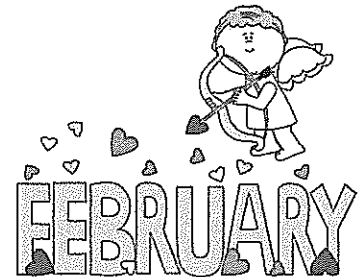
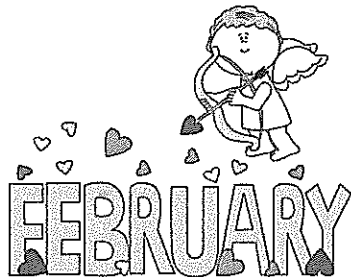


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February

Feb. 2	Monday	Ground Hog Day	
Feb. 14	Saturday	Valentine's Day	
Feb. 14	Saturday	Tree Commission Meeting	12:00 PM
Feb. 16	Monday	Mardi Gras/ President's Day	
Feb. 17	Tuesday	Timberlake Council Meeting	7:30 PM
Feb. 25	Wednesday	Last Day for Article Submission to Times	

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Village of Timberlake Cash Balance Statements

2013 Village of Timberlake			2014 Village of Timberlake		
Beginning cash balance 1/1/2013		\$355,297	Beginning cash balance 1/1/2014		\$323,875
General Fund Income			General Fund Income		
Property Taxes	\$263,734		Property Taxes	\$261,809	
All other taxes	\$121,801		All other taxes	\$105,867	
Fees/Permits	\$6,505		Fees/Permits	\$4,940	
Hall Rentals	\$7,340		Hall Rentals	\$6,905	
Franchise Fees	\$10,525		Franchise Fees	\$10,085	
Summer Program	\$1,803		Summer Program	\$2,480	
Police Income/Court fines	\$58,943		Police Income/Court fines	\$11,438	
Grants	\$0		Grants	\$1,500	
Misc. Income	\$4,362		Misc. Income	\$2,626	
Total General Fund	\$475,012		Total General Fund	\$407,650	
Special Funds			Special Funds		
Street Maint/Repair	\$28,824		Street Maint/Repair	\$30,075	
State Highway Maint/Repair	\$2,337		State Highway Maint/Repair	\$2,438	
Police Education Fund	\$131		Police Education Fund	\$399	
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$25,753		Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$25,667	
Village Hall Rental Security Fund	\$5,900		Village Hall Rental Security Fund	\$5,090	
Total Special Funds	\$62,946		Total Special Funds	\$63,669	
Grand total all funds	\$537,958	\$537,958	Grand total all funds	\$471,319	\$471,319
Total		\$893,255			\$795,194
General Fund Expenses			General Fund Expenses		
Police wages/benefits	\$104,329		Police wages/benefits	\$84,753	
Police expenses	\$48,103		Police expenses	\$32,080	
PSAP	\$18,334		PSAP	\$18,517	
Police Car	\$0		Police Car	\$33,457	
Fire/Rescue Services	\$85,000		Fire/Rescue Services	\$86,052	
Trash Services	\$58,883		Trash Services	\$60,070	
Solicitor Services	\$12,000		Solicitor Services	\$12,000	
Insurance	\$9,710		Insurance	\$10,442	
Village wages/benefits	\$55,707		Village wages/benefits	\$40,254	
Playground Expenses	\$3,739		Playground Expenses	\$3,728	
Storm Sewer Expenses	\$28,070		Storm Sewer Expenses	\$34,147	
Tree Expenses	\$9,775		Tree Expenses	\$7,006	
Village Hall Expenses	\$14,399		Village Hall Expenses	\$7,866	
Utilities/Vendor Operating Expenses	\$24,766		Utilities/Vendor Operating Expenses	\$14,799	
Internal Operating Expenses	\$6,911		Internal Operating Expenses	\$7,549	
All other misc. expenses	\$14,216		All other misc. expenses	\$22,820	
Grants	\$0		Grants	\$1,500	
Total General Fund Expenses	\$493,941		Total General Fund Expenses	\$477,038	
Special Fund Expenses			Special Fund Expenses		
Street Maint/Repair payroll	\$22,693		Street Maint/Repair payroll	\$24,991	
Street Maint/Repair expenses	\$16,574		Street Maint/Repair expenses	\$15,764	
State Highway Maint/Repair	\$936		State Highway Maint/Repair	\$4,405	
Police Education Fund Expenses	\$385		Police Education Fund Expenses	\$0	
Sanitary Sewer Fund Expenses	\$28,951		Sanitary Sewer Fund Expenses	\$16,164	
Village Hall Rental Security Refunds	\$5,900		Village Hall Rental Security Refunds	\$4,590	
Total Special Fund Expenses	\$75,439		Total Special Fund Expenses	\$65,914	
Grand total all fund expenses	\$569,380	\$569,380	Grand total all funds	\$542,952	\$542,952
Cash balance ending 12/31/2013		\$323,875	Cash balance ending 12/31/2014		\$252,243

VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE

David Cattani, Mayor

Lisa Stefaniak, Clerk-Treasurer

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Dennis Dicki	Ritu Sharma
Jim Gasier	Mike Stanton
Sam Santagelo III	Mary Trepal

TIMBERLAKE COUNCIL MEETING

December 16, 2014

Mayor Cattani opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:35 PM. After the public portion, Mayor Cattani asked for the roll call of the officers. Ritu Sharma was not present and excused. Our Solicitor and Mrs. Stefaniak were also present.

The mayor asked for a motion to approve November 18, 2014 minutes

Motion to approve: Stanton

Seconded: Santangelo

The rest of council was in favor

The mayor introduced Wendy Zele, Manager of External Affairs from First Energy for Timberlake. Ms. Zele reported on the tree damage to the fence at 17 Keewaydin. The tree has been removed off the fence and the fence will be repaired in the spring through the resident's yard. She also said that the idling locomotive engines will be kept on the far side by the ash silos. The engines must remain running during their stay on First Energy property. The light at the service garage will be repaired. Mary Trepal asked Ms. Zele who the new contact for trees vs. power lines would be at First Energy and Ms. Zele said she is the new contact regarding Timberlake issues. Ms. Zele said that First Energy is responsible for a ten foot clearance on the property line. If there is interference by trees from the pole to the home that is the residents responsibility. Since the large amount of coal still being brought into the power plant the policies put into place regarding home and vehicle cleaning is still in place. The plant is scheduled to close in April of 2015. When the plant closes the coal will be relocated. She also reminded council that all other reports, such as power outages, etc. can be made through First Energy's web site www.firstenergycorp.com. All other inquiries regarding Timberlake can be made to Ms. Zele's email at wfzele@firstenergycorp.com. The mayor thanked her for coming to the meeting.

The mayor asked for a motion for council members to go into an executive session regarding the interviews to approve new patrolmen and waist removal contract.

Motion: Stanton

Seconded: Trepal

All were in favor

SAFETY

Mike Stanton thanked all volunteers for their time for helping to clean up residents' yards who needed the extra help due to age and health reasons. As a reminder, Mr. Stanton would like residents to know that they are not allowed to dump yard waste at the service department.

Four candidates were interviewed for patrolman positions last week. The following patrolmen were approved by council and the police chief.

Mr. Stanton presented Resolution 2014-45, a resolution confirming the appointment on a probationary basis of Joe Teresi to the position of patrolman.

Motion: Stanton
Seconded: Trepal
All were in favor

Mr. Stanton presented Resolution 2014-46, a resolution confirming the appointment on a probationary basis of Robert Hutchison to the position of patrolman.

Motion: Stanton
Seconded: Gasier
All were in favor

They mayor swore in the two new patrolman.

Chief Esser gave his month report. The chief reported that there are no updates on current grants. The chief thanked the patrolmen for their quality and quantity of hours over the past year. The new body cameras are used on every shift by the patrolmen. The quality of audio and video is excellent.

SEWERS

Mr. Gassier presented Resolution 2014-47 authorizing the mayor to enter into contract with George Transky for storm sewer repairs.

Motion to approve: Gasier
Seconded: Dicki
All were in favor

Mr. Transky will start right away. Right now there is \$45,000 invested in televising, cleaning and repairing.

SERVICE

Mr. Santangelo reported that the first snow didn't help with the residents' removal of leaves. The gates to the service department will be locked when the service department personnel is not there. This is being done for security and liability purposes. The lights on the gator need to be replaced. The rest of the equipment is in good shape for the winter.

FINANCE

Mr. Dicki talked about the new addition to the Timberlake web page. There is a link on the mayor's web page where you can go to an index where you can see all the letters and emails being sent to the mayor, treasurer, and council. From this point forward all letters and emails will be posted. Also, please send ideas and thoughts to this open forum as to directions you would like to see the village go. There will also be links to First Energy to view videos that are informative to the residents of Timberlake.

There was a meeting earlier this month where Mrs. Stephaniak went over the budget to close out 2014 and go over the carryovers for the 2015 budget. Payroll procedures were reviewed and discussions for financing the paving project were also discussed.

Mr. Dick presented Resolution 2014-48 approving and directing payment of certain bills (monthly bills) by the Village of Timberlake.

Motion: Dicki
Seconded: Stanton
All were in favor

Mr. Dick presented Ordinance 2014-18 an ordinance encumbering certain liabilities, contracts and open purchase commitments incurred prior to the end of the Village of Timberlake fiscal year on December 31, 2014, against 2014 appropriations and declaring an emergency. This ordinance is for closing out the books for 2014.

Motion to waive three reading rule: Dicki

Seconded: Trepal

All were in favor

Motion to approve: Dicki

Seconded: Stanton

All were in favor

The mayor and Mrs. Stefaniak met with Love Insurance. There will be a small increase in premiums next year due to the new police car. There will no changes in coverage.

The mayor said in the last three years the message received from residents was that the roads and sewers need to be fixed. The road project needs to be sent out for bid by May to get final numbers to get the paving project started in August to be done by October. Timberlake also needs to figure out how to finance this project. We are looking at \$475,000 to \$525,000 for the project. We will be getting \$150,000 from a loan through the state with the balance to be paid by Timberlake. If we are going to due this through a levy everything will have to be in place by February 4th. This will levy will cost \$1,000 to put it on the May primary. If we pass a tax levy the bigger homes will pay more and the small homes less. Another way to finance the project would be to discontinue garbage pickup. The only communities that still pay for garbage removal in Lake County are Kirtland and Waite Hill. To pay off a ten year loan is about the same price Timberlake spends in yearly garbage pick up. The mayor is going to discuss with council about giving the garbage bill to the residents. This was done many years ago on a temporary basis. This would be a more fair way for the residents as everybody will be paying the same for waist removal. Republic has agreed to bill each resident for this service. The trash bill would be approximately \$200. The mayor will be having a meeting on January 13th at 7:30 PM to discuss the village's options for paying for this project.

TREES AND PARKS

Mrs. Trepal reported that 14 stumps have been ground for \$1,950, and the mulch will be removed to the service department and weather permits.

The mayor asked for motion to adjourn.

Motion: Stanton

Seconded: Santangelo

All were in favor

Lisa Stefaniak, Clerk/Treasurer

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**Timberlake Village Council
Special Council Meeting
January 13, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM.

Roll Call: Cattani, Stanton, Sharma, Gasier, Dicki, Santangelo
Excused: Trepal

The 2014 books are being closed out now. The village took in \$26,000 less than plan. The Police did a great job managing salary expenses, and made up the difference for the village. We did dip into the carryover to fund the storm sewer work (\$40,000), which continues today, and will impact the carryover significantly in 2015 as we push forward with those repairs.

Mayor Cattani discussed his analysis of revenue and spending for 2002-2013.

Mayor Cattani offered a study of the debt service required to pay for the project at the forecast cost provided by the village engineer. He addressed the overlapping amortization projections for the two loans we are applying for, which create difficulty in establishing a revenue stream to repay the varying loan payments. The Village is also required to certify that funds are available to repay the loans as part of the application process. This is one of the reasons that he is asking council to end payment for the trash services, as this commitment needs made imminently so the village can line up financing for the additional \$375,000 in projected borrowing. The State Infrastructure Bank is the first place the village is looking for funding. Interest is 3%, which is similar to the OPWC loan we have already secured.

The fact that Timberlake is one of a handful of remaining communities that pays for trash places us at a disadvantage to other communities when tax bills are compared. This will put the village on par with the rest of the county. The proposed modifications to the existing contract were discussed, as well as the proposal for a 5 year renewal. Flexibility was also identified as a reason to free up general fund money to service the debt, as we have no hard cost figures, and will have none until the project is complete.

Other capital needs were identified, including sidewalks on Lakeshore, road maintenance funds, and replacement of the beach access, among them.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Santangelo and seconded by Mr. Dicki at 8:10PM. The motion was carried unanimously.

Lisa Stefaniak
Clerk – Treasurer

David Cattani
Mayor

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Dennis Dicki Ritu Sharma
Jim Gasier Mike Stanton
Sam Santangelo III Mary Trepal

TIMBERLAKE COUNCIL MEETING January 20, 2015

Mayor Cattani opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:35 PM. After the public portion, Mayor Cattani asked for the roll call of the officers. All were present. Our Solicitor and Mrs. Stefaniak were also present.

The mayor asked for a motion to approve minutes fro the special council meeting on January 13, 2015.

Motion to approve: Santangelo

Seconded: Stanton

All were in favor except Mary Trepal who abstained as she was not at the meeting.

The mayor asked for a motion to approve minutes of December 16, 2014 minutes.

Motion to approve: Santangelo

Seconded: Dicki

All were in favor except Ritu Sharma who abstained as she was not at the meeting.

SAFETY

Chief Esser gave his monthly report. The chief reported that the patrolmen are continuing training. They recently completed a 4 hour course on domestic violence along with handling situations with regard to autism, disabilities, and dementia. The police department received a check for \$1,040 for completing this training. This money has to be used for additional training courses or equipment. There are currently 5 officers on payroll, 3 full time and two part time. There are 12 special officers being paid \$1 per year.

The mayor asked for a motion to excuse council into executive session to discuss the Police Chief position.

Motion to excuse: Stanton

Seconded: Sharma

All were in favor

The mayor gave his 2014 interim report on the storm sewer project, the 2015 road paving project, and sidewalks. Timberlake could not get outside funding for the sidewalk project but we are still looking into other sources of funding. The storm sewer project is a quarter of the way done. We are waiting for a rain event to make sure repairs are correct and the southeast quadrant repair is correct. Lakeshore will also be paved this year by the county. Tax revenue was down a little bit over last year due to police revenue. Timberlake spent approximately \$60,000 more in 2014 than 2013 due to the sewers projects. Timberlake still has approximately \$250,000 left in carryover. The big push for 2015 will be to complete the storm sewer project and pave the roads. The mayor expressed a job well done by Chief Esser for the last 15 months under the difficult situation in the department. The mayor was very pleased with the progress of the department with the new patrol car and body cameras. Chief Esser is currently working on fleet management logging with the vehicles. In the last year as mayor, the mayor would like to look into replacing the beach stairs and walking and bicycle safety for Lakeshore. The mayor thanked council for a strong year and not only councils support but also the support of the residents of Timberlake.

FINANCE

Mr. Dicki presented Resolution 2015-01 designating Huntington National Bank as the financial institution as the public depository.

Motion to approve: Dicki

Seconded: Gasier

Mrs. Stephaniak reported that several banking institutions were looked into. PNC was a good bank but Mrs. Stephaniak personally banks there so she felt it was a conflict of interest. Fifth/Third was not agreeable with what Timberlake needs. Key Bank was 3% higher in fees than Huntington. Fire Fighters Credit Union was looked into but Mrs. Stefaniak never could get confirmation from the state whether or not the village is allowed to use a credit union. Huntington Bank is dropping their \$30 service fee and giving Timberlake \$500 for switching banks. Huntington is also the bank that Eastlake uses.

All were in favor

Mr. Dicki presented Ordinance 2015-01 adopting an interim budget for the Village of Timberlake for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2015 for the submission to the auditor of Lake County.

Motion to waive the 3 reading rule: Dicki

Seconded: Gasier

All were in favor

Motion to approve: Dicki

Seconded: Gasier

All were in favor

Mr. Dicki presented Ordinance 2015-02, and ordinance establishing the pay schedule for all public employees of the Village of Timberlake in the fiscal year of 2015. The only changes over 2014 will be the class 7 the playground staff due to the new minimum wage change to \$8.10 per hour.

Motion to wave the 3 reading rule: Dicki

Seconded: Stanton

All were in favor

Motion to approve: Dicki

Seconded: Santangelo

All were in favor

Mr. Dicki presented Ordinance 2015-03, an ordinance authorizing the Village of Timberlake to pay the solicitor's salary for the fiscal of year of 2015. The solicitors rate is the same as the last three years.

Motion to waive the 3 reading rule: Dicki

Seconded: Sharma

All were in favor

Motion to approve: Dicki

Seconded: Sharma

All were in favor

Mr. Dicki presented Ordinance 2015-04, an ordinance amending 2015 line item appropriation B05-F-161-2, enforcement and education police, hereby amended to reflect the balance of One Thousand Forty Dollars (\$1,040.00)

Motion to waive the 3 reading rule: Dicki

Seconded: Santangelo

All were in favor

Motion to approve: Dicki

Seconded: Sharma

All were in favor

Mr. Dicki presented Resolution 2015-02, a resolution approving and directing payment of certain bills by the Village of Timberlake. (Monthly bills)

Motion to approve: Dicki

Seconded: Sharma

All were in favor

Mr. Dicki presented Resolution 2015-03, a resolution authorizing the mayor of the Village of Timberlake to enter into addendum contract with George K. Transky for storm sewer repair in the southeast quadrant of Timberlake.

Motion to approve: Dicki

Seconded: Gasier

Mr. Gasier discussed the project. The original contract was set up for 3 breaks. The first break was in a back yard and the replacement pipe went smoothly. From there they went over to the third breakage area which was next to Waban. The break between 2 and 3 were on 15" main lines. There were twin lines. One new and one was older. The one on

the north side was a heavy duty concrete. The one on the south side was ceramic tile. When they went in to the section they found out that the ceramic tile had a crumbled section. They had to go 30 feet until they found no more breakage. There was a total of 30 feet and 60ft of pipe replacement over and beyond the original estimate. There are further cracks going west on the old line. These lines are 11 feet down. The lines replaced are currently running smooth. Mr. Formica was out inspecting the areas repaired.

All were in favor.

Mr. Dicki presented Resolution 2015-04, a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation. The mayor explained that this is John Rogers' project in the county for tearing down derelict properties. It is an agreement between member communities to handle these properties.

Motion to approve: Dicki

Seconded: Trepal

All were in favor

The mayor explained the alternative to handing the trash bill to each resident. The yearly trash bill that Timberlake is paying equals about the same money that Timberlake will have to pay in loans to do the paving project. It was the only way to go forward with this paving project other than having another tax levy on the ballot.

TREES AND PARKS

Mrs. Trepal reported that on February 14th and 12:00 noon there will be a spring planning session for the tree commission. On March 14th there will be a public meeting where the arborist from Holden Arboretum will talk about tree care and pruning. The arborist will go out into the community, with those attending, to discuss the different areas for pruning. Mary ordered and received several books regarding tree management and would like to share them with anybody along with the tree commission.

Mrs. Trepal is in the beginning planning stages for the summer program.

HALL

Dr. Sharma reported that the rentals are starting to pick up again.

Mr. Gasier would like to remind all residents to please keep the manhole covers in front of your homes clean of debris.

SERVICE

Mr. Santangelo reported that everything is going well. Scott has been doing a great job plowing and salting. The village is still on their first load of salt. The gator needs new tires as the current ones are bald and threads are showing.

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.
Motion to adjourn: Stanton
Seconded: Santangelo
All were in favor.

Lisa Stefaniak, Clerk/Treasurer

David Cattani, Mayor

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Ronald Szadkowski, 76, of Timberlake entered into eternal rest at home surrounded by family on January 20, 2015. He was born in Cleveland, on April 29, 1938, to the late Stanley Sr. and Sophie Szadkowski. Ronald attended St. Jerome's Elementary and was a graduate of Collinwood High School, class of 1957. He was proudly employed at Lincoln Electric for 40 years. In his early years, he liked boating at Wildwood, bowling, golfing, swimming in the backyard pool, and was a model train enthusiast. Ronald took great pride in caring for his home and beautiful yard which he was able to enjoy with his family. He had an interest in History, Science, and enjoyed solving a good puzzle. He had a determination to fix whatever broke.

In his later years, Ronald and Mary Ann had many memorable trips with his brother and sister-in-law. Ronald also attended mass regularly at St. Justin Martyr. He was a proud and devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Many nieces, nephews, and extended family shared a special relationship with him. He will be dearly missed by many.

Ronald is survived by his loving wife, Mary Ann of 54 years, his children, Lynn (Mike) Gatti, Robert (Peggy) Szadkowski, Cindy (Chris) Giorgi, Dennis Szadkowski, and Alan Szadkowski. His grandchildren, Justin, Katlyn (Matt) Zorik, Olivia, Nick, Amanda, Billy, Abby, Emilee, and Grace, and his great-grandchild, Logan. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Ann Stelmach whom he loved dearly, along with his siblings, Stanley Jr., Dorothy, and Joanne. A donation can be made in Ronald's honor to the Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 East 185th Street, Cleveland, OH. - See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-herald/obituary.aspx?pid=173935234#sthash.oNaUjEHS.dpuf>

A REMINDER ON INCOME TAXES

Timberlake Village Income Taxes are processed by CCA, the tax arm of the City of Cleveland. Residents should be aware that Timberlake's Work Tax Rate is only 1% and that there is no additional Residence Tax due for income earned in the village. Residence tax is, however, due on income earned outside Timberlake, in addition to any tax paid to other work cities. Income Tax Rates vary in Northeast Ohio communities, so consult your filing instructions or tax preparer for more information on how this affects your personal situation.

The following demonstrates the impact of our tax structure. Average household income in the village is \$60,000. Using this figure, a typical tax scenario for a resident working outside the village is as follows:

Income	Tax Due Work City (2%)	Residence Tax Due (.5%)	Total Tax Due
\$60,000	\$1,200	\$300	\$1,500

Income earned inside the village is typically taxed as follows:

Income	Tax Due Timberlake (1%)	Residence Tax Due (0%)	Total Tax Due
\$60,000	\$600	\$0	\$600

Accurately reporting income which is earned in the village has the double benefit of reducing the resident's tax liability AND significantly increasing village tax receipts. Many residents work both in an office and at home to varying degrees. When filing your income tax return, please review your personal situation to ensure that you are properly recording your income in the city where it is earned. If you have any questions regarding this notice or how your income should be apportioned among municipalities, you should contact CCA toll-free at (800) 223.6317.

Dave Cattani, Mayor