

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 16, 2010**

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 Mahoney = Present
Trustee Walker = Present	Trustee Katzel = Present
Trustee McIntyre = Present	Trustee Germann = Present
Mayor Lumpkins = Present	Village Clerk McIntyre = Present

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Community Watch Program-Chief Johnson

Chief Johnson stated that he though the Community Watch Program is a good program on the surface, but that he feels these are things that all residents and neighbors should be doing anyway, watching for suspicious activity. Chief Johnson stated that he does not like residents watching for traffic violations, especially with school buses. The reason why he does not like this is because then the residents will have to sign the tickets as complainants and may have to go to court, and will have to be able to identify the offender. He stated that this can be difficult and may lead to more police calls and more expenses to Cen-Com.

Chief Johnson stated that the Home Safety Program can also be a risky situation with today's environment. He stated that we would have to do background checks on everyone in the house before we could allow them to place a sticker in their window. The reason for this is that we don't know if someone has been convicted of any crimes, especially relating to children. Chief Johnson feels that this could be a liability issue for the village, and has seen many other towns stop the Home Safety Program for that very reason. Chief Johnson stated that we currently do not have enough officers for normal patrol and running the program would be difficult. Chief Johnson stated that he would like to meet with Mr. Pekar to further discuss some alternatives to the program for the village.

Trustee Katzel suggested that the village could come up with a list of what to watch for as a resident and numbers to call in case of emergency. Mayor Lumpkins suggested that we could come up with a magnet or something of that nature to give out to the residents. The Board agreed that we could come up with something and mail it out to the residents.

Homes on Tomahawk-SMC Grant Purchase

Mayor Lumpkins stated that SMC has approved the closing on 736 Tomahawk and that they are working on a purchase price for the home located next door. Mayor

Lumpkins stated that we are still waiting to hear back about the house on Pontiac, but that at least the other 2 homes are moving along well.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk McIntyre reported that newsletters received were Talk of the Towns and Round Lake Chamber News.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks stated that Officer Matlock will be leaving the Police Department. Chief Johnson stated that he accepted a position as Program Specialist in the safety and security department of the Minneapolis public school system. Chief Johnson stated that Jason's wife is from Minnesota and all of her family is there and since they just had a baby it will be a great move for him and his family. Chief Johnson stated that we do have an intergovernmental agreement with the school to have an officer there. Chief Johnson stated that they have to be a school resource officer and juvenile officer. Chief Johnson stated that he spoke with Officer Randy Cooley, who is a certified part-time substitute teacher and that he will be a great fit for the school. Chief Johnson stated that Randy does not require a lot of pay because he does have his own business, and that it would be hard to fill the position with someone else because our pay rate is not as high as other towns. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we will put Randy on the agenda for next month. Chief Johnson stated that we are still in need of at least two more part time police officers in the department. Chief Johnson stated that Officer Kirk got a full time job, Officer Blasco is taking his vacation time that he has accrued, and with Randy moving to the school we will need to hire some new officers as soon as possible. Conversation continued about some possible candidates, and how soon we could have them hired.

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

Festival

Trustee Katzel stated that he spoke with resident Jim Sommers and that he will be doing the magic show for the festival and that he has contacted Serpent Safari to do a show at 2:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS There was nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. We are going to Executive Session for personnel matters and collective bargaining.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Katzel and unanimously passed to enter into Executive Session for personnel matters and collective bargaining at 7:19 p.m.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to go into the Committee Meeting.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Walker, Seconded by Trustee Katzel, and unanimously passed to come back in from Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we are back in regular session. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we were in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and collective bargaining and no action will be taken as result of the Executive Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marla McIntyre
Village Clerk