

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS  
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM  
COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 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 = Ken Schnur and James Wasper	

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Code Enforcer**

Mayor Lumpkins stated Ken Schnur is here to give an update to the Board. Ken Schnur reported that he is catching a lot of residents doing work without permits and is also receiving tips on those working without permits. He is directing them to apply for a permit at the village hall so there should be an increase in permits issued recently.

Ken Schnur passed out copies of our permit fees and other villages permit fees to the Board. Ken Schnur stated that our permit fees are lower than other villages so the Board might consider raising these fees.

Ken Schnur reported that Chief Johnson had asked him to have the village consider an ordinance that would state there is no parking on any village street at any time. Currently there is an ordinance that states you cannot park on certain streets but are allowed to park on those streets at certain times which those times are not listed. Ken Schnur also stated that Chief Johnson wanted him to bring to the Board the idea about establishing an ordinance for seized vehicles for storage and impoundment fees.

Ken Schnur stated that the village needs to address the parkways as far as what can and cannot be in the parkway since the current ordinance is very vague. Objects and obstructions in the parkway have caused problems for the public works department.

Ken Schnur stated that he spoke with Owen Gilleland about possibly adopting the 2003 BOCA to stay current. Mayor Lumpkins asked if Owen Gilleland had read all of the 2003 BOCA because he wants to be sure we want that version before we would adopt it. Ken Schnur was not sure if Owen Gilleland had read the 2003 BOCA but stated that there are also other BOCA and the international building codes if the village wants to update their building codes.

Ken Schnur stated that he met with Trustee Germann a few weeks ago and reviewed the ordinance book. The book with all the suggestions and notations made was given to Mayor Lumpkins. Ken Schnur and Trustee Germann suggested that the Board increase the fines because our current fines are extremely low and do not even cover the administrative cost of issuing a fine. A lot of the fines are from \$25.00 up to \$500.00 and he suggested changing the fines to \$50.00 up to \$750.00.

Ken Schnur suggested the village change the wording on what would require a permit to state any changes to a structure or within a structure and further stated that a permit should be required for any alteration within a structure.

Ken Schnur stated that the village should review the ordinance referencing driveways, which currently allows paved or gravel driveways because some people are throwing down gravel to widen their driveways. Ken Schnur also suggested that the village decide if they want to allow box vans or other commercial vehicles. Ken Schnur gave pictures to Mayor Lumpkins to let the Board be aware of all the different types of vehicles and equipment being parked in the driveways. Discussion ensued amongst the Board about different vehicles and equipment being parked in driveways.

Ken Schnur questioned Safeway Storage and the clutter up along the fence. The Board discussed this and decided to find the minutes of when the Board originally issued a business license to Safeway Storage to see what was stated at that time.

Ken Schnur suggested that there should be a committee to review the code book once or twice a year to keep it up to date and the Board decided to put together a committee at the next committee meeting.

Ken Schnur reported that a picture taken of 1800 Tomahawk is going in their file. Mayor Lumpkins reported to the Board that 1800 Tomahawk applied for a roof permit and then took the whole roof off, leaving basically four walls. He has been red tagged until further notice for not getting the proper permits. He will have to come in and show plans of what he is doing.

The Board thanked Ken Schnur for the updates and suggestions.

SWALCO

Mayor Lumpkins stated that SWALCO had given us a presentation and asked the Board if we should join SWALCO. Trustee Mahoney stated that it is a good program and questioned if our residents are allowed to participate in the collections at CLC or other places if our village is not a member of SWALCO. Ken Schnur stated that the village does not need to be a member for our residents to participate and that those collections are

open to all residents of Lake County. Trustee Meeks stated that if we are using the services that we should pay into it. The Board agreed to put this up for a vote next week at the Board meeting.

#### Towing Fines

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he asked Chief Johnson about towing vehicles because of no insurance cards and he stated that they do not tow a vehicle for not having their insurance card. They can by the law tow the vehicle for not having their insurance card but we have never done it. Mayor Lumpkins stated that our intention is that we are not going to tow a vehicle for not having an insurance card. Mayor Lumpkins asked how the Board feels about putting a towing fine into effect. Trustee Germann stated that he agrees 100% with Chief Johnson to have a \$500.00 fine. The Board agreed to go forward with having a towing fine so Mayor Lumpkins stated that this would be sent to the attorney for the proper wording. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he feels they should have the right to go in front of some type of committee if they wish to appeal the fine and we would include that in the ordinance. The Board agreed that committee should have at least three people on it. This would most likely be up for a vote at the April Board meeting to allow enough time for the preparation of the ordinance.

#### Stop Sign at Lotus and Turkey Run

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Board should come to a decision if they do or do not want a stop sign at Lotus and Turkey Run. Discussion ensued amongst the Board. Mayor Lumpkins asked each Board member and Trustee Meeks, Trustee Mahoney, Trustee Walker and Trustee Germann did not want a stop sign while Trustee Katzel and Trustee Faught did want a stop sign at Lotus and Turkey Run. The majority stated they were against a stop sign at Lotus and Turkey Run.

#### Web Site

Trustee Faught reported that she completed editing and revising the village history and returned it to Maribel Carrillo. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would have copies distributed to all Board members. The Board needs to review the revised village history and if everyone agrees then it will be posted on the web site.

#### Festival

Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board to confirm a parade time and the Board decided to keep it at 11:00 a.m. like last year after discussing an earlier start time of 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Lumpkins reported that we applied for the casino license through our non-profit organization, Dollars for Scholars. If we do receive a license we would be able to have four events during the year. There are outside companies that would come in and run the casinos for us if we do receive our license. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board for permission to start working with these companies to find out how they work if we do receive a license and the Board agreed to give permission.

Mayor Lumpkins asked Trustee Katzel if he would like a committee to help out with the festival and he said he would appreciate the help. Trustee Mahoney volunteered to be on the committee and suggested that the Board should ask Bud Kowalski to be on the committee. The Board thought it would be nice to have Bud Kowalski on the committee since he does do a lot of work with the festival.

#### Round Lake Area Pageant

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we received a letter from Angie Meeks asking for a donation to the Round Lake Area Pageant. Last year we donated \$200.00 and Mayor Lumpkins asked if the Board wants to donate \$200.00 again this year. Trustee Meeks reported that Angie Meeks feels bad that she was unable to attend tonight's meeting but that she moved to Wisconsin and is working a second job. The Board stated that the queens do attend all of our events and agreed to donate \$200.00 again this year. This will be approved at the next Board meeting.

#### NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program

Mayor Lumpkins reported that we received a letter from Lake County stating that they recommended Lake County to participate in a pilot prescription drug discount card program sponsored by the National Association of Counties. Lake County is one of 37 counties nationwide participating in this program, which offers average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs. The card can be used any time prescriptions are not covered by insurance. We received cards, which we will put on the counter available for our residents and allow one card per family. The cards are free and there are no enrollment forms, no membership fees and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Trustee Faught stated that they also cover pet prescriptions. Mayor Lumpkins asked if the Board had any objections to participating in this program and they did not. We will put information about this program in our next newsletter.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Mahoney reported that newsletters received were Lake County Republican Voice, CISCO Communicator, Teen Court Tidbits, Illinois Municipal Review and Legislative Bulletin.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Safety

There was nothing to report.

Public Works                    There was nothing to report.  
Building & Zoning            Trustee Walker reported that twenty permits were issued in February for a total of \$2,669.00.

Sewer & Water                There was nothing to report.

Administration                There was nothing to report.

Ordinances                    Trustee Germann stated that Ken Schnur summed it up pretty good but that we still need to review possible ordinance changes. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we would establish a committee to review the ordinances at the next committee meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Audit                            Mayor Lumpkins reported that we received the final audit and it was passed out to all Board members. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the financial condition of the village is still extremely strong.

Dollars for Scholars        Mayor Lumpkins reported that he spoke with the Trustees that were absent at the last Dollars for Scholars Board meeting in regards to who would be eligible for scholarships. The final vote resulted in allowing only continuing education. This excludes elementary and high school scholarships but these students could still receive funds for tutoring or special needs. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he asked Bud Kowalski to order three more banners so that we could cover all the entrances. The banners cost \$100.00 each for a total of \$300.00, which does come out of the Dollars for Scholars Fund.

Old Village Hall            Mayor Lumpkins reported that the upstairs at the old village hall had a little remodeling and looks very nice. The blinds and pictures were put up, walls were painted and the ceiling tiles were put back.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Germann            Trustee Germann stated that he would like to thank everybody for being concerned about him and the Board agreed that they were glad to have him back.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There was nothing to report.

### **MOTION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:10 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney  
Village Clerk