

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING – JANUARY 18, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Round Lake Heights Committee Meeting was called to order by Mayor Lumpkins at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Meeks = Present	Trustee Walker = Present
Trustee Katzel = Present	Trustee Germann = Present
Trustee Mahoney = Present	Trustee Faught = Present
Mayor Lumpkins = Present	Village Clerk Mahoney = Present
Also Present = Dominick Mahoney	

Mayor Lumpkins requested to amend the agenda to add C. Ronda Radio Agreement under Administration.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to approve the amendment to the agenda as requested by Mayor Lumpkins.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Rollins Road Annexation

Mayor Lumpkins stated that today was Chuck Johnson's last day as our attorney and that Chuck stated Peter Karlovics has been filled in on our items and will be working with us from now on. Mayor Lumpkins stated that last week the Board had passed the ordinances for the annexation agreements with the Jacksons and Braunsdorfs and that next month we would be passing the ordinances for the annexation of their property. We are still trying to contact Flores but have not been able to and will probably go to their house to see if they stand on the annexing of their property. Our attorney is still trying to finish the agreement with the Florida people. Our attorney has posted all of the public notices necessary in the newspaper. Hopefully we will be able to have all the annexations completed by the April meeting.

Festival

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have already selected our dates and we need to start working on the festival. Trustee Katzel suggested that we change our parade start time from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. so that we might be able to have more participants in the parade and also so that parade participants would have more time to set up at the festival before it starts. Trustee Katzel stated that we should have a lot of activities going on throughout the day to keep attendance up. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we need to make some appointments so that those people can get working on the festival and that it should be the entire Board and not just a couple of people in order to be a success. Trustee Germann questioned if we are going to recognize the village's 45th anniversary at the festival. Trustee

Faught suggested that the festival theme could be a birthday party to recognize the 45th anniversary. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they had any objections to relating the festival to our 45th anniversary and the Board had no objections. Trustee Katzel suggested not decorating the festival itself with theme decorations because it is not necessary and would save money. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they had any objections to letting Janet do a 45th anniversary book if she will do it and the Board had no objections and stated that Janet did an awesome job on the 40th anniversary book. Trustee Katzel questioned if we could have Teres Reed ask for donations again this year and Mayor Lumpkins asked Clerk Mahoney to handle that.

Ronda Radio

Mayor Lumpkins reported that he spoke with Ronda Radio and we are back on if we still want it. A new contract has been delivered to the village hall but has not been reviewed yet. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he did tell them that the original contract was for ten years and he would like to change it to five years and renegotiate after that. They originally were going to go upstairs but due to money constraints they will just renovate the downstairs and also put a new roof on right away. The renovations downstairs would consist of drywall, separate the room to make two studios, make a front entryway and redo the bathroom. They will probably locate the tower by the well station, which was approved by the FCC in the original agreement. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he believes the radio station will be a good thing for us to have in our village. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would get agreement copies to the Board for review and looking for approval on the new agreement. Trustee Katzel questioned if we could get them to sign an agreement stating that they would not locate the radio station in Round Lake Beach. Mayor Lumpkins stated that they are ready to go and have already signed this agreement but the agreement needs our approval first. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we could get him to sign something but it appears to be pretty solid that they will have the station at our old village hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Mahoney reported that newsletters received were: Lake County Stormwater Management Commission and Legislative Bulletin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks reported that squad car #1 has 92,500 miles on it and Chief Johnson gave her a price list for a new squad car. The 2005 Crown Victoria with the interceptor package is only \$90.00 more than the 2004 model. Trustee Mahoney questioned what year squad car #1 is and Mayor Lumpkins stated that it is a 1999 and it is one of the first cars we got through the grant. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we could take a two-year loan on the car, which would be about an \$850.00 payment. If we get the car in March then there would only be four monthly payments that were

not originally budgeted for and now we are spending a lot of money for repairs to the car. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would be looking to get a loan for \$20,000.00, using the proceeds from the sale of squad car #1 to buy the equipment, transfer the equipment, do the striping and detailing of the new squad car. The Board agreed that the police department does a fantastic job of maintaining the squad cars. The Board agreed that it is time to retire squad car #1 and purchase a new one. Mayor Lumpkins told Trustee Meeks to give Chief Johnson the ok to start preparing for this and the approval will be at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Meeks reported that we are still on the list for the grant for the school police officer.

Trustee Meeks reported that a memo from Chief Johnson states that MEG has been very active in our village during the past two weeks. Due to the hard work of Larry Nosbaum, there were two busts and several arrests. The two houses involved were 1817 Brentwood and 613 S. Cedarwood Circle. Mayor Lumpkins stated that it is good news when they are cleaning up our town and Trustee Meeks agreed.

Public Works There was nothing to report.

Building & Zoning There was nothing to report.

Sewer & Water There was nothing to report.

Administration Mayor Lumpkins reported that we just received a notice from Patti Floyd, our office personnel, that she will be leaving us as of February 11, 2005. She will be going to A-Tire full time because Kathy is retiring from there. Clerk Mahoney will go through the old applications to find a replacement as soon as possible.

Ordinances Trustee Germann reported that he met with Ken Schnur for five hours last Saturday reviewing ordinances. They have come up with eighteen pages of findings so far. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he told Ken Schnur to give a synopsis of their findings in writing. Ken Schnur would then come give a quick presentation of the findings at a meeting to brief the Board. The Board would then review and discuss it as a committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Village History for Web Site

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Trustee Germann has a lot of the village history laid out and will make copies for the Board. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board to review and add or subtract to it. We would like to put our history on our web site once we get it approved.

Stop Sign at Lotus and Turkey Run

Trustee Faught stated that last week she brought up the stop sign at Lotus and Turkey Run because of the school buses and other traffic speeding. Trustee Meeks stated that she did not have a chance to discuss this with Chief Johnson yet. Discussion ensued amongst the Board. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we would mention to Chief Johnson that we are having problems and see if he has any suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS

Village's 45th Anniversary

Trustee Germann stated that he would like to bring the first trustee of Round Lake Heights to a meeting to make him an honorary trustee since we are celebrating our 45th anniversary. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he thinks that would be a great gesture and if Trustee Germann could get it set up that we would be honored to have him sit in on a meeting and make him an honorary trustee for that meeting.

Jeff Zachary

Mayor Lumpkins stated that on a sad note, Jeff Zachary is leaving the paper and his last day is tomorrow. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he spoke with him today and told him that he did a wonderful job for the Round Lake area and wished him the best of luck.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Neumann Homes Complaint

Dominick Mahoney stated that he would like to make an official complaint against Neumann Homes. Dominick Mahoney stated that last September he responded to Mayor Lumpkins' letter and one of the outstanding issues was a ten-year warranty because of drain tile being installed in his basement. Dominick Mahoney stated that he has been playing phone tag with Don Russ of Neumann Homes for some time. Three weeks ago Don Russ told Dominick Mahoney that he was sorry and would get the warranty out to him right away. Dominick Mahoney stated that he has been continuing his attempts at contacting Don Russ and now Don Russ will not even return his phone calls. Dominick Mahoney asked Mayor Lumpkins if he would be able to help him out by calling Neumann Homes to try to get them to finish up his outstanding issues. Dominick Mahoney stated that he had an attorney but he currently is not practicing in Lake County and was wondering if the attorneys that the village uses handle construction litigation. Mayor Lumpkins stated that it might be a conflict of interest using our attorneys and informed Dominick Mahoney that the village is having the same problems with Neumann Homes. Mayor Lumpkins stated that our attorney is sending out a letter today to Neumann Homes because they have not brought their escrow account up to date, the snow removal contract has not come back yet, they owe for grass cutting and other things that they are supposed to be doing. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he told the attorney to include in the letter that those issues need to be taken care of before we even consider turning over the development. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he has contacted Christine

every other week and again last week in which her reply was that the attorney is working on it. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Neumann Homes is under the impression that they turned over the development. They never came before the Village Board, have not brought the escrow up to date and we never received a bill of sale which are items in the agreement with Neumann Homes that they entered into with the Village of Round Lake Heights. Trustee Katzel asked what we could do about this. Mayor Lumpkins stated that there is no sense in pulling the bonds because they have completed the work but they want the bonds reduced and we won't reduce them yet because they have not given us a bill of sale or taken care of the other outstanding issues. They still have to pay for lighting, snow plowing and mowing. Mayor Lumpkins stated that it is very aggravating that a big developer would want to leave this way. Dominick Mahoney stated that he received an additional one-year warranty from Neumann Homes last August because of all the problems with his house. He further stated that the warranty was not mailed but was just slipped in the door. Mayor Lumpkins suggested that Dominick Mahoney continue trying to contact them and also suggested that he find out where they are building next so that he could go to the Board meetings to inform other towns of his experience with Neumann Homes. Dominick Mahoney stated that he has even tried to contact Ken Neumann but was unsuccessful and Mayor Lumpkins suggested sending a certified letter to Ken Neumann. Dominick Mahoney stated that he appreciated the Board discussing this with him and thanked the Board.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Katzel and unanimously passed to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk