

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 5, 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

Mayor Lumpkins requested to amend the agenda to remove D. 1805 Tomahawk under Administration.

MOTION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Chesapeake Trails HOA

Mayor Lumpkins reported that the Chesapeake Trails HOA is trying to dissolve the association. They need two-thirds of the homeowners in order to dissolve the association and there are quite a few dissatisfied homeowners in that subdivision. The association owns common grounds, which are the areas around the wetlands and retention ponds but not the marsh itself. Originally the village did not want the liability of those common grounds. The association has asked Mayor Lumpkins about the village taking over the common grounds and he informed them that the Village Board would need to vote and agree upon taking over the common grounds. Mayor Lumpkins did inform them that the village might not want to accept the land. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the park district did not want that land before and probably still do not want it. The common grounds would require maintenance. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we would need an attorney's opinion if we could even accept it. Trustee Faught stated that we have the SSA taxes for the other retention areas and that we could consider the same thing for those common grounds. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the SSA taxes could be raised if we wanted them to because we are not at the maximum amount now.

1999 Squad Car Auction

Mayor Lumpkins stated that when we purchased the new squad car we were given a trade-in value of \$1,000.00 for the old squad car so we did not trade it in. We were offered \$2,000.00 from a couple different people who called the village. We decided to put the car in an auction and we

received \$3,300.00 and we paid an auction fee of \$150.00. The net amount is sent in check form directly to the village.

2211 Arapahoe

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have received a couple complaints about 2211 Arapahoe and passed around pictures of a playhouse at this address. The home has a playhouse located in the back yard. The complaints refer to the height of the playhouse. The home backs up to the forest preserve. The playhouse does not appear to meet setback requirements. A village permit was not obtained for the building of this playhouse. Discussion ensued amongst the Board. The Board decided that a permit is required and that the playhouse needs to meet setback requirements. If the setbacks are not met then it needs to be taken down and moved around in order to meet the setback requirements. The Board did not have a problem with the height of the playhouse.

Operation Homefront

Mayor Lumpkins reported that we received a letter from the Chicago City Clerk who is trying to draw awareness of the Operation Homefront Program supporting Illinois' military families. The program is facilitated through the Lt. Governor's office and assists the families of Illinois National Guard members and reservists called to active duty who may be facing financial hardships with expenses such as rent, groceries or utility bills. Program information will be included in Chicago's vehicle sticker renewal applications and the Village of North Aurora will include information in its water billing. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if we wanted to participate in the Operation Homefront Program by communicating its message to our residents and if so, in what manner. The Board decided to put information about the program in our next newsletter and on our water billings.

Lotus Drive Resurfacing Project

Mayor Lumpkins stated that a copy of a letter about the Lotus Drive resurfacing project from Mr. Bleck was distributed to all Board members. The letter breaks down the cost between Neumann Homes and Pasquinelli, which is 33.33% and 66.67% respectively and is based on the number of homes built by each developer. This project will be going out to bid and will hopefully be completed by July.

Festival

Mayor Lumpkins asked Trustee Katzel to come up with a budget so that he does not need to come before the Board with every individual item. The Board decided to try and get the racecars again this year so long as it is the same cost. Trustee Katzel will contact the DJ to see if we can get the same deal as last year. A festival budget will be up for approval next week at the Board meeting. We need to find someone who will allow us to use their license in order to have the casino. Trustee Germann will contact the Knights of Columbus to see if they would allow us to use their license.

Trustee Katzel reported that the next festival committee meeting is set for April 19 at 6:00.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks reported that she distributed copies of a letter from Officer Matlock about the Middle School activity to the Board. Trustee Meeks stated that Officer Matlock is doing a great job at the school.

Trustee Meeks reported that Chief Johnson would like permission to take the Volkswagen to display and a squad car to put in the Police Memorial Parade in Springfield on May 5 and the Board had no problem with that. Trustee Meeks stated that Chief Johnson would like to be informed of any parades that he could participate in so if anyone knows of any parades to please let him know.

Trustee Meeks reported that Chief Johnson's special license plates sales are going well and that he still has more available if anyone wants to purchase plates.

Public Works

There was nothing to report.

Building & Zoning

Trustee Walker reported that March building permit fees received were \$3,745.00.

Sewer & Water

There was nothing to report.

Administration

Trustee Faught reminded the Board that the Finance Committee meets next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Ordinances

Mayor Lumpkins reported that Officer Matlock is looking for us to pass a fighting ordinance. Antioch, Lake Villa, Vernon Hills and Winthrop Harbor are a few of the towns that have already adopted a fighting ordinance. Officer Matlock is looking for a fighting ordinance because he is in the school all the time. The complete ordinances from other towns will be obtained and then we can create our own to bring before the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Easter Bunny Costume

Mayor Lumpkins reported that the park district purchased a new Easter Bunny costume and has asked if we would like to purchase the old one for \$150.00. We have always borrowed their costume for our egg hunt. A new costume cost \$600.00. The Board agreed to offer the park district

\$100.00 to \$120.00 to purchase the old costume. This costume should last for quite a few years.

Pasquinelli Trustee Katzel questioned the status of Pasquinelli and Mayor Lumpkins reported that he met with them a couple weeks ago. Remaining issues are grading and turning over of the property. They also were waiting on the letter from Mr. Bleck in reference to Lotus Drive resurfacing and they have now received it. They are anxious to turn over the property and are going over the final punch list with Mr. Bleck. They may be finished in thirty to sixty days.

Census Trustee Katzel questioned the status of the census. Mayor Lumpkins reported that the check had been sent in and there is no update.

NEW BUSINESS There was nothing to report.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Chesapeake Trails HOA

James Wasper stated that there was a meeting with an attorney today to discuss dissolving the association. James Wasper stated that the only issue the association attorney had in regards to dissolving the association was with Neumann turning over the common grounds. The association cannot be dissolved until the common grounds have been turned over. The association needs to determine whom to have the common grounds turned over to and with what conditions. James Wasper questioned if the village accepted the common grounds if the SSA taxes would increase and Mayor Lumpkins stated that it could. Mayor Lumpkins asked James Wasper what they are offering the village since those common grounds are a liability. James Wasper asked for a contact person at the village and Mayor Lumpkins stated that they need to bring it to the Village Board.

Tree Planting James Wasper asked about planting trees throughout the village and Mayor Lumpkins told him to present the entire plan to the Board for review. The tree planting plan should include who would be paying for the trees, who is planting the trees, where the trees would be planted, what type of trees would be planted and what plan for future maintenance is there.

Hot Tubs James Wasper asked if there is an ordinance book that references hot tubs and if so, how could he get it. Mayor Lumpkins stated there is and told him to come to the village hall during business hours.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Germann

and unanimously passed to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk