

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING –FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

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

Mayor Lumpkins requested to amend the agenda to have Audience Comments before Administrative and add G. Computers and H. CDBG 2007/Tomahawk Trail Watermain Improvement under Administration.

MOTION

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

Mayor Lumpkins stated that there was a conflict at the last meeting about the time. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the clock above him is different than the one above the audience and that right now it is 7:01 p.m.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Open Meeting Act** Jeff Kissinger questioned if the State Attorney's office contacted the village and Mayor Lumpkins stated that they might have contacted our attorney. Jeff Kissinger stated that the Village Board violated the open meeting act by not having audience comments on the agenda and then voting on it. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we are following our attorney's advice in reference to audience comments. Jeff Kissinger stated that he spoke with the State's Attorney and was told that the agenda would be corrected and that this was the first issue brought up against the village.
- Parking** Ed Liberman stated that he is concerned about the consistency of enforcing the parking ordinance. Ed Liberman stated that there were 99 violations in December, although not sure how many of those were parking, but that there is obviously a need to change the ordinance if there are that many violations.
- Festival** Ed Liberman stated that there was discussion at the last meeting about reducing the festival to one day because of the lack of contribution and volunteers. Ed stated that he feels the residents are not being asked to volunteer besides through the newsletters and water bills. Ed stated that many people want to volunteer. Ed stated that a lot of people want an

awesome festival and not a trimmed down version. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he is one of the people that started the festival fifteen years ago and it has grown over the years and that is due to the trustees sitting on the Board right now. Ed Liberman stated that he agrees that it should not be all on the shoulders of the Board and feels that there are people to help.

Parking/Speed Limit A resident stated that he saw that it was a very closed vote for trying to get parking back on the streets. A resident stated that he has lived in the village for 32 years. The resident stated that it has always been no parking and the first “No Parking” sign went up in front of his house, which he has no problem with. The resident stated that the no parking ordinance has been out there long enough that residents should not forget it. The resident stated that he has always been in favor of no parking on the village streets. The resident stated that it is safer for the children to not have parking on the streets and makes public works job much easier by not having cars on the street. The resident stated that you can call in to get parking although sometimes he does not like how it is handled he still likes the theory of it.

The resident stated that he is in favor of the 20-mph speed limit and would not like to see anything higher. The resident stated that with the school, the streets running off of the school and all the children walking that anything higher than 20 mph would be stupid. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we completed a traffic study and the speed limit will be staying at 20 mph. Trustee Meeks stated that a comment was made by Ed earlier that if there are 99 violations the ordinance is wrong. Trustee Meeks stated that the ordinance is not wrong but that we have 99 people breaking the law.

Another resident stated that he would like to reinforce his neighbor and friend’s opinion and that the speed limit should stay at 20 mph. He stated that he heartily agrees that the speed limit should be 20 mph. The resident stated that the signs have been up for a long time and those are the speed limits. The resident stated that there are kids all over and with the school that we need to keep the 20-mph speed limit. The resident stated that a car hit him in 1996 and the car was going over 20 mph. The resident stated that he suffered enough damage but if that car hit a child then the child would have been killed.

The resident stated that he also agrees with the no parking especially considering the snowfall. The resident stated that Chicago has a much stronger rule and would just tow you if you were in the way of a snowplow. The resident stated that he also agrees that if you have 99 tickets that the law does not need to be changed but that you have 99 people breaking the law.

Jeff Kissinger stated that 58% of our community speeds and there have been two tickets written over the last seven months. Jeff Kissinger stated

that therefore the village does not support the 20-mph speed limit. Jeff Kissinger stated that the traffic study recommended a 20-mph speed limit although their data did not support that.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Round Lake Area Park District

Mayor Lumpkins stated Jeff Nehila from the Round Lake Area Park District is here to present a proposal to the Board to consider. Jeff Nehila stated that he had distributed a Lake County tax parcel map of the Village of Round Lake Heights and surrounding areas to each Board member prior to the start of the meeting. Jeff Nehila stated that they very recently found out that there is federal funding being handled through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for recreational trail projects. This grant will pay up to 80% of the acquisition cost for property for the purpose of developing multi use trails. Multi use trails are trails used for bicycling, cross-country skiing and walking and are non-motorized trails. There is a five-acre open land parcel to the west of Shag Bark Park and south of Chesapeake Trails Park in Round Lake Heights. This five-acre parcel was listed for \$175,000 last year when the park district looked at it and there was only a 50% match grant available at that time. There currently is about a one-mile trail in Shag Bark with recent improvements and a turf grass trail in Chesapeake Trails. This five-acre parcel would connect the two trails and create about a two-mile consecutive trail. The park district needs to complete the grant paperwork by the end of the month and is looking for a letter of support from the village. Jeff Nehila stated that if the park district does acquire the land that they would go for tax exemption on the land and that the total tax bill for this parcel last year was \$3,960.00. Jeff asked if the Board had any questions. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we had a developer look at the land at one time and would only be able to put four to five homes in due to the layout of the property and the water restrictions. Mayor Lumpkins stated that it would be nice to keep it as open land and it goes well with the park district. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the village would lose out on four to five permits in addition to the taxes if a developer were to build on this land. Trustee Faught stated that with the land butting up to Shag Bark Park she would prefer the land stay open. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we had a designated road going through the park if that land were to be developed so the road will not exist if the park district acquires this land and keeps it open. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they had any reason to not support the park district and keep this land open. The Board agreed to support the park district with this land acquisition. Jeff Nehila stated that the paperwork needs to be received in Springfield by noon on March 3, 2008 and there is a six-month waiting period to find out if they receive the grant. The approval to send a letter of support will be on the agenda next week. Jeff Nehila thanked the Board and then left the meeting.

- AT&T Mayor Lumpkins stated that we received a letter from AT&T that informed the village that they will now be offering its new AT&T U-Verse Internet Protocol based next generation video product to customers in Round Lake Heights. This allows more choices to our residents for cable television.
- Audit Mayor Lumpkins stated that a copy of the audit was distributed to the Board and will be up for approval next week.
- Audience Comments Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would like to have Audience Comments before Administration on the agenda permanently so we do not need to get a motion at every meeting. The Board had no problems with this agenda change. This will be up for approval next week.
- 2008 Event Dates The Board discussed dates for village events in 2008. The Board agreed to have the Easter breakfast and egg hunt on March 16 and the garage sale on June 20, 21 and 22. The Board agreed to have the festival on July 19 but will verify that the Lake County fair is July 26 so that the two do not conflict.
- Festival Mayor Lumpkins suggested putting a committee together for the festival to make it a big success. Trustee Faught stated that she received a recommendation to contact residents differently to ask for volunteers. The recommendation was to go knocking on doors and make phone calls. Trustee Faught stated that there are heads nodding in the audience that will help to get volunteers. A resident questioned what was needed from bands. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we needed their information and they usually submit a sample CD and we would go from there. Mayor Lumpkins asked for three trustees to sit on a small festival committee and the volunteers were Trustee Katzel, Trustee Faught and Trustee Mahoney along with Mayor Lumpkins. Any other volunteers can meet with this committee to review festival ideas.
- Computers Mayor Lumpkins stated that last week the Board agreed to replace Clerk Mahoney's computer and one office computer. The other office computer is almost five years old. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Sergeant Roehlk suggested replacing all three computers at the same time. This would be approximately an additional five hundred dollars with the total expenditure not to exceed \$1,500.00. The Board did not have a problem with this and this would be up for approval next week.
- CDBG 2007/Tomahawk Trail Watermain Improvement Mayor Lumpkins stated that a payment of \$105,402.75 to Maneval Construction Company for the CDBG 2007, Tomahawk Trail watermain improvement project, would be up for approval next week.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we were only awarded \$73,000.00 for the CDBD 2008 project. We will scale down the project to \$73,000.00 to \$100,000.00 range and the engineers will be going out to bid on this project in April or May 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Mahoney reported that newsletters received were Illinois Municipal Review and Cisco Communicator.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Public Safety There was nothing to report.

Public Works There was nothing to report.

Building & Zoning There was nothing to report.

Sewer & Water There was nothing to report.

Administration There was nothing to report.

Ordinances There was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS There was nothing to report.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk