

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
BOARD MEETING – MARCH 14, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Round Lake Heights Board Meeting was called to order by Mayor Lumpkins at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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 = Dennis Stonewall, Walter Korpan, Helen Mansfield and a resident from Arapahoe

Mayor Lumpkins requested to amend the agenda to add A. Round Lake Area School District 116 under Administrative and A. through G. will now be B. through H.

MOTION

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

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Faught and unanimously passed to approve the February 14, 2006 Board minutes, February 21, 2006 Committee Meeting minutes and March 7, 2006 Committee Meeting minutes.

**COLLECTOR'S
REPORT**

The February 2006 Collector's Report for the General Fund was reviewed.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Mahoney and unanimously passed to approve the February 2006 Collector's Report for the General Fund.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report for February 2006.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Mahoney and unanimously passed to approve February 2006 Treasurer's Report as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Round Lake Area School District 116

Mayor Lumpkins introduced Dennis Stonewall and Walter Korpan from Round Lake Area School District 116 and stated that they were here to give a presentation to the Board. Dennis Stonewall stated that they were here because of a referendum on the ballot next week. Dennis Stonewall gave a history of the Round Lake Schools for the last 155 years in this area and stated that the Round Lake School became the first consolidated elementary school in Lake County in 1921. In 1951 it was determined that we needed a high school and built the first high school addition in 1964. In 1968 the elementary school district and the high school district were merged together under a community school district. The population of the school district has continually grown

for 85 years and is still growing. This population growth has resulted in numerous additions to the schools and more space is still needed.

Dennis Stonewall stated that the referendum is not a referendum of want. A committee comprised of representatives from the various villages came up with a possible solution to the shut down school. The committee determined from a spot survey that the best way to approach the shut down school was to do a partial reconstruction and renovation. The referendum considers eleven million dollars for the partial reconstruction and renovation to the shut down middle school, three million dollars for an addition to the high school and three million dollars for infrastructure upgrades to the elementary schools for a total investment of seventeen million dollars.

Dennis Stonewall stated that he has been with the Round Lake School district for three years and Walter Korpan has been with them for five years. Dennis Stonewall stated that he appreciates everything the village has done for the school district. Dennis Stonewall stated that Walter Korpan put an information management system demographer in place five years ago, which conservatively projects the number of spaces needed in the school. The demographer projects that if nothing is done to the school that the school will be short 173 spaces in 2007, 331 spaces in 2008, 484 spaces in 2009 and 621 spaces in 2010. Round Lake School District 116 serves five villages. The Village of Round Lake is served by nine school districts. The Village of Round Lake Beach is served by five school districts. The Village of Round Lake Heights, Round Lake Park and Hainesville are served by three school districts. Dennis Stonewall stated that they owe us a duty to give us the best product we can invest in. Dennis Stonewall stated that the taxpayers are their investors and the school district owes them a return on their investment by getting them a better price for their home by making the school district desirable. The school district has a twenty seven million dollar payroll, consumes fifty nine thousand six hundred gallons of heating fuel a year, spends one and a half million dollars on energy a year, has thirty four bus routes, has thirty nine buses, is served by twenty large employers with the Department of the Navy being the largest and the school district does not receive any money from these employers and depends on residential tax and state aid. Dennis Stonewall stated that the school district is a large unit school district and there are forty nine districts in Lake County. Of the forty nine Lake County districts, twenty nine of those districts are elementary, ten are high school, two are special education, one is a charter school, one serves vocational needs and six are large unit districts. There are fifty four large unit districts in the state of Illinois for fifty two percent of the student body and eight hundred sixty districts cater to the remaining forty eight percent of the student body.

Walter Korpan stated that there was a referendum in March 2001 for health insurance for the school district staff and that referendum failed. In 2001 the school district had long term debt of ninety million dollars and short term debt of fourteen and a half million dollars that was borrowed to pay salaries. Walter Korpan stated that of the seventeen million dollars that was levied, seven million dollars was paid by the taxpayers for debt. Walter Korpan explained that at that time if a person owned a house valued at \$150,000.00 then they would have paid \$2,700.00 of which \$1,200.00 would have been debt money. There was also money that was not going to the school district because it was intercepted by the bank because the district had such a poor credit rating and the bank paid their bills. The school district was not able to invest any money and they only received a piece of paper from the county clerk stating that they sent the money to the bank. Now the school district is down to seventy seven million dollars in long term debt (thirty five million is principal and forty two million is interest) and the short term debt is gone. Walter Korpan stated that they are hiring good people now who make a difference, who want to educate our children and give them the best that is possible. The school district now provides the Board of Education with treasurer's reports so that they can make good decisions. The school district is now using money properly to improve the schools. Walter Korpan stated that the referendum is not asking for money to pay

salaries and they will not come back later to ask for money for salaries. This referendum is asking for space. Walter Korpan stated that they are business people and they use the revenue they have to provide the best education they can to our children. Walter Korpan stated that when he came to the school district the education fund was twenty eight million dollars negative and now it is eight hundred thousand to the good. Mayor Lumpkins told Walter Korpan and Dennis Stonewall that they have done a wonderful job and should be commended for it.

Dennis Stonewall showed an organizational chart that they have worked on during the last three years. The chart shows the students at the top because they are the most important, then teachers and teacher assistants, then principals and assistant principals and the Board of Education is at the bottom of the chart because they are the foundation of a successful school district and they believe they have to be there for the future of the Round Lake schools. Their two boards approved this chart. Dennis Stonewall stated that they would manage with or without the referendum money. The school district endorses the referendum to go for the best solution. The school district does not have a plan if the referendum fails. Dennis Stonewall showed the Board an architect's drawing of what the school might look like. The referendum cost of a \$100,000.00 home would be twenty-three cents a day, a \$150,000.00 home would be thirty-seven cents a day and a \$200,000.00 home would be fifty-one cents a day. Dennis Stonewall stated that they believe this referendum solution plan will take care of them until 2013. Dennis Stonewall told the Board to contact them at any time if they have questions.

Mayor Lumpkins asked how many students were at Indian Hill and Dennis Stonewall stated it was a little over seven hundred children. Dennis Stonewall stated that the middle school was built for nine hundred students and they have one thousand sixty four students. Mayor Lumpkins asked if the school was built then how many children would they take out of this middle school. Dennis Stonewall stated that they would be able to move some but by the year 2010 or 2011 that they will again be challenged by space and at that time the school district needs to consider different solutions.

Dennis Stonewall stated that seventeen percent of the voting public will turn out to vote and they need fifty one percent of the seventeen percent to approve the referendum. Dennis Stonewall pledged that they know they need to achieve annual yearly progress, will provide additional school opportunities and make an extraordinary effort to make learning fun and exciting. The Board stated that they are doing a good job and thanked them for coming.

Mayor's Appointment

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to appoint Pat Meeks as a Building Inspector from March 14, 2006 to March 14, 2007.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Faught and unanimously passed to appoint Pat Meeks as a Building Inspector from March 14, 2006 to March 14, 2007.

2006-O-05

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to pass 2006-O-05, an ordinance adopting by reference of the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Walker and unanimously passed 2006-O-05, an ordinance adopting by reference of the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance.

2006-O-06

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to pass 2006-O-06, an ordinance amending the provisions of the Round Lake Heights Village Code to require that all driveways and parking lots be paved before the transfer of title to or new lease of any real property

containing a dwelling, building or other structure and clarifying the standards for issuance of occupancy permits.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed 2006-O-06, an ordinance amending the provisions of the Round Lake Heights Village Code to require that all driveways and parking lots be paved before the transfer of title to or new lease of any real property containing a dwelling, building or other structure and clarifying the standards for issuance of occupancy permits.

Garage and Yard Appearance Ordinance

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the attorney is still reviewing this ordinance and we will hopefully have something to look at next week and pass in April.

Old Village Hall Carpeting Expenditure

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion reaffirm the approval of the expenditure not to exceed \$300.00 for carpeting in the old village hall. Mayor Lumpkins stated that they have already completed the work and it looks good.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to reaffirm the approval of the expenditure not to exceed \$300.00 for carpeting in the old village hall.

Grassroots Leadership Development Program

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he wanted to make the Board aware of the Grassroots Leadership Development Program that Round Lake Beach is doing. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if anyone was interested in attending we would make sure that they get included.

Festival

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we made up flyers to award \$200.00 and a trophy to the best marching band in our parade. The Board had previously talked about awarding \$100.00 but Clerk Mahoney spoke with some of the band directors at the Indian Hill event and they felt that \$200.00 might be enough to pull some marching bands into our parade. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we should have a minimum of three or four bands participating in order to award the \$200.00 but we would award the trophy either way. The Board had no problem with awarding \$200.00 and a trophy to a marching band as long as we have a minimum of three bands.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that last year we charged \$20.00 for a crafter's booth and asked the Board if it was okay to charge \$15.00 this year in order to encourage more crafters to participate. The Board agreed to lower the crafter fee to \$15.00 for one or two days this year.

Mayor Lumpkins asked if there were any updates for entertainment and there were none. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Janet Galati needs a final copy for the advertisement flyer by the middle of June so as soon as the bands are lined up we will let her know. Janet Galati has already been selling the advertisement spaces and has sold four or five of the twenty-five spaces.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Mahoney reported that newsletters received were NIPC Project Notification, Legislative Bulletin, InTransit and U of I Extension News.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks motioned to reaffirm the approval of the expenditure of \$518.67 for computer software for the police department.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Faught and unanimously passed to reaffirm the approval of the expenditure of \$518.67 for computer software for the police department.

Trustee Meeks reported that Chief Johnson would like to attend the Police Memorial on May 3 – 4, 2006 and would like to bring the little squad car. The Board had no problem with Chief Johnson bringing the squad car to the Police Memorial.

Trustee Meeks reported that violations for the month of February were 117 moving, 35 ordinance, 13 non-traffic and 13 warning citations.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that if anyone was interested in the police plates that they need to hurry and send it in. They have sold five hundred and fifty plates out of seven hundred.

Public Works There was nothing to report.

Building & Zoning There was nothing to report.

Sewer & Water There was nothing to report.

Administration Trustee Faught reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the Warrant List and found everything to be in order.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Katzel and unanimously passed to approve the March 2006 Warrant List and to pay the bills.

Ordinances Trustee Germann stated that he was glad the Board passed the driveway ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

Garbage Contract Mayor Lumpkins stated that the garbage contract we received from Andy Quigley today looks like it will be the final copy. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board to review the contract and we will have this on next week's agenda and up for approval in April.

Easter Breakfast Mayor Lumpkins stated that we did take pictures with the Easter Bunny last year and asked the Board if they would like to do it again this year. Trustee Faught stated that if it was done in the past that we should keep doing it and the Board agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Multijurisdictional Agreement

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Board needs to take a good look at the multijurisdictional agreement. This will affect our budget and income. The agreement gives them quite a bit of control over our businesses and our sewer system itself. They are probably looking for approval within sixty days.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Resident Complaint

A resident from Arapahoe stated that there is a situation with her neighbor who lives on W. Huron Hills. The resident stated that when she tried to file a complaint on a Saturday morning at the village hall with a police officer that the officer seemed irritated with her. The resident stated that the officer told the neighbor that she was the one who filed the complaint and now she is being harassed by this neighbor. The resident stated that her car was parked three inches over the sidewalk and she received a ticket for that violation but that her neighbors had not received violation tickets and their cars block the sidewalks. The resident stated that they did receive violation tickets today for their cars on the sidewalks. The resident stated that she asked the sergeant who filed the complaint about her for her car blocking the sidewalk and he stated that he could not tell her that

information because the person wanted to be left confidential. The resident stated that there is a car parked facing the wrong direction on the street everyday and does not get a ticket until today a ticket was on that car. The resident stated that the problem neighbor plows snow in the street and other driveways and dumps it in front of her driveway, blocking her in. The resident stated that the height of the snow was past her knees. The resident stated that many of her neighbors have seen this neighbor plowing the streets and dumping the snow at the end of her driveway. The resident stated that the neighbor stands on the sidewalk in front of her house when he has no purpose being there and she is worried. The resident stated that she and her children do not bother anybody and she doesn't understand why this neighbor continues to harass her. The resident stated that when she was complaining about her situation that Maribel Carrillo told her to talk with Chief Johnson but she is not available when he is at the village hall.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he had not previously heard about this situation. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if this person is plowing our streets that this is definitely something we should know about because he should not be plowing our streets. Mayor Lumpkins asked if the office has information on how to contact her and she stated that they do. Mayor Lumpkins told the resident that if she has any problems in the future that she should please call the police department. Mayor Lumpkins told the resident that if she does not get satisfaction from the police officers or our chief that she should call him on his cell phone and he would be more than happy to help her.

MOTION

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk