

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS  
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM  
COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 17, 2009**

**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 Faught = Present	Trustee Germann = Present
Mayor Lumpkins = Present	Village Clerk Mahoney = Present
Also Present = Six Residents	

Mayor Lumpkins requested to amend the agenda to add C. Cats in Neighborhood, D. Street Sweeping and E. Zoning Board under Administration.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Trustee Walker, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to approve the amendment to the agenda as requested by Mayor Lumpkins.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were none.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Connect-CTY Update** Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they received the test phone call from Connect-CTY. They all received a call besides Trustee Mahoney and Trustee Faught, who listed her cell phone. There were 670 successful deliveries and 215 unsuccessful deliveries. There were 158 bad phone numbers, which could be disconnected phone lines or some other reason that the call did not go through, 16 busy, 9 fax/modem, 2 hang-up, 28 no answer and 2 phone network busy. There was a notice in our newsletter that if a resident was not contacted that they should call the village hall or go to our website to update their information. Trustee Mahoney stated that there were phone calls received in unincorporated areas and Mayor Lumpkins asked him to get the names so we could follow up with them. We have heard positive reactions to this service and have not received any negative comments.

**Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt on April 5, 2009**

Mayor Lumpkins reminded everyone that the Easter breakfast and egg hunt is on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will serve pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage with coffee and juice. The cost for the breakfast is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children twelve and under. The egg hunt will begin at 1:00 p.m. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have the age groups one to four years old, five to eight years old and nine to twelve years old for the egg hunt

and asked the Board if they would like to have the older groups hunt eggs at Arrowhead Park if the weather permits. The Board discussed this and agreed to have the two older groups hunt eggs at Arrowhead Park if the weather permits and to use the village float and trailer to transport the children. The youngest group will still have their egg hunt at the village hall as we have always had.

#### Cats in Neighborhood

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he received a call from a resident about stray cats and questioned if the village is going to do more than what it currently does. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we joined the program Spay and Stay a few years ago and spoke with Bud Kowalski today about this program. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Bud feels that the program is working and there are fewer cats in the area. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if we take the cats to the shelter that they would not accept them and would euthanize them. Trustee Faught stated that if you take the cats away that other stray cats will come in. Discussion ensued amongst the Board about the stray cats concern. The Board discussed that there is a \$25.00 fee to spay each cat and agreed to put \$500.00 in next year's budget to cover the spaying fee for stray cats in the village to help control the stray cat population. Trustee Katzel stated that we should keep a ledger of the number of cats picked up and their location and the Board agreed.

#### Street Sweeping

Mayor Lumpkins asked if anyone on the Board had an objection to the street sweeping company sweeping our streets earlier. They can come in as early as Thursday of this week. Mayor Lumpkins stated that some of our streets, especially in the newer section, are quite bad and he is concerned about all of the sand going in the storm sewers. If we need to bring the street sweeping company back a second time after we blow the easements clean the cost would be approximately \$500 to \$600. We need the ground to harden more before we can completely clean all of the easements. The older section of the village has culverts and would not need to be swept again. If it snows again we have enough salt to use salt only without the sand. Trustee Katzel asked if we could blow the sidewalks before they sweep this week and Mayor Lumpkins stated that we could do that. The Board agreed to sweep the streets this week.

#### Zoning Board

Mayor Lumpkins stated that a resident called him in regards to the Zoning Board. His concern was the \$250 charge to go before the Zoning Board for a variance regardless if he is granted the variance or not. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they would consider waiving the fee if the resident is not granted the variance. Trustee Faught stated that if we only charge if they receive the variance then it looks like we are selling variances. The Board agreed that there should be a fee and agreed to reduce the variance fee to something more reasonable. Mayor Lumpkins will check with other villages to see what they charge.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was nothing to report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Safety Trustee Meeks reported that violations for the month of February were 155 moving, 5 ordinance, 11 non-traffic and 7 warning citations.

Mayor Lumpkins asked Trustee Meeks to check with Chief Johnson about when the speed sign would be going out on the streets. Mayor Lumpkins suggested that we come up with a schedule on where to place the speed sign for the streets having trouble with speeders.

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**

Stormwater Management

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Christine Gaynes from Stormwater Management contacted him and stated that everything is passed and signed. They are contacting the residents and will have purchase amounts for the residents.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

School Buses Trustee Katzel asked if we could talk to the bus company because there are buses cutting through the old section of town. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we already have spoken with them and reminded them that they should only be on Lotus Drive.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT: 7:24 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney  
Village Clerk