

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
BOARD MEETING – APRIL 11, 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 = Absent	Trustee Walker = Absent
Trustee Katzel = Present	Trustee Germann = Present
Trustee Mahoney = Present	Trustee Faught = Present
Mayor Lumpkins = Present	Village Clerk Mahoney = Present
Also Present = Derrick Warner, Paul Grace and Helen Mansfield	

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to approve the March 14, 2006 Board minutes, March 21, 2006 Committee Meeting minutes and April 4, 2006 Committee Meeting minutes.

**COLLECTOR'S
REPORT**

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

MOTION

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

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

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

MOTION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Paul Grace (Round Lake Beach Police Department)

Mayor Lumpkins introduced Paul Grace from the Round Lake Beach Police Department. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Paul Grace was here to describe the crime free multi-housing program and how it has been working for them so far.

Paul Grace distributed Round Lake Beach's ordinance that they passed regarding the licensing and operation of multiple family dwelling units, rooming houses and any single family rental residential units. Paul Grace stated that their ordinance was very similar to Schaumburg and that Schaumburg was one of the pioneers of this program. Paul Grace stated that he was sent to a two day NEMRT class and came back from that class with everything he needed. If we would choose to do this program then we could send an officer to the class and he would be ready for the voluntary portion of the program. The voluntary portion is separate and different from the ordinance portion of the program. Paul Grace stated that the voluntary portion is the police officer working with the landlords. The police officer gives the landlords policies and practices such as background checks, crime free lease addendums and upgrade security improvements. These are voluntary suggestions that would help the landlords but they would not have to do these things if they did not want to. Paul Grace stated that a majority of their rental

properties are single family homes and Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have the same situation.

Paul Grace stated that Round Lake Beach realized that they could not make it optional for the landlords to adopt good rental practices so they passed an ordinance. Paul Grace stated that the ordinance covers four points. The first point is landlord training. This requires the property owner to attend and complete an eight hour seminar. The second point Round Lake Beach did was make it mandatory that every landlord who operates a rental property must sign a crime free lease addendum every time they execute a lease. The crime free lease addendum allows an eviction of the tenant for a tenant's criminal behavior. The third point of the ordinance defines nuisance residential rental property. Round Lake Beach defined a nuisance rental property as two incidents of nuisance activities within six months and incidents are defined by Illinois Compiled Statutes. Paul Grace stated that there are fifteen different nuisance incidents listed in the ordinance. The first thirteen were from crime property nuisance page. Round Lake Beach added criminal street gang activity on property and any other misdemeanor or felony criminal offense as described in the Illinois Compiled Statutes. Paul Grace stated that the last one was added so that if laws change then this ordinance will still survive. Round Lake Beach also defined a nuisance rental property as one that has an unreasonably high number of calls for police service. This could be for barking dogs, stray dogs, loud music noise or some type of call where a law is not being broken but the police are constantly being called to that area.

Paul Grace stated that once a property becomes a nuisance property that as the Crime Free Program Director he would meet with the landlord to let him know what is going on and together they would try to solve the problem. If after a while the property is still a problem then he would let the landlord know that they are in breach of their ordinance. At that point the landlord would have two options. One option would be to evict that tenant and get a new tenant. The other option would be to revoke the landlord rental certificate. If the certificate is revoked then the house would be red tagged and they could issue fines or make arrests if necessary.

Paul Grace stated that the bottom line of it all is that they are going to try to work with the landlords but that at the end of the day the village can have the authority to intervene on behalf of their citizens if there are problems with drugs, gangs or other criminal activity. Paul Grace stated that the program works and they are already seeing good results. Round Lake Beach is still training their landlords and the landlords have until June 30, 2006 to go through the training.

Mayor Lumpkins asked Paul Grace if the landlords have embraced the program or are they fighting the program. Paul Grace stated that he has trained about one hundred landlords so far and that a lot of them do support the program but there are a few that don't like the program. Paul Grace stated that the landlords understand the perspective of the village and police department. The biggest complaint he receives is that they have to spend eight hours at the training session. Paul Grace stated that they have their attorney present during the second half of the training session and he goes over eviction laws which are helpful to the landlords.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that if a landlord owns rental property in Round Lake Beach and Round Lake Heights and has already gone through the training in Round Lake Beach that we would not have to force them to sit through another identical training session as long as they can show proof that they completed the training. Paul Grace stated that Schaumburg, Palatine and a lot of other towns are already doing the program and training. Paul Grace stated that he asks the landlord if they have the certificate to bring it to him and then he only requires them to show up for the first hour of the training that goes over their ordinance.

Mayor Lumpkins asked when they started working on implementing this program and Paul Grace stated it was June 2005. Paul Grace stated that the biggest item was researching to get the right ordinance. Mayor Lumpkins asked how they know which properties are rental homes and Paul Grace stated that the building department has an active list. They have a list because they were already required by an ordinance to obtain a rental certificate. The Board thanked Officer Grace.

Mayor's Re-Appointments

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to re-appoint Susan Mahoney as Village Collector from April 12, 2006 to April 12, 2007.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to re-appoint Susan Mahoney as Village Collector from April 12, 2006 to April 12, 2007.

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to re-appoint John Pappas as a part time police officer from April 28, 2006 to April 28, 2007.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Faught and unanimously passed to re-appoint John Pappas as a part time police officer from April 28, 2006 to April 28, 2007.

2006-R-01

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to re-affirm passing 2006-R-01, a resolution which provides for the transfer of the per ton payment to the Village of Round Lake Heights.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Mahoney and unanimously passed to re-affirm the passing of 2006-R-01, a resolution which provides for the transfer of the per ton payment to the Village of Round Lake Heights.

2006-O-07

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to pass 2006-O-07, an ordinance amending section 7-2-8 of the Round Lake Heights Village Code entitled "Garage and Yard Appearance" to prohibit parking on unpaved areas anywhere on the property of any lot within the village.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Katzel and unanimously passed 2006-O-07, an ordinance amending section 7-2-8 of the Round Lake Heights Village Code entitled "Garage and Yard Appearance" to prohibit parking on unpaved areas anywhere on the property of any lot within the village.

Garbage Contract

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve signing the contract agreement with Jensen Disposal Service for refuse collection and disposal, and collection of recyclables and landscape waste for delivery to permitted and/or approved facilities. This contract commences April 1, 2006 for a five-year term.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Faught and unanimously passed to approve signing the contract agreement with Jensen Disposal Service for refuse collection and disposal, and collection of recyclables and landscape waste for delivery to permitted and/or approved facilities.

Multijurisdictional Agreement

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we would table the multijurisdictional agreement to the meeting next week. Mayor Lumpkins stated that one of the towns has not even brought it to their Board yet.

Round Lake Area Mobile Eye

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we did not make a donation to the Round Lake Area Mobile Eye last year. The last time we donated was in October 2002 and we donated \$500.00. Mayor Lumpkins recommended that we give a donation of \$500.00 since they do a lot for us and the Board agreed. Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve a \$500.00 donation to the Round Lake Area Mobile Eye.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to approve a donation of \$500.00 to the Round Lake Area Mobile Eye.

Special Census

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have received forty one applications for the special census and that a majority of those are from our village. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would find out if Board members would be allowed to apply to work for the special census because some members were interested in applying. Trustee Germann asked if it would be okay to make an announcement at church to get more applicants and Mayor Lumpkins stated that it would be. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we need a minimum of eighty five applicants and we would like to get as many of our residents as possible but we most likely are not going to get eighty five of our residents. We have contacted our residents first and will try to keep our search for applicants as local as possible. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Round Lake is also holding a special census at the same time that we are.

Temporary Structure Permits

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Zoning Board had recommended issuing a six-month permit for a temporary structure for 1805 Brentwood. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the temporary structure at 1805 Brentwood burned down about a week ago. The house was not affected by the fire and only the temporary structure burned down. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he recommends putting the permit on hold. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he has not heard from the homeowner and doesn't know if he is going to put up another temporary structure.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that our attorney has recommendations for the other homeowner with a temporary structure. Mayor Lumpkins is trying to meet with the homeowner to convince him to take the temporary structure down so that it doesn't have to go to court and be very costly for both sides. If the outcome of the meeting is the same as it was at the Zoning Board meeting then we will have to take legal action and take him to court. We will let him know that the other temporary structure did burn down and that the temporary structure is a fire hazard and a hazard to anything that is close to it like a house or garage.

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to table approving the six-month permit for a temporary structure for 1805 Brentwood. If the homeowner still wants to put up another one we will then vote on it since he was already recommended by the Zoning Board.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Katzel, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to approve tabling the six-month permit for a temporary structure for 1805 Brentwood.

Gang Specialist Certification

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve the expenditure of \$690.00 to send Officer Matlock to a three day school to become a certified gang specialist. This money will come out of the D.A.R.E. fund.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to approve the expenditure of \$690.00 to send Officer Matlock to a three day school to become a certified gang specialist.

Affordable Sewer and Water Services Billboard

Trustee Mahoney suggested that we table the Affordable Sewer and Water Services billboard and discuss it at the next committee meeting. Trustee Mahoney would like to get more information and check into this item. Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to table the discussion on the Affordable Sewer and Water Services billboard until next week.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Katzel and unanimously passed to approve tabling the discussion on the Affordable Sewer and Water Services billboard until next week.

Festival

Trustee Katzel stated that White Saddle Band called him back and they are already booked so he will try to get another band. Trustee Katzel asked Trustee Mahoney to get a band for Friday night that would play from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Trustee Mahoney stated that Red Sky had played at Round Lake Park's festival last year and he would see if they were available. Trustee Katzel stated that Minus One was a local band that played for us the last two years and sounded really nice so he could try to contact them also. Trustee Katzel stated that he would get the Saturday night band and Trustee Meeks would get the DJ. Trustee Katzel stated that he is trying to find contact information for Sister Envy to see if they would be available for Saturday night. Mayor Lumpkins asked Clerk Mahoney to have Maribel Carrillo pull the festival books for the last six years to get band information for Trustee Katzel, Trustee Mahoney and Trustee Meeks.

Trustee Germann asked if we provide some type of covering over their heads for the crafters and Mayor Lumpkins stated that we do not but they can bring something themselves. Mayor Lumpkins stated that a majority of the crafters have brought their own tents or coverings in the past. Trustee Katzel stated that the crafters need to let us know if they need electricity. Trustee Faught stated that she went to a couple local businesses specializing in crafts and was told that they could not put out our flyers but they could post one in their employee break room. Trustee Faught stated that she will attend the big craft fair soon and hand out flyers herself.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Mahoney reported that a newsletter received was Legislative Bulletin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety There was nothing to report.

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 April 2006 Warrant List and to pay the bills.

Ordinances There was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Fox Glen Park

Trustee Katzel asked what the plans are for the park in Fox Glen since Pasquinelli turned over the property. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he spoke with Jeff from the Park District and was told they are waiting for a few more documents to be changed so that they can close on the property. They are hoping to have it closed within two weeks and then go out to bid which is a six week process. They are hoping to have the park completed by the middle of June.

NEW BUSINESS

New Squad Car

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Chief Johnson would like permission to shop for a new squad. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we did pay off the last squad that we had and have only one loan payment left which has about eighteen to twenty payments on it. We only have one 1999 squad left besides Chief Johnson's which does not have too many miles on it. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if the Board agrees then we would like to get prices for a new squad to present to the Board. We would probably take out a three year loan like we have previously done to purchase the vehicle. We would also like to get rid of the seized cars we have which are a Suburban, Dodge Intrepid and Honda Accord as soon as possible. The law requires us to keep the proceeds from seized vehicles in a seizure fund for a certain length of time. The funds in the seizure account are used to purchase equipment but all of the funds might not be available for our use right now but eventually will be. We would like to take the 1999 squad out of service, strip it down and use it for our Code Enforcer. By taking the 1999 squad out of service all of our squads would be 2005 and 2006 squads besides Chief Johnson's and the Code Enforcer's. The Board agreed that it is important to keep up the squad cars. The Board agreed to proceed with getting prices on a new squad before agreeing on purchasing a new squad.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There was nothing to report.

MOTION

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk