

**TIMBERLAKE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
MINUTES FROM
January 5, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Linda notified residents about the broken Timberlake sign on 91st Street. The sign was not insured. It looks like it was broken by a snowplow.

The secretary read minutes from the October and November meetings. October's minutes were accepted as amended. November's minutes were accepted as read.

The Association is starting to run a deficit. There are several ways to close the deficit. We need to get more businesses advertising in our directory and quarterly mailings for \$100. If anyone has or knows of a business that would like to advertise, contact Linda. We also need to get more residents to join the Association and pay dues. Only about 1/3 sign up. We may need a combination of increasing the number of residents signing up, increase dues to \$20, and/or start charging dues to seniors.

The winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest were announced:

1 st	Joe & Delores Caparelli	8284 Tennessee	\$50 gas card
2 nd	George & Sharon Cote	86 th & Lorraine	\$30 gas card
3 rd	Peter & Eileen Spencer	10S284 Birnam Tr	\$20 gas card
3 rd	JC & Rosemarie Cashman	8155 Tennessee	\$20 gas card
3 rd	Jamie Maclek	10S104 Lorraine	\$20 gas card
3 rd	Errol & Helen McIntyre	16W678 Marybeth	\$20 gas card

Not qualified to win, but also of note were

Peter & Michele Perisin	9S480 Brookbank
Elliot & Kristine Wall	9S708 Clarendon Hills Road

Residents were encouraged to view all of the above Christmas decorations. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Linda has been getting calls from attorneys wanting to know if dues are up to date for sellers of Timberlake homes. Some residents have been advised by their attorneys to join and pay their dues in order to facilitate sales. Bill Anderson and Charlotte Krueger discussed how to enter the Timberlake Civic Association on their listings.

A Heather Graves from Hinsdale Community House gave a statement to Tribune reporter Patrick regarding the Willowbrook Corner Initiative which provides free child care. She stated that over 80% of the residents in the area from the Stevenson Expressway to Waterfall Glen to Route 83 live below the poverty level. Residents were encouraged to call the reporter at 630-209-9349 to urge him to retract the statement.

Linda Painter spoke about fun winter activities in DuPage County Forest Preserves. At Mt Hoyl in Blackwell preserve, the forest preserve rents tubes for \$4. Cross country ski trails in Waterfall Glenn have been groomed and refurbished. People can rent

snowshoes from REI. Arrowhead Golf Course rents cross country skis. Ice skating on lakes is strictly at your own risk. Residents can ice fish through holes that are less than 10" diameter. Danada has horse drawn sleigh rides for \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids. Dog parks are open. Greene Valley Dog Park has a little dog park within the dog park.

Jim Durkin, Chris Radogno, Patty Bellock and Kirk Dillard have all announced that they oppose the proposed 1/2% state income tax hike.

Today is the last day to register to vote before the upcoming elections. The Chinese church polling place has been moved to Sts Kiril and Metodij Macedonian Church at 10S330 Route 83 Just north of the Walgreens at 91st and Route 83. There may only be access to the church from southbound Route 83. January 11-28 is the period for early voting. 5 Seasons and Downers Grove Village Hall are the closest early voting sites. See Lindapainter.com for other locations.

Next month's meeting will be on Election Day. We will meet in the Board Room down the hall.

Chairman of Public Works, Deborah Olsen and County Board Members, John Curran and Tom Bennington brought flyers on DuPage County government and updated bike trail maps. They spoke about the new water rates. A rate study that occurs every 4 years has pointed out a need for a rate increase. The county charges only for water and operational needs. The rate will go from \$4.20 to \$4.60 per 1000 gallons plus a 60-70 cent surcharge to pay the buy in fee for the DuPage Water Commission. New rates will start with the March billing. The county cost is right in the middle of rates charged by various communities.

Tom Bennington spoke about the problems at the DuPage Water Commission. The commission was founded in 1985. It was funded by a 1/4% sales tax and a property tax that was never levied, which produced \$30-40 million per year which led to a \$40 million rebate to municipalities and subsidized the cost of water. In 2007 the commission had \$80-90 million in reserves. The county joined the commission in 2008. Costs cover the price of renovating pumping stations, what Chicago charges for water, the costs for maintaining pipes and the costs of about 40 employees. 6 people on the commission are appointed by Schillerstrom and 6 are appointed by the municipalities.

In November 2009, Max Richter, the chief financial officer, announced that the information given since 2007 was wrong. A forensic audit was begun. The commission borrowed \$30 million in December. The results of the audit are due January 14. Once the audit results are in the commission will discuss what to do. Water rates will be increased. The next meeting of the commission will be January 14 east of York Road in Elmhurst. They will determine litigation and personnel issues at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.