

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 7, 2006**

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

Mayor Lumpkins requested to amend the agenda to add J. Garage and Yard Appearances under Administration.

MOTION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Code Enforcement Officer

Mayor Lumpkins stated that our code enforcer, Ken Schnur, is here to report. Ken Schnur stated that he thinks the driveway ordinance the Board is considering would be good for the village. Ken Schnur stated that enforcing this ordinance would help him with people parking on the grass. Ken Schnur stated that we are trying to get the homeowner at Lotus and Tomahawk to comply in regards to all the vehicles parked on his property. Ken Schnur stated that this homeowner had purchased the house next to him and is in the process of purchasing another house in Round Lake Beach. The homeowner wants to move some of these vehicles to the house in Round Lake Beach. We will give him some time to see if he gets the vehicles moved and if not we will start issuing citations.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that another problem Ken Schnur has been tackling is the temporary structures. We wrote three or four tickets last week due to Ken Schnur bringing them to our attention. One of the homeowners has already complied and taken the temporary structure down. Two other homeowners want to go before the Zoning Board to apply for a temporary structure permit which could be valid for up to one year. Mayor Lumpkins stated that our ordinance allows the homeowner to get a permit for a temporary structure if they go before the Zoning Board and the Zoning Board approves it. Mayor Lumpkins spoke with the homeowners and informed them to bring all of the information and pictures before the Zoning Board and also stated that they are not guaranteed that the Zoning Board would approve it.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Ken Schnur is still doing wonderful work in our village and thanked him for coming.

Band Competition at Indian Hill School

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Indian Hill School is hosting a band competition on Friday, March 10th from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 11th from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be approximately one hundred buses coming in throughout the event and the buses will leave the school as soon as the children get off the bus. The buses will be parking elsewhere. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he spoke with the people in charge of the event and emphasized that there is to be no parking on village streets and if they did they would get a ticket. We offered them parking at the village hall and the park parking lot. Mayor Lumpkins informed Chief Johnson and he promised to have someone out

there to patrol. Trustee Mahoney questioned why it is not at the high school and Mayor Lumpkins stated that their original plan was to have this competition at the high school but the high school was already booked on those days.

Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the school district will be updating the past and current status of District #116 at the Round Lake Area Chamber breakfast meeting on February 16th. Mayor Lumpkins told the Board if they would like to attend that they should let him know.

CenCom

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Brian from CenCom will be attending our committee meeting on February 21st to update the Board on the present and future of CenCom. Mayor Lumpkins stated that CenCom's current budget for annual usage fees for Round Lake Heights is \$41,445.00 and will be \$50,502.45 in 2007. This amount does not include rent of three thousand dollars annually. These fees are based on CenCom usage and therefore Hainesville and Round Lake Park have taken huge increases.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Round Lake Beach is in the process of taking back the building that CenCom rents. The lock up was in the downstairs and we will no longer have use of the lock up. Round Lake Beach and Round Lake will each have their own lock up. We will have a separate intergovernmental agreement with them for use of their lock up if needed. We are too small to have our own lock up. CenCom is planning on building a new building and has put together building plan cost estimates for current members. The proposed building is a three story building, which could be downsized. They are proposing to purchase the property next to the current CenCom building from Round Lake Beach and building there. The property purchase price has not been determined yet. Mayor Lumpkins stated that our Board could vote no to the new building and still be forced to do this although we do not know all the legalities of this yet. Mayor Lumpkins also stated that we could give a one year notice and get out of CenCom, which hopefully we would not want to do. Based on our percentage from 2005 they are stating our cost of the building debt monthly for the first ten years at \$1,850.00, the second ten years monthly at \$1,214.00, which brings the total portion of our debt to \$367,680.00. The idea of building a center is to attract more people and CenCom currently has a very good name. There are a lot of people looking to join CenCom. Grayslake is looking very seriously at joining CenCom. If Grayslake were to join then our percentage decreases and brings our cost of the building debt monthly for the first ten years to \$1,388.00, the second ten years monthly to \$911.00 and the total portion of our debt to \$275,760.00. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he does not know if other towns join if they will be considered part of the debt and as other towns grow and have more usage if their debt increases. Mayor Lumpkins has asked Brian to get answers for us. This is a huge debt to take on and Mayor Lumpkins wants the Board to review this and be ready with any questions for Brian when he comes on February 21st. Trustee Meeks questioned if these amounts are above and beyond our normal usage fees that we pay monthly and Mayor Lumpkins stated that they are and that these figures were for the building debt portion only. Trustee Faught stated that she wants to be assured that as other towns join that our portion decreases. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he can't see recommending this kind of debt when the village does not have any debt, which is a nice feeling. This is a twenty year debt. Trustee Mahoney stated the alternative would be to have our own dispatch, which we would not be able to afford. Mayor Lumpkins stated that this is at least six months to a year away.

SWALCO

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Village of Port Barrington has decided to join SWALCO. Since we are a member of SWALCO we have to adopt an ordinance authorizing the village to join. This ordinance will be up for passage next week.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he spoke with Andy Quigley from SWALCO today in regards to the garbage contract. Andy Quigley finished the contract and faxed a copy to us. Mayor Lumpkins reviewed the contract with Andy Quigley and then faxed it to Robert Feeney from Jensen. Mayor Lumpkins will be meeting with Robert Feeney within the next two weeks to make sure there are no problems with the contract. When the contract is okay the Board will get copies to review.

Arrowhead Park

Mayor Lumpkins stated that there are ten picnic tables at Arrowhead Park and a lot of them are cracking and warping. Bud Kowalski would like to replace the wood on all the picnic tables with treated wood. The wood on the tables now is not treated and we only painted the tables to make them presentable when we brought them over. The total cost would not exceed \$575.00, which includes all the bolts, the wood for the top and both sides. Mayor Lumpkins stated that this is not a necessity and asked the Board if they would like to do this. The Board agreed to go forward with the treated wood project. This will be up for approval next week at the Board meeting.

Trustee Germann stated that this would be a good time to put plaques honoring past trustees, clerks and mayors on the table benches. Mayor Lumpkins stated that it is a very good idea and we need to consider how to implement the plaque idea. Trustee Meeks suggested a board and the Board agreed that it might be vandalized at the park. Trustee Meeks suggested buying bricks to honor people. Trustee Mahoney stated that the park is not the place for honoring people. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Board needs to think about how we could implement the idea of honoring past Board members. Trustee Katzel questioned if we would be getting a restroom at the park and Mayor Lumpkins stated that we will hopefully have a portable restroom at the park by springtime.

Single Family Dwelling/Renter Nuisance Ordinance

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he spoke with the officer from Round Lake Beach in charge of their landlord program. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he feels we really need to look at this ordinance very hard and thinks it might work for us. Mayor Lumpkins asked Chief Johnson to contact Paul, the officer, and have him come here for a presentation before the Board. Round Lake Beach is just getting started with the program now. There are classes that the officer was required to take. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would like to get more information and have him come for a presentation before we move forward with this ordinance.

Gang Ordinance

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the gang ordinance is not ready yet and will not be up for passage next week.

Driveway Ordinance

Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board to look at the copy of the proposed driveway ordinance. Trustee Germann questioned that residents now have 120 days to comply with this ordinance. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the driveway must be paved if the house is sold or a renter moves out. The 120 days refers to a conditional occupancy permit if weather does not permit the driveway to be paved. The Board agreed that the change of certificate of occupancy was not included in the ordinance and should be. The ordinance will be corrected to somehow state that if there is a change in the certificate of occupancy then the driveway must get paved. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Exhibit "B" had two sentences added under General Requirements. The first line states decorative stone and landscape block may be permitted as long as it doesn't exceed eighteen inches (18") on either side of the driveway. The second line states if an existing driveway exceeds eighteen inches (18") on either side of the driveway, a Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued to the owner when selling or renting the property until it's restored. Clerk Mahoney stated that the Board previously agreed to include in the ordinance that we would require a quote from a reputable contractor to decide how much money needs to be put into escrow to ensure that the driveway gets paved when the weather permits it. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the ordinance calls for a \$500.00 bond which would be

forfeited if they do not put in the driveway in a timely fashion. They are still responsible for putting in a paved driveway even if they forfeit the bond money. The Board agreed to include an escrow amount in the ordinance. This ordinance should be up for approval next week at the Board meeting.

Garage and Yard Appearances

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we are only making changes to a section of the garage and yard appearance ordinance. Section I: B: 4 would change to read "No (licensed/unlicensed) vehicles (cars, boats, campers) to be stored on unpaved areas anywhere on property." We took out ungravelled because it was thought that someone might put a gravel pad in the back without applying for it and put a car on it. Anyone who has an unpaved driveway under the old ordinance would not be forced to pave their driveway unless they have a change in certificate of occupancy. This ordinance will take care of a lot of houses that have boats, campers and cars all over their property, especially in the back. Mayor Lumpkins stated that this ordinance will affect a lot of residents and the Board should make sure that they want this ordinance before passing it. The Board agreed to move forward with this ordinance. We will be looking to pass the ordinance at the next Board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Mahoney reported that a newsletter received was Legislative Bulletin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks reported that we were refused the COPS grant. Mayor Lumpkins stated that now we can reapply for the grant since we are no longer in the pending file.

Trustee Meeks reported that Officer Roberts' father passed away and funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday.

Public Works

There was nothing to report.

Building & Zoning

Trustee Walker reported that building permit fees totaled \$1,581.00 for the month of January.

Sewer & Water

There was nothing to report.

Administration

Trustee Faught reported that Diana Calvert has given her two week notice and we are looking and will fill the position as soon as possible.

Ordinances

There was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Special Census

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we were contacted from the special census today and they want to look at the facility. We will hopefully have a meeting with them next Tuesday.

Trustee Germann

Trustee Germann thanked everyone for being concerned about him recently. The Board told him that they missed him and were very glad to have him back.

Garage Sale

Trustee Katzel asked if we could decide on garage sale dates for 2006 and post them along with the other village event dates on our web site. The Board discussed dates and agreed to have the village wide garage sale on June 23 and June 24. These dates will be reaffirmed at the Board meeting next week.

NEW BUSINESS

There was nothing to report.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There was nothing to report.

MOTION

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk