

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 15, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Round Lake Heights Committee Meeting was called to order by Mayor Lumpkins at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Meeks = Present	Trustee Walker = Present
Trustee Katzel = Absent	Trustee Germann = Absent
Trustee Mahoney = Present	Trustee Faught = Present
Mayor Lumpkins = Present	Village Clerk Mahoney = Present
Also Present = Andy Quigley (SWALCO) and James Wasper	

ADMINISTRATIVE

SWALCO

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Andy Quigley from SWALCO is here to give a presentation. Andy Quigley stated that he would like to give the Board an overview of what SWALCO is about. The agency was formed in 1991 and is a local government action agency similar to JAWA. SWALCO was formed to implement the Lake County Solid Waste Management Plan. Counties can plan a solid waste plan and municipalities have the power to implement the plan. Today SWALCO is comprised of 37 municipalities and Lake County. The mission statement of SWALCO is:

- 1) Implement the Lake County Solid Waste Management Plan.
- 2) Facilitate an efficient, reliable and environmentally sound waste disposal system.
- 3) Advise and assist SWALCO members regarding solid waste management issues.
- 4) Educate the public regarding the implications of solid waste management options.
- 5) Identify and disseminate information regarding techniques to reduce, reuse and recycle the amount of solid waste generated.

The organization consists of a Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Legislative Committee and Citizen Advisory Committee. SWALCO has twenty-year agreements with three landfills and also gets paid from the landfills. The money is used to run its programs. SWALCO has a separate agreement with Lake County for human resource, purchasing and financial management services. The SWALCO Board of Directors can make any decision it wishes to under Illinois law by resolution. SWALCO enters into intergovernmental agreements with members to provide services and programs. There is no annual funding requirement for membership. There is only an initial fee to join and the fee for a village the size of Round Lake Heights would be \$5,000.00. That fee can be paid up front or over a period of up to ten years interest free. There are five and one half positions staffing SWALCO. Some of the programs they hold are a computer recycling program, household chemical waste collection program and electronics collection. SWALCO has a building in Gurnee in

which they store the household chemicals. Andy Quigley stated that is what SWALCO is about and asked if anyone had questions. Trustee Mahoney questioned if the household chemicals are permanently stored in the Gurnee building and Andy Quigley stated that it is temporary and that by law they have to remove the hazardous waste within 30 days. Mayor Lumpkins questioned if the remaining Round Lake towns were members and Andy Quigley stated that they all are. Mayor Lumpkins thanked Andy Quigley for coming to the meeting and stated that the Board will discuss this and bring it up for a vote in a couple weeks.

Code Enforcer Mayor Lumpkins reported that our Code Enforcer, Ken Schnur, was unable to attend tonight because his wife is extremely sick. He will be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Towing Fines Mayor Lumpkins reported that a report issued from Chief Johnson states that last year we issued 52 tickets for no drivers license, 138 tickets for no insurance, 22 DUI's and 65 tickets for suspended and revoked license. Trustee Faught questioned if the car gets towed if they are stopped and do not have proof of insurance and Mayor Lumpkins stated that it does not get towed. Trustee Meeks stated that Park City's ordinance states if they are not covered by insurance they have the right to tow. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we should have a resolution that if a person can provide proof of insurance at a later date that we would not impose the fine. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if they do not have insurance, which is a requirement by state law that they should be fined. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if for any reason the person disagrees with the towing fine that they should be able to come in front of some type of Board for an answer. Trustee Faught expressed concern that cars might be towed because they do not have their insurance card with them but they do have insurance. Mayor Lumpkins asked Trustee Meeks to check with Chief Johnson on how it works if a person does not have their insurance card with them in regards to towing the vehicle. Mayor Lumpkins stated that this would be brought up for discussion again at the next meeting.

Stop Sign at Lotus and Turkey Run/Traffic Study

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he has not obtained a cost for a traffic study yet and questioned if the Board still wants him to get one. Trustee Faught stated that it would depend on the cost and Mayor Lumpkins stated that it would be at least \$2,000.00. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the real issue is if we want a stop sign or not because we already know that the traffic is heavy on Lotus. Trustee Meeks stated that the traffic is heaviest during school times and a stop sign would not change anything. Trustee Faught stated that the traffic is just as heavy during rush hour. Trustee Meeks reminded the Board that Chief Johnson stated that the traffic was not a concern but the safety of the children was his concern. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if the Board does decide to go with a stop sign that it should be backed up with a "No Unloading" sign. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board

how they feel about putting in a stop sign and should we continue with a traffic study. Trustee Meeks stated that she would go with Chief Johnson and say no stop sign for the safety of the children. Trustee Faught stated that last week Chief Johnson was going back and forth about whether or not there should be a stop sign at that location. Trustee Faught stated that there will be a bigger safety issue when the weather warms up and children are out at the park and crossing the street and that she still feels there should be a stop sign. Trustee Walker stated that he would like to see a stop sign there but he sees Chief Johnson's point about the children hopping out of the cars and crossing the street. Trustee Mahoney questioned about having a folding stop sign and the Board agreed that it would be too confusing. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they want to put a halt on the traffic study and the Board agreed to that. Mayor Lumpkins stated that this would be put on the agenda again for a brief discussion so we can include the two trustees missing this evening and then put to a vote.

Web Site

Mayor Lumpkins reported that he worked with Trustee Faught on the village history and hopefully Trustee Faught would have something ready to present to the rest of the Board at the next meeting. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we still need a bio from Trustee Mahoney for the web site and Trustee Mahoney stated that he would get something within two weeks. Mayor Lumpkins reminded the Board that they could bring in a picture to be scanned if they want to change their current picture on the web site.

Fire Alarm System

Mayor Lumpkins stated that CenCom has taken over the fire alarms from the company we had which enables them to offer us a radio fire alarm system. We currently pay Thomas Alarm System \$172.00 per quarter to monitor our alarm system, which does not include a \$42.00 phone bill we pay monthly. Currently our annual cost is about \$1,200.00. Round Lake Fire Department is offering a radio fire alarm system lease for five years at an up front cost of \$975.00 and this would eliminate the \$42.00 monthly phone bill and we would only pay Thomas Alarm System a fee for an annual check up. There are also other payment plans offered by Round Lake Fire Department. We could pay \$240.00 annually, two semi-annual payments totaling \$300.00 or quarterly payment amounts totaling \$360.00. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he feels we should cancel the contract with Thomas Alarm System to have the same service at a lower cost with Round Lake Fire Department. The Board agreed to cancel the contract with Thomas Alarm System, which can be effective as soon as March 1, 2005, and to sign an annual lease with Round Lake Fire Department. This will be approved at the next Board meeting.

Festival

Mayor Lumpkins stated that July 22 and 23 does work for the carnival guy and also that Lake Villa Days are after the Lake County Fair. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we should lock in those days because we count on the carnival guys to light up the place and the Board agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Mahoney reported that newsletters received were: Lake County Partners Member Connection and Legislative Bulletin.

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

Dollars for Scholars Flyer

Mayor Lumpkins asked if everyone received a copy of the flyer about the can recycling program for Dollars for Scholars and the Board did receive this. Mayor Lumpkins asked if anyone had a problem with anything on this flyer and the Board did not. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would like permission to put this in the next newsletter and permission to do a mailing to all the residents right before the program starts and the Board agreed. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Bud Kowalski would put up banners about the program after the Easter banners come down.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Mayor Lumpkins reported that Blue Cross/Blue Shield did approve us for our employees' health insurance and that the actual amounts even went down from the quoted amounts by about \$10.00 per employee. We will save about \$1,200.00 a month changing from United to Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Lakeland Media

Mayor Lumpkins reported that Lakeland Media is asking if we want to put our ad in with the other villages for \$99.00. Last year we did put in an ad with all the villages and the representative from Lakeland Media stated that all the other villages are doing it again this year. This is just a novelty page that they do. The Board agreed that it would not look good if all the other villages were in besides us and so they agreed to be in so that we would also be supporting our community. Our ad would be the same as last year but we will add our web site address to it. This will be up for approval at the next Board meeting.

Chesapeake Trails Homeowners Association

Mayor Lumpkins reported that Clerk Mahoney has resigned from the Chesapeake Trails Homeowners Association Board but they have not accepted her resignation yet. Clerk Mahoney was the key holder for the association to let them in the village hall to use the meeting room. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he feels strongly that only employees and Village Board members should have keys to the new village hall. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board for permission to allow the association to use the upper room at the old village hall and stated that he would have them sign a waiver to have on file. The association president would be issued the key and would be the one responsible for the room. All of our records are secure in the other room and the radio station would be downstairs. Trustee Mahoney stated that he does not have a problem with allowing the association to use the room but questioned if the radio station was aware that they are only downstairs. Trustee Meeks questioned if the radio station would be able to lock off the association from the radio station. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the radio station is aware they are only downstairs and they also would be able to lock out the association from themselves. The Board agreed to allow the association use of the room at the old village hall.

NEW BUSINESS There was nothing to report.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

James Wasper stated that Indian Hill School should have different start and end times and Trustee Mahoney stated that the elementary and junior high school at Indian Hill already do have different start and end times. James Wasper stated that the cars back up a lot on Lotus. Mayor Lumpkins stated that there is no parking on Lotus and the police officers do enforce that the best they can. Discussion ensued about the traffic problems. The Board explained that all the villages have the same issues with the schools and it is a difficult issue. Our police officers try to get everyone moving through as quickly as they can.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk