

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING –MARCH 4, 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 = Absent	Trustee Mahoney = Present
Trustee Walker = Present	Trustee Katzel = Present
Trustee Faught = Present	Trustee Germann = Present
Mayor Lumpkins = Present	Village Clerk Mahoney = Present

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Parking

Ed Liberman stated that he hopes the Board would allow audience participation on the parking agenda item.

Richard's

Ed Liberman stated that he would like the Board to review their decision on increasing the hours that Richard's is allowed to serve alcohol. Ed stated that in reviewing minutes that discussion was that there were no problems at that establishment and a couple Board members were willing to extend the hours and then see what happens. Ed stated that he does not know if there were problems at that time but there seems to be problems now. Ed stated that there is no other bar within some distance that has a 3:00 a.m. or 4:00 a.m. license, which results in many bar patrons going to Richard's after their bar closes. Ed stated that many avoid the police sitting on Rollins by coming in on Black Cherry and traveling through the village and to the bar via Brentwood. Ed stated that he heard this from a few other people and then he witnessed this himself once. Ed stated that he has requested public records but has not received everything yet. Ed stated that he has received records that state that the police have visited that establishment forty times over the last year with twenty-six of those being on Friday or Saturday nights after 2:00 a.m. Ed stated that he spoke with other government officials, including ones from Chicago, who believe that the establishment should not be allowed to continue with that kind of trouble. Ed stated that he does not know the specifics of the trouble. Ed stated that for safety reasons he would like the Board to further discuss this issue and possibly vote on. Ed stated that unlike the parking issue that is a nuisance, this is a safety issue that he will pursue to the full extent of his ability. Mayor Lumpkins commented that this is a personal attack on him and Ed Liberman stated that it is not and that it is a safety issue.

Trustee Mahoney stated that he personally has been monitoring the situation at Richard's and it has gotten better over the past months. Trustee Mahoney stated that Richard has done his best to get the proper

help and has done a good job of diminishing the problem. Trustee Mahoney stated that there have been far fewer problems over the past six months. Trustee Mahoney stated that he was one who initially agreed to extend the hours as long as there were no problems so when he heard there were problems he took it upon himself to monitor the situation and work with Richard to improve the situation.

Trustee Germann stated that he is at Richard's after 2:00 a.m. and has never seen a bit of trouble there. Trustee Germann stated that maybe they take care of any problems quickly before he even could see a problem.

Richard Lumpkins stated that the gentleman is not up on his figures. Richard Lumpkins stated that most of the problems came when the banquet room was there, which had a four o'clock license, and he has closed it. Richard Lumpkins stated that there were a few problems and he has corrected them. Richard Lumpkins stated that he has a good reputation in this neighborhood.

Jeff Kissinger stated that whether or not there is a problem will be defined as soon as they get all the records. Jeff Kissinger stated that they are having a problem getting the records from CenCom. Mayor Lumpkins suggested to Jeff Kissinger to complete a FOI request to the police department for those records and stated that he would receive them in a timely fashion. Jeff Kissinger stated that the Richard's address is one of the top addresses where police are called to in this village.

School Buses

Jeff Kissinger stated that buses are one aspect of the speeders in the village and that today he clocked a bus doing 35 mph. Mayor Lumpkins asked Jeff Kissinger to get the school bus number so that the village could track it down. Jeff Kissinger stated that the police should be clocking the buses not an individual and Mayor Lumpkins agreed. Jeff Kissinger stated that many villages loan out their radar for citizens to use. Jeff Kissinger stated that the police are not going out there and doing anything and he wants to see the speed limit enforced.

CenCom

Ms. Diehl stated that she heard from the last meeting that the CenCom fees are going up and it is a huge jump and questioned if it is because everyone here has to call constantly. Mayor Lumpkins stated that a couple towns went down like Round Lake Park and Hainesville and some went up like Round Lake Beach and us. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the fees currently are based on call volume but there are different factors to consider on the call volume besides residents calling in for parking permission. Mayor Lumpkins stated that our police department only has one officer on duty and we ask that officer to call CenCom whenever they go off duty or to lunch whereas other departments do not do this on a regular basis. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we are hoping to get a fairer

fee schedule from CenCom the next time around and that they are looking at other funding formulas.

Parking

Ms. Diehl stated that when she received a parking ticket in the snowstorm and asked for a court date that she did not get one. Ms. Diehl stated that she eventually paid the twenty-five dollar ticket fee. Ms. Diehl stated that the officer had contacted her if she wanted a court date and she said no and that the officer told her that a receipt would be mailed to her. Ms. Diehl stated that she has not received a ticket receipt yet. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would look into it for her.

Mrs. Liberman stated that when she called in to get parking permission this past Friday, February 29, that they heard her last name and she was automatically denied. Mrs. Liberman stated that it was an important date since she had a meeting with her two-year-old's therapists and she was told that the shift commander denied it due to snow but there was not a flake in the sky. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if snow were coming later in the evening they would deny permission for parking. Mrs. Liberman stated that parking was allowed the next day and the conditions were the same. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he was not sure what the weather was on that day but would look into this matter for her.

Permit

A resident questioned if he could extend his driveway into the parkway because the grass is getting ripped up from parking sideways. Mayor Lumpkins stated that should apply for a permit and state what he wants to do and the inspector will let him know if he can do it.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Parking

Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board for discussion on the parking issue. Trustee Germann stated that he has been against it from the beginning and will still stand by that. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Board has gone over the parking issue quite a bit but that the resident is looking for some type of answer. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we did the survey and it showed that the new subdivisions want parking and the old section does not want it. Trustee Germann stated that they knew what they were getting when they purchased the house. Mayor Lumpkins stated that parking permission is granted if weather permits and should not be denied otherwise unless we are tearing up a street so residents do have a solution. The Board had no further comments and did not want to change parking in the village.

Ethics Representative Mayor Lumpkins stated that Mr. Kissinger wanted to know who our ethics officer was and that he did get a legal opinion on this. Our attorney backed up what Mayor Lumpkins thought, which is per our ordinance we are not required to have an ethics representative.

Festival Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would get confirmation by the next meeting if Sammie's and Pizza Hut would be food vendors for our festival. We will apply for the fireworks license. Mayor Lumpkins spoke with the carnival guy, Pete Kasen, and he will try to get two or three games but will not be able to get any rides for just one day. Trustee Walker and Trustee Mahoney will look into finding bands and/or a deejay. Trustee Faught is getting volunteers lined up and is expecting to assign tasks within the next week to ten days. Trustee Katzel will get prices and times for blowups. We will apply for the casino license. We did talk to Miller and are trying to see if they will let us use a trailer and if not we will try Budweiser.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety There was nothing to report.

Public Works Trustee Mahoney reported that the truck should be in by March 14 and that doing the spreader backed them up.

Building & Zoning There was nothing to report.

Sewer & Water Trustee Katzel questioned when we would do work on the pond in front of the village hall. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Bud would sandbag and get in there to clean the line as soon as he can get in. Trustee Katzel asked for a plan and Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have a plan and the plan would be executed as soon as Bud can physically get in the water to do the work, which Bud promised would be before spring. Trustee Katzel stated that he would talk to Bud.

Mayor Lumpkins reported that there was a small watermain break on Tomahawk by the park. Water was shut off for about forty-five minutes on that side of town.

Administration Trustee Faught reported that she received an application for a business license from Shattered Image, which is for tattooing and piercing, to conduct business at 1211 West Rollins Road. The background check is not complete yet. Trustee Faught stated that she would like to hold off on the approval until the background check is complete and as part of the background check she would like to make sure that they have some type of education training regarding bloodborne pathogens and sterilization. The Board agreed with Trustee Faught to wait on approving the business license until the background check is complete.

Ordinances There was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Lotus Road

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the pothole on Lotus Road by the stop sign at Indian Hill School has been fixed. We took pictures of the pothole and the patch. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Bud is putting together a list of streets that need work and further stated that there are streets that are worse than Lotus out there.

NEW BUSINESS

There was nothing to report.

MOTION

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk