

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 1, 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 = Bud Kowalski	

Mayor Lumpkins requested to amend the agenda to add G. Community Block Grant 2005 and H. Police Towing Fines under Administration.

MOTION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Rollins Road Annexation

Mayor Lumpkins reported that we need a plot of annexation in order to annex the properties into the village, which would cost \$750 to \$1,500 for all the properties. Mr. Bleck could have the plot of annexation for the Braunsdorf and Jackson properties ready by next week but would like to do all the properties together at one time. The Florida people and Flores have signed the paperwork to annex their property but they have missed a few signatures, which the attorney is obtaining. The Florida people and Flores properties will be ready for public hearing at the March Board meeting. Mayor Lumpkins asked for approval from the Board to hold off the Braunsdorf and Jackson properties until the March Board meeting so that we could complete the entire annexation at one time. We would first have the public hearing, then approve the annexation agreements with Flores and the Florida people, and then pass the final ordinance and zoning of all four properties. The Board agreed to wait until March to do it all at one time.

Lake County All-Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mayor Lumpkins reported that there will be a resolution next week to appoint Pat Bleck as the Village of Round Lake Heights Representative to the Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Natural Hazard Mitigation Team. Pat Bleck is representing other towns and so the burden of his hours will be split. This resolution will be included in the packet and up for approval next week at Board.

Health Insurance Mayor Lumpkins stated that our current health insurance premium with United went through the roof. We sent in an application to Blue Cross and Blue Shield and we are hoping to be approved with them at their quoted amount of \$1,959.56, which is almost \$1,000 lower than United. The coverage is basically the same and the out of pocket is slightly more than it was with United but well worth it on the village's behalf. The premium is for five employees plus Art Davis' wife, which Art reimburses the village through payroll deductions. Trustee Mahoney questioned how much the village pays for health insurance of these employees and Mayor Lumpkins stated that we pay 100% of the employee costs and we do not pay any family coverage at all. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we would be looking for a motion to approve this next week at Board.

Ronda Radio Mayor Lumpkins reported that the changes to the agreement with Ronda Radio have been made to reflect the five-year program. Ronda Radio had submitted a layout of the changes to the downstairs. He will need a permit and final drawings to start working on these changes, which he has not done yet. The permit will not have any fees because this Board had previously decided to waive those. The Trustees did not receive a copy of the tower but it is available for review and the permit has not been applied for yet. The agreement is not signed yet and Mayor Lumpkins wants to be assured that the Board agrees to it first. The only change in the agreement states that the term is for five years with two additional five-year terms, renegotiating after each term. Mayor Lumpkins asked if the Board still agrees with these changes and the Board did. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we had approved the previous agreement but now that it changed we will need to approve this one next week at Board.

Festival Mayor Lumpkins stated that the third weekend in July would be July 15 and 16. Mayor Lumpkins called Pete to verify when the Lake County Fair is and he has not heard back from him yet. We want to be one week before Lake County so we are not competing with them. If their dates are not one week after our dates then Mayor Lumpkins will bring it back to the Board next week.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Teres Reed is definitely interested in asking for donations again this year. The Board agreed that it would be great to have her helping.

Trustee Katzel stated that he would like to get out flyers for the crafters and vendors. The Board had no problem with Trustee Katzel getting out flyers. Mayor Lumpkins asked Trustee Katzel to put together a list of items that he would need help with so that he doesn't have to do it all.

Trustee Germann questioned if we are going to do the books like we had done for the village's 40th birthday festival celebration. Mayor Lumpkins stated that as long as Janet from The Advertiser was willing to put it

together that would be fine and he would speak to her to find out if she would want to do this because she had done the last one.

Squad Car Loan Mayor Lumpkins stated that the squad car will be in on Thursday and the 2005 model was ordered. The cost was around \$19,766.00. Mayor Lumpkins questioned if the Board still agreed to obtain a loan for \$20,000.00 for two years and the Board agreed.

Community Block Grant 2005

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would like permission to change where we would spend these funds. Originally we were going to do Warrior and Tomahawk but we have had some problems with the well station. The well station is the original from Round Lake Beach and has had some wear and tear and needs major upgrading. Mr. Bleck will be going this week to do an evaluation of the well station to let us know exactly what it needs. Bud Kowalski informed the Board of recent problems encountered with the well station due to a bad switch. Mayor Lumpkins asked Mr. Bleck to come up with some numbers to maybe finish off this side of Warrior, Tomahawk and Lotus and use the remaining money to upgrade the well station. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Mr. Bleck feels that Carl at Lake County would not have a problem with switching around this grant. Approval to switch the CDBG Grant will be presented to the Board once Mr. Bleck has figures on the well station upgrades. The Board agreed to switch the use of this grant to include upgrading the well station.

Police Towing Fines Mayor Lumpkins stated that Chief Johnson wanted him to ask the Board if they would be interested in charging a towing fine. We have not done this in the past but other towns do and Buffalo Grove was reported in the newspaper as receiving \$132,000.00 in towing fines. The tow would still go to the tow place, which currently for us is A-Tire, and A-Tire would not release the tow without a paid receipt of the towing fine from the village. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Chief Johnson feels strongly about having a towing fine and suggested a fine of \$500.00. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the ordinance of Buffalo Grove states that if someone disputes the fine or thinks it is unfair then they go in front of a panel to have their case heard. Trustee Mahoney stated that he has a problem with having a towing fine because this gives the police officers more incentive to hassle people by seeking out the drivers leaving bars and pull them over to give a DUI. Trustee Meeks disagreed with Trustee Mahoney and stated that as a person who lost a family member to a drunk driver she is very much in favor of anything that helps get a driver off the streets if they have been drinking. Trustee Mahoney commented that he too lost a family member to a drunk driver. Trustee Katzel questioned if the towing fine is for any type of towing. Mayor Lumpkins stated that this fine could be imposed for any type of seizure of the vehicle. Discussion ensued amongst the Board. Trustee Mahoney stated that whether we need it or want it, he is adamantly against having a towing fine. Mayor Lumpkins stated that as long as he

has been in office that the police officers have not been encouraged to seek out drunk drivers like other towns do but if they are drunk that they deserve to get it. Trustee Meeks will find out how many towing situations we have had for the last couple years and Chief Johnson will be here next week if the Board wishes to further discuss this issue with him. Mayor Lumpkins reminded the Board that this fine would simply be there to raise money and the fine amount would be set by the Village Board which could be any amount agreed upon by the Board. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board to consider this and stated that it will be discussed again.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Mahoney reported that newsletter received was Illinois Municipal Review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks reported that she spoke with Chief Johnson about a stop sign on Lotus at Turkey Run. He still feels we should not have one at that location and he has not received complaints outside the Board. Trustee Faught stated that speeding and passing is a big problem on Lotus. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the traffic studies done on Lotus did not recommend putting a stop sign at that location. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Board would discuss this again with Chief Johnson next week.

Public Works

Trustee Mahoney reported that there was an accident with our snowplows during the snowstorm one and a half weeks ago. Bud Kowalski and Art Davis had been out plowing for several hours and were tired. Bud Kowalski was driving the dump truck and backed into the pickup truck because of miscommunication between the two. The pickup truck has \$2,168.80 damage to the driver's side back of the truck. Mayor Lumpkins recommended that since the police cars were involved in two claims, even though they were not our fault, that we just pay to have the truck repaired and not file a claim with insurance. We don't know if our premium would increase but we have a great record of no losses. Trustee Mahoney stated that since it is a village vehicle against a village vehicle it would be best to handle it ourselves. Trustee Mahoney suggested that we get a couple quotes besides the quote from McMahan to ensure that we are not paying top dollar. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he has no problem in getting more quotes. The Board agreed that if the other quotes are close that we would stay with McMahan since they are in our village. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would have additional quotes for the Board to review by next week.

Building & Zoning

Trustee Walker reported that the Zoning Board got through the recommended zoning changes from the attorney at their meeting last Tuesday and hopefully these changes will be before the Village Board in March. Trustee Walker reported that the Zoning Board never received

anything from Pat Bleck in regards to changes. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Pat Bleck has had the packet for over a year and has not put anything in writing. Clerk Mahoney reported that there is one section where the attorney wants Pat Bleck to review and that the Zoning Board pushed that entire section to Pat Bleck also. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if that one portion can be pulled then we could pass that onto the engineer.

Sewer & Water There was nothing to report.

Administration There was nothing to report.

Ordinances There was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Web Site Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have a history that was done by Mr. Jonkers and would like the Board to review this before we post to the web site. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he did a great job and we appreciate it. Trustee Germann stated that he did a great job and credit needs to be given to him. Trustee Germann stated that he also has pictures of the marsh on disk that can be included in the history of the village.

Mayor Lumpkins also stated that if anyone wants a picture scanned to bring one in and that can replace the one with wings currently on the web site.

NEW BUSINESS There was nothing to report.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There was nothing to report.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Mahoney and unanimously passed to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk