the University Heights Symphonic Band

August 4—Family Fun Day

September 14—Clam Bake

December 7—Holiday Party



The new Timberlake Parents Club* will host 4 seasonal activities

- ◆ Easter
- ◆ Mothers/Fathers Day
- ◆ Halloween
- ◆ Early Christmas

*Want to know more about the Timberlake Parents Club ? Come to the February Village Club Meeting, and/or watch for an invite to an informational meeting.

Watch for more information on all these fun community events in future Timberlake Times, on the Village Cub Facebook page, and on street signs

Have an idea for an event in Timberlake?

Want to help plan?

Have a talent you want to share?

Like to help make decorations?



Upcoming Village Club Meetings:

2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at Village Hall

February 12 — Plan April Events

We are looking for a shed in good shape to store luminaries and other outdoor materials used for Village Club events. Please let us know if you have one. You can contact Kim at khayes.widder@gmail.com

2023 Village Club Review

By Kim Hayes-Widdersheim

It's time to review the year 2023

In the beginning who knew what it would be
With new officers there is some give and take,
Heck there might even be a mistake.
But in May all were happy, that's for sure
To see what activities we would endure

Family Fun Day – WOW – we couldn't ask for more
As people were lines up to come in the door
The parade was once of the best we every had,
But Mary Beth fell, and that made us all so sad.
The Chinese Auction was a huge success!
And the foam machine was a fun, fun mess!

The fall Clam Bake was so yummy
The great food filled our tummy
With music, laughter and dancing too,
It was a great time for me and you

In October we had a chance to mix and mingle
And vote on decorations for Kris Kringle
The addition of snowflakes is oh so fun,
We will use them for many years to come
Trees, deer's, and the color of green
The hall looks so lovely, as can be seen

The Holiday Dinner was a lovely event,
A great way for a Saturday night to be spent
Games, chicken, pasta and appetizers galore
And everyone took a white elephant out the door
Christmas Eve luminaries shown bright up and down the street
It's a wonderful tradition that cannot be beat

So, 2023 will be no more...
And now we look forward to 2024
For Timberlake is truthfully where neighbors become friends
And that, my friends, is where this poem ends!

Vegetable Soup



This cold weather makes me want to sit down with a warm bowl of soup. Here's a simple Vegetable Soup Recipe that I love to make. This can be adapted with whatever ingredients you have available.

Start by cooking up some chopped onions, carrots and a garlic glove or 2 with a little olive oil.

When soft, add chicken or vegetable broth to cover.

Add your favorite vegetables. I like to use zucchini, summer squash, broccoli and green beans. Sprinkle with herbs like Mrs. Dash, parsley and maybe a little crushed red pepper flakes.

Add a mixture of V8 and broth to cover vegetables.

Meanwhile cut cabbage and spinach into thin strips. Add to soup. Add more V8 or broth if needed.

Finally add a can of rinsed kidney beans and some frozen corn.

Let simmer for at least 20 minutes - longer if you have time.

Serve with crackers crushed on top.

~Enjoy! Kim

**Have a recipe you want to share?
Send it to the editor to add to next month's edition.**



TIMBERLAKE VILLAGE CLUB



"Where neighbors become friends"

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

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:

James O'Leary	Solicitor
John H. Roskos	Fiscal Officer
Susan Scofield	Chief of Police

Public Comment, Good & Welfare:

- Debbie King, 43 East Shore Blvd.
 - o Said she heard a rumor about outsourcing the Timberlake Police Department
 - Mayor Marra says this is not true; Mr. Thompson said that he has not heard this rumor.
 - There was related discussion about this and about another rumor regarding switching our dispatch to Eastlake.

Reading & Disposition of the Minutes:

- a. Regular Council Meeting, November 21, 2023 – Mr. Joyce made a motion approve the minutes of the November 2023 Regular Council Meeting.
- Mrs. Marra seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of approving the minutes.

Executive Session to Discuss the Compensation of a Public Official or Employee

Mr. Joyce made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss the compensation of a Public Official or Employee. Mrs. Marra seconded the motion; all were in favor of adjourning to Executive Session at 6:37 PM.

Mr. Konrad made a motion to return to Regular Session. Mrs. Joyce seconded the motion to return to Regular Session; all were in favor of returning to Regular Session at 6:58 PM.

Adjournment to Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation

Mrs. Joyce made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion; all were in favor of adjourning to Executive Session at 6:59 PM.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to return to Regular Session; Mr. Konrad seconded the motion to return to Regular Session. All were in favor of returning to Regular Session at 7:19 PM.

Legislation:

- a. Resolution No. 2023-33 (3rd Reading)

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

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-33: Mrs. Joyce seconded the motion; roll call- all were in favor of Resolution No. 2023-33.

- b. Resolution No. 2023-34 (3rd 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.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-34: Mrs. Marra seconded the motion; Mr. Joyce inquired as to the reason for the emergency clause. Mr. O'Leary indicated this is to ensure the Resolution goes into effect as soon as possible.

Roll call- all were in favor of Resolution No. 2023-34.

- c. Resolution No. 2023-35 (3rd 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.

Mrs. Marra made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-35: Mr. Thompson seconded the motion; roll call- all were in favor of Resolution No. 2023-35.

- d. Resolution No. 2023-40 (Rules Suspended)

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

Mrs. Marra 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. 2023-40: Mr. Joyce seconded the motion; the Fiscal Officer indicated that the purpose of this Resolution is to allow him to move funds from Other Expenses in Police, Village Hall, and Service to Wages and Benefits (if necessary) to ensure there is enough money for the last payroll of the year. These would come from various line items included in Other Expenses.

Roll call- all were in favor of Resolution No. 2023-40.

- e. Resolution No. 2023-41 (Rules Suspended)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Love Insurance Agency to provide for the continuation of property and casualty insurance coverage for Village Property, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to suspend the three reading rule; Mrs. Marra 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. 2023-41: Mrs. Joyce seconded the motion; the premium went up by about \$1,500 or 10% due mostly to increased litigation costs, and the insurance claim from August Storm Damage.

Roll call- all were in favor of Resolution No. 2023-4.

f. Ordinance No. 10-2023 (3rd Reading)

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

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-2023 with amendments: Mr. Konrad seconded the motion; Mr. Joyce indicated the following amendments- pay rates will stay at 2023 levels. He then went through each Section and line item and indicated the reversion to the 2023 pay rate, with the exception of the Fiscal Officer's pay, which is currently linked to ORC 507.09

Roll call- all were in favor of Ordinance No. 10-2023 with the proposed amendments.

g. Ordinance No. 11-2023 (Rules Suspended)

An Ordinance amending the Village of Timberlake's Income Tax Ordinance pursuant to changes approved in House Bill 33.

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

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 11-2023: Mr. Thompson seconded the motion; Mr. Joyce asked what will be changed. The Fiscal Officer provided more details on the changes from a summary provided by RITA.

Editor's note- the document summarized can be found at <https://www.ritaohio.com/TaxLawUpdates/Home/HB33Update>

Roll call- all were in favor of Ordinance No. 11-2023.

Reports:

a. **Fiscal Officer:**

Monthly Financials:

General Fund- ending balance through November, 2023 is \$385,049.99. Month to date revenue was \$27,593.05 vs expenditures of \$44,494.66 for a net decline for the month of \$-16,901.61. Expenditures were \$15,505.34 less than anticipated; this was due to lower than estimated expenses, primarily in areas such as Annual Legal/Ordinance updates, Worker's Compensation, Trees, and Personnel.

General Fund Revenue through November, 2023 is \$213 less than last year. Revenues in November were approximately \$3,907 less than estimated, due to lower than anticipated 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 \$29,805.71; this includes the additions of

\$20,000 each to the Village Hall and Police Cruiser Capital Funds.

Other Significant Fund Activity and Misc: The City of Eastlake finally billed us for the last two winters of salt usage at a cost of \$2,405.64; this was paid for out of our SCMR Fund (2011); additionally, we paid our second semiannual payment of \$20,493.50 for our Street Improvement Bonds out of Fund 3902. These funds originated from a transfer from our General Fund at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2023. Finally, there were \$500 in refunds issued from the 9901 Hall Rental Security Deposit Refund Fund in November.

Mr. Konrad inquired as to when the next property valuation is being completed by the Auditor; it is coming up soon. He also asked whether the Village would be able to reduce taxes, if the property values increased significantly. The Fiscal Officer indicated the reevaluation would have a small impact on property tax revenues, since we would only benefit from inside millage. The increase in revenues would be from \$5,000 to \$7,000 on the high side.

b. **Mayor:**

- The old service department truck was auctioned off for \$5,500; was purchased by someone from the Toledo area.
- Yard Waste pick-up is done for the year; however, Republic will pick up Christmas Trees after the Holiday.
- Hasn't been much snow this year to plow yet.

c. **Solicitor:**

- Nothing additional to report

d. **Council Members:**

Cynthia Hardwick

- Luminaries will be set-up on Sunday, Christmas Eve at 10:00 AM
 - o Additional related discussion transpired.

Ryan Konrad

- Speed Radar sign from ODOT is operational on Lake Shore Blvd.
 - o Service installed; had to work through some technical kinks. Now is fully operational on battery power.
- Order has been placed for permanent sign with NOPEC Grant.
 - o Will not receive until the New Year
 - o Is solar powered and mobile.
- Mr. Roediger's catch basin has been fixed; has been moved up by 8 inches. He is happy with the repair.
- Speed sign does seem to be helping
 - o Additional related discussion; new sign will have capability for data management
 - o Asked Council to keep an eye out for grants.

Jerry Joyce

- Thanked Mr. Konrad for work on the Speed Sign
 - Additional discussion related to the Speed Sign; is a great reminder to people (to slow down)
- Holiday lighting around the Village looks great.
- Looking forward to Holiday luminaries this year
 - Mary Beth Germano is calling residents to remind them to light luminaries that will be placed in public areas.

Margaret Joyce

- Received a letter from NOPEC regarding the Community Grant for 2024
 - She will give to the Fiscal Officer, who normally completes.
- Went through the Village Directory to find numbers of people on Lake Shore Blvd she has been unable to contact regarding potential Sidewalk Project
 - Will wait till next year to call these residents
- Mr. Konrad provided an update on the status of the grant regarding sidewalks
 - ODOT would like more information; suggests crosswalks and bike trails
 - Mr. Konrad let ODOT know that it would be difficult to have trails due to lack of space.
 - Will talk with ODOT further in January

Nancy Marra

- Thanked the Village Club for hosting a great Christmas Party; thanked various members of the Village Club including Cynthia Hardwick, Kim Widdersheim and others
 - About 40 people attended the Party
- There have been less complaints about people feeding animals in Village
- Noted that there appear to be a couple people advertising home-based businesses
 - There may be an Ordinance on the books regarding this,
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Kevin Thompson

- Nothing to report on trees
- Christmas Party was nice
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas!
- Provided an update on the tree situation at 3 East Shore Blvd (Elizabeth Waters' residence)
 - Mr. O'Leary sent a letter to the neighbor regarding the tree on his property; the neighbor has complied and the tree has been taken down.

e. Police Chief- Monthly Report-

- Mayor Marra presented the monthly report: there was 1 911 call, 1 accident, 2 administrative referrals, 4 responses to alarms, 5 requests for assistance, 1 civil complaint, 1 court appearance, 44 community policing events, 4 disturbances, 31 house checks, 1 call for information, 12 investigations, 1 parking violation, 1 suspicious circumstance, and 1 welfare check for a total of 110 Events.

f. Zoning/Property Maintenance-

- Gary Gray was not here; there was nothing to report.

Purchases & Approvals:

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

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve the November, 2023 Financial Reports. Mr. Konrad seconded the motion; roll call, all were in favor of approving the monthly financial 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.
 - Can we clarify to residents how to contact the Police Department?
 - Mrs. Marra noted that residents should call 911 for emergencies, for non-emergency, please call dispatch number (1-440-354-3434) so it can be logged and Police Department can follow-up.
 - Can we put a notice in Times about leaf pick-up being done for the season?
 - There are piles in some yards; Mrs. Marra said residents with complaints can contact Council and they will follow-up.
 - Inquired about the missing street sign at Keewaydin and Waban and when a replacement will be put up
 - Sign has been put together according to the Mayor; just needs to go up.

Editor's Note: for additional details and discussion, please see our You Tube Page link for this meeting:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCOsQdNucgE>

Adjournment

Mr. Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Konrad seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Called by: Mayor Posted

There will be an organizational meeting on January 1 at 11:00 AM. Our next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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:

James O'Leary	Solicitor
John H. Roskos	Fiscal Officer
Susan Scofield	Chief of Police

Public Comment, Good & Welfare:

- Linda Kolasinski- 61 Shawondassee
 - o Presented her findings on sidewalk survey to Mrs. Joyce
 - o She talked to a portion of residents in late Fall on Lake Shore (Mrs. Joyce talked to 18 residents originally, another 7 recently by phone)
 - o Mrs. Kolasinski inquired about a Village-wide survey on sidewalks and suggested making it a ballot issue
 - o Thanked Mrs. Joyce and Council for their service.

Reading & Disposition of the Minutes:

- a. Regular Council Meeting, December 19, 2023 – Mr. Joyce made a motion approve the minutes of the December 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Mrs. Marra seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of approving the minutes.
- b. Special Council Meeting, December 28, 2023 – Mrs. Marra made a motion approve the minutes of the December 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Mrs. Joyce seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of approving the minutes.
- c. Organizational Meeting, January 1, 2024 – Mr. Thompson made a motion approve the minutes of the January 1, 2024 Organizational Meeting. Mr. Konrad seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of approving the minutes.

Executive Session to Consider the Employment of a Public Employee or Official

Mr. Joyce made a motion to enter Executive Session to Consider the Employment of a Public Employee or Official;

Mrs. Marra seconded the motion. All Council Members, Solicitor, Fiscal Officer and Chief were invited into Executive Session. Roll call: all were in favor of entering Executive Session at 6:34 PM.

Mr. Konrad made a motion to return to Regular Session;

Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of returning to Regular Session at 7:45 PM.

Legislation:

a. Resolution No. 2024-2 (Suspend the Rules)

A resolution confirming the appointment of James O'Leary as Legal Counsel, affirming his agreement, determining compensation and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-2: Mrs. Joyce seconded the motion; roll call- all were in favor of Resolution No. 2024-2.

b. Resolution No. 2024-3 (Tabled)

A resolution appointing Matthew Cicero 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 table Resolution No. 2024-3; Mrs. Marra seconded the motion to table Resolution 2024-3. Roll call: all were in favor of tabling Resolution No. 2024-3.

c. Resolution No. 2024-4 (Suspend the Rules)

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

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

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-4: Mr. Konrad seconded the motion; Mr. Joyce thanked Chief Scofield for providing more details about Mr. Wright and thinks this will be a good appointment for the Department.

Roll call- all were in favor of Resolution No. 2024-4.

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Michael Wright.

d. Ordinance No. 1-2024 (Suspend the Rules)

An ordinance authorizing and approving the appointment of Ryan Konrad as Street Commissioner of the Village of Timberlake, Ohio, pursuant to the provisions of Section 735.31 of the Ohio Revised Code, setting compensation of one dollar per year and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1-2024: Mr. Thompson seconded the motion; roll call- all

were in favor of Ordinance No. 1-2024, except Mr. Konrad whom abstained.

e. Ordinance No. 2-2024 (Suspend the Rules)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to make application to the Ohio EPA on behalf of the Village of Timberlake for the H2Ohio Rivers Initiative: Chloride Reduction Grant and to accept grant funding awarded pursuant to the application therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Marra 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.

Mr. Konrad made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2-2024; Mrs. Joyce seconded the motion; Mayor shared information about grant with Mr. Konrad- information was originally forwarded by Lake County Mayors and Managers Association. There are a few areas to target with this grant including our salt storage shed and a new salt spreader. New spreader would be controlled by GPS, which adjusts for speed of truck; our current spreader is analog. Mr. Konrad relayed additional details on the proposed spreader and grant. There is a \$75,000 limit for the grant; it is a reimbursement grant. Deadline is January 31 to apply. Will get quotes on the salt shed and spreader. He has started filling out the application; suggested possibly having a Grant subcommittee meeting. Additional related discussion followed. We are in the Euclid Watershed area. Discussion of using brine on the roads, but many additional steps and equipment changes would be necessary. Mr. Konrad suggested looking at Buyers Products or Best Truck to research equipment and price points; may just look at the salt spreader for now. The Village would have 12 months to purchase and install if awarded the grant; installation would likely be completed by second or third quarter of the year. Additional related discussion occurred; Mrs. Hardwick and Mrs. Joyce will help review language in grant application.

Roll call- all were in favor of Ordinance No. 2-2024.

Reports:

a. **Mayor:**

- Service Department (Jim Summers), along with Mayor, went out plowing today for a couple passes.
- Service cleared up after the last storm; did a great job.

b. **Solicitor:**

- Will be out of town for a week coming up, but still available by phone. Nothing else to report.

c. **Council Members:**

Cynthia Hardwick

- Nothing to report (see below)

Ryan Konrad

- Has been invited again by Mrs. Kruger at Willoughby-Eastlake Schools to speak at School of Innovation.
 - o Mr. Konrad invited other members of Council too, if they would like to come.
 - o Not sure on dates yet.
 - o Mr. Joyce expressed an interest in attending.
- The new speed sign is shipping from Canada.
 - o Still deciding where to place
 - o Will check garage for spare speed limit signs also
 - o The speed sign is solar, LED, so it has lower power requirements.
 - o Has received some ideas from Willoughby and Mentor as far as installation goes.
- Mrs. Hardwick's Report
 - o Has concerns about puppies for sale sign on Lake Shore Blvd.
 - Neighbor says there's about 4 large dogs in the backyard.
 - Has contacted the Dog Warden and Lake County Humane Society about the situation.
 - Questioned whether the sign is permitted; Mr. O'Leary recommended having Gary Gray look into that.

Jerry Joyce

- Nothing to report.

Margaret Joyce

- Attempted to phone more residents on Lake Shore regarding the sidewalk proposal.
 - o Of 21 residents she has not spoken too, 9 could not be reached due to out of date information.
 - o Spoke to 5 additional residents; left messages for others. Of 5 additional residents she spoke to, 1 strongly for, 2 against, 2 neutral to against.
 - o To date (based on prior conversations as well), there are 6 residents for and 17 against
 - o Questions about where sidewalks would be built seems to be a concern.
 - o Will made additional attempts to reach the remaining 7
 - o Left messages, and indicated texting would work too.
 - o Additional related discussion transpired
 - o Linda Kolasinki's survey (of mostly Waban and Shawondasse) residents is primarily against
 - o Mrs. Marra dispelled a previous rumor of the Village building sidewalks throughout the Village.

Mr. Konrad will follow up with ODOT again regarding the potential Sidewalk Grant; he expected some opposition, but is surprised there is not more support for the idea.

Nancy Marra

- Commented on Mayor Morley of Eastlake passing away
 - o Reminded Council and residents that visitation is tomorrow from 2:00 PM to 8:00 at Monreal Funeral Home. Funeral Service will also be there from 10:00-11:00. Donations to the Miracle League are recommended. The City of Eastlake has lost a devoted leader.

Kevin Thompson

- Congratulating (re-elected) members for serving their community. Thanked Mrs. Hardwick for serving as President Pro Temp last year with the possibility of having to serve as Mayor in this position.
- Thanked Mrs. Marra for her experience and guidance.
- Tree Report: spoke about the January 9 Storm. Received several calls regarding downed trees; not as bad as the August tornado. Brent Gardner, Steve Piroso, and Jim Summers did a great job cleaning up and enduring the cold temperatures! Thanked Mr. Konrad for relaying information after the Storm.
- Reminded residents to bring their cans in on the day of garbage pick-up.

d. Fiscal Officer:

Monthly Financials:

General Fund- ending balance through December 31, 2023 is \$325,493.23. Month to date revenue was \$31,678.73 vs expenditures of \$51,235.49 for a net decline for the month of \$-19,556.76. Additionally, transfers of \$20,000 each were made to the Village Hall and Police Car Capital Funds. Expenditures were \$6,235.49 more than anticipated; this was due to the timing of payments of OPERS, Ohio Police & Fire and Workers Compensation (OPERS and OP & F were paid earlier than estimated; Workers Compensation billing was later than projected).

General Fund Revenue for Fiscal Year 2023 was \$8,521.49 more than last year at approximately \$707,000 for 2023 versus \$698,000 in 2022. Revenues in December were approximately \$8,734.73 more than estimated, due to higher than anticipated Income Tax Revenues, and the sale of the old Service Truck for \$5,500.

The final surplus for Fiscal Year 2023 was \$33,448.95 after all transfers.

Other Significant Fund Activity and Misc.: we received our quarterly reimbursement for Infrastructure Fees for our Sanitary Sewer Fund 2901 in the amount of \$6,426, as well as an Energized Grant from NOPEC in the amount of \$4,298 benefiting Fund 2902 Other Special Revenue. Finally, there were \$500 in refunds issued from the 9901 Hall Rental Security Deposit Refund Fund in December.

Mr. O'Leary noted the good results. Mr. Roskos commented that December turned out to be a better than expected month financially due to Income Tax Returns;

additionally, the sale of the old truck was also not included in projections for the year. This resulted in the larger than expected surplus.

e. Police Chief- Monthly Report-

There were 3 911 Calls, 1 accident, 3 administrative calls, 2 alarms, 3 animal complaints, 9 requests for assistance, 40 community policing events (includes Beach and the Playground), 3 disturbances, 1 harassment complaint, 39 house checks, 2 information calls, 10 investigations, 1 juvenile complaint, 5 phone complaints, 1 parking violation, 1 property complaint, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 theft, 2 traffic complaints, and 1 welfare check for a total of 129 calls that came through Central Dispatch.

f. Zoning/Property Maintenance-

Gary Gray was not here; the report was presented by the Mayor. November and December 2023- 2 roof permits, 1 shed permit, and 2 window permits. For all of 2023, there were 40 contractor registrations, 11 roofs, 4 fences, 6 driveways, 4 plumbing, 4 sheds, 12 windows, 4 interior renovations, 2 siding, and 1 chicken coop permit issued.

Purchases & Approvals:

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

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve the December, 2023 Financial Reports.

Mr. Konrad seconded the motion; roll call, all were in favor of approving the monthly financial 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):

- NONE

Executive Session to Consider the Employment of a Public Employee or Official

Mr. Joyce made a motion to enter Executive Session to Consider the Employment of a Public Employee or Official;

Mrs. Marra seconded the motion. All Council Members, Solicitor, Fiscal Officer, Chief, and Matthew Cicero were invited into Executive Session. Roll call: all were in favor of entering Executive Session at 8:26 PM.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to return to Regular Session; Mr. Konrad seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of returning to Regular Session at 8:51 PM.

Resolution No. 2024-3 (Untabled, Suspend the Rules and Vote)

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

A motion was made by Mr. Joyce to untable Resolution 2024-3; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Marra. All members present voted in favor of untabling Resolution No. 2024-3.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule; Mrs. Joyce seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of suspending the three-reading rule.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-3; Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Mr. Joyce still has some concerns about this appointment; would like regular updates from the Chief. This appointment will be dependent on community feedback; does not believe the Village should lower our standards. Chief Scofield indicated that Matthew Cicero's performance would be monitored regularly; Chief Scofield stated that Cicero is a very good police officer. Additional related discussion occurred.

Roll call: Mr. Joyce, yes, Mrs. Joyce, yes, Mrs. Hardwick, abstain, Mrs. Marra, no, Mr. Thompson, yes, Mr. Konrad, no; the motion passed by 3-2 as the abstention goes with the majority according to Mr. O'Leary and is not included in the vote count.

Mayor Marra administered the oath of office to Matthew Cicero.

Executive Session to Discuss Possible Litigation

Mr. Konrad made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss possible litigation; Mr. Joyce seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of entering Executive Session at 9:00 PM.

Mr. Joyce made a motion to return to Regular Session; Mr. Konrad seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor of returning to Regular Session at 9:20 PM.

Editor's Note: for additional details and discussion, please see our You Tube Page link for this meeting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_jLnL0MgvU&t=5327s

Adjournment

Mrs. Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Konrad seconded the motion. Roll call: all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM

Called by: Mayor Posted

Our next regular meeting is Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

