

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 18, 2006**

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

New Squad Car

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Chief Johnson is recommending purchasing a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria. The price is \$20,396.00 plus a delivery fee of about \$100.00. This price does not include the striping or lighting. The lighting would come off of the old squad car but we would have to pay for the labor of the lights transfer. The older squad car would be used for the code enforcer. We will sell the seized cars we have acquired starting with the 1991 Honda Accord. The purchase of the new car would require a loan and we will get a three year loan from Harris. This loan would require a resolution to be passed. Trustee Germann questioned if the code enforcer would take the car home and Mayor Lumpkins stated that the car would stay in our parking lot. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the only employees that take vehicles home are Chief Johnson and Bud Kowalski. Trustee Faught questioned if this vehicle purchase was in the budget. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the purchase was not in the budget but that there would only be a couple payments made before the new budget would be in place and we would include it in next year's budget. The Board agreed to go ahead with purchasing the new squad car to keep the equipment reliable. Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve the purchase of a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria and stated that this would be ratified at the next Board meeting.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Katzel and unanimously passed to approve the purchase of a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria for \$20,396.00 plus a delivery fee.

Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Officer Grace from Round Lake Beach was here last week to give a presentation on the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he feels this is a great program and hopes the rest of the Board feels the same way. Trustee Katzel questioned which officer would run the program for us and Mayor Lumpkins stated that we do not know yet but Chief Johnson is working on it. The Board agreed to continue working with this program. Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve working on this program and stated that this would be ratified at the next Board meeting.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Katzel and unanimously passed to approve working on the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

Multijurisdictional Agreement

Mayor Lumpkins stated that there are no updates on the multijurisdictional agreement at this time.

Special Census

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have received fifty three applicants for special census workers so far and we need eighty five. Trustee Germann questioned when we need to

have the remaining applicants and Mayor Lumpkins stated that they are waiting on us. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he asked Maribel Carrillo to go to banks, churches and schools to ask for applicants. We need people to be in charge of the other committees. The Board discussed the committees and agreed to have Bud Kowalski in charge of the Business Group, Trustee Meeks in charge of the Media Group, Trustee Faught in charge of the Community Group and Trustee Walker in charge of the Government Group. Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve the committee chairpersons.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Katzel and unanimously passed to approve Trustee Faught as Community Group Chairperson, Maribel Carrillo as Recruiting Group Chairperson, Trustee Meeks as Media Group Chairperson, Trustee Walker as Government Group Chairperson and Bud Kowalski as Business Group Chairperson.

Village Board Shirts

Trustee Meeks stated that she will get some shirt samples for the next meeting so that we know what size shirt to order. Trustee Meeks stated that the Board had agreed to order four shirts for each Board member and the price would be around thirty to thirty five dollars for each shirt. Trustee Meeks stated that the shirts would have the village name, Board member's name and their title and not have a logo. Trustee Meeks asked the Board if they feel we should order t-shirts for festival volunteers. Trustee Meeks stated that the shirts are special for the Board and should make the Board stand out from the employees and volunteers. Trustee Meeks and Trustee Faught agreed that we should still have something to make the employees and volunteers identifiable at the event so we could order some type of t-shirt. The Board agreed to order t-shirts that would have Round Lake Heights Volunteer for the employees and volunteers at our festival.

Affordable Sewer and Water Services Billboard

Trustee Mahoney stated that he is looking into purchasing the far lot in front of the village and putting up a sign for his business, Affordable Sewer and Water Services. The lot is on the far left side of the pond and overlooks the creek. The proposed sign would not be huge or gaudy and would not be any bigger than the sign by Nix's Furniture Outlet. The proposed sign would not affect McMahon's Auto Body sign or view. Trustee Mahoney stated that there are signs up and down Rollins Road and doesn't see any problem with putting up a sign on this lot. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they were familiar with the location that Trustee Mahoney would like to put up a sign and they were aware of the location. Mayor Lumpkins explained that there are four lots off of Rollins Road in front of the village hall and the village owns three of the four lots. The fourth lot had previously been offered to the village for about five thousand dollars but the village did not buy it. The three lots had been purchased by the village for about two to three hundred dollars each. The village had also purchased the two lots behind the day care center but turned around and sold them. The village took over the maintenance on the lots. The village has never charged anyone for mowing the grass on any of the lots which we are entitled to nor has the village fined anyone for not mowing those lots. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he feels if someone is going to make money off of the lot that they would need to maintain the lot themselves. Trustee Mahoney stated that he would not expect the village to maintain the lot. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Trustee Mahoney has agreed to put something in writing that if he gives up his business that there would not be some other type of advertisement sign replacing this one. Mayor Lumpkins stated that allowing Trustee Mahoney to put up a sign would be a courtesy to him and not a courtesy of having a billboard up because we have enough billboards in our village. Mayor Lumpkins stated that years ago there was a sign up there for G & R Realty. We did not have any issues or problems with the G & R Realty sign and that is the type of sign that Trustee Mahoney is looking to put up. Trustee Katzel asked if the Board could get pictures and drawings of the sign and the location on the lot and Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Board would receive these items before making a decision. Trustee Mahoney stated that he would definitely supply these items to the Board and further

stated that he has not even contacted the property owner about purchasing the lot yet. Trustee Mahoney stated that he wants to measure other signs before making a decision on the size of his sign. Trustee Mahoney stated that he would like the sign to be "V" shaped so that it could be seen from either direction of Rollins Road and would have it as close to the ground as possible that it could still be seen. Trustee Mahoney stated that the sign would be a nice sign with trim around it. Trustee Meeks stated that she would not like to see a sign on any of the properties and that she likes seeing nothing but the pond in front of the village hall. Trustee Meeks stated that she does wish Trustee Mahoney luck with his business. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he does not see a huge problem with a sign there if it is similar to the one that was there for G & R Realty. Mayor Lumpkins asked Trustee Mahoney to talk to the property owner and put together the sign information then bring his presentation back to the Board for a decision.

Festival

Mayor Lumpkins asked Trustee Walker if he has had any luck with getting Hillery's BBQ for the festival and Trustee Walker stated that he has not contacted him yet after sending a fax to him. Trustee Walker stated that he would follow up with Hillery's BBQ.

Trustee Katzel stated that Minus One is interested in playing for us again this year. Trustee Mahoney stated that he is going to check out Red Sky tonight and get a demo tape from them. Red Sky is not available Friday but they are available for Saturday night. Red Sky usually gets \$1,000.00 but might play for only \$800.00 for us. Trustee Katzel is going to contact Sister Envy to see their availability and price. Trustee Katzel stated that it would be nice to have two bands for Saturday with the first one starting at 4:00 p.m. Trustee Mahoney stated that he is also getting a demo tape from Easy Action.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Mahoney reported that a newsletter received was Legislative Bulletin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks reported that the International Chief of Police Conference is in October in Boston and Chief Johnson would like to attend. If allowed to attend, Chief Johnson is requesting a cost not exceed \$1,500.00 and stated that Boston is an expensive town and the room rates are high. The Board agreed to send Chief Johnson to the International Chief of Police Conference in Boston.

Trustee Meeks reported that Chief Johnson would like to thank the Board on the 2006 license plate program. The program has taken in over \$19,500.00 so far this year and this is not a final figure. Chief Johnson has been doing this program for ten years and this is the best year he has ever had. Mayor Lumpkins reported that he sold out of his license plates.

Public Works

Mayor Lumpkins asked Trustee Mahoney to talk to Bud Kowalski about purchasing a lawn mower. Public Works currently uses the tractor to cut the grass by the village hall and it cuts higher than the stand up mowers used for the rest of the village. They cut a lot of grass throughout the village and Bud Kowalski had asked about a sit down lawn mower.

Building & Zoning

There was nothing to report.

Sewer & Water

There was nothing to report.

Administration

Trustee Faught stated that a new employee was hired today for the part-time office assistant position. Her name is Christine Gross and she will start tomorrow. Her hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ordinances Trustee Germann stated that we should get on the landlord ordinance as soon as possible. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he believes that the rest of the Board wants to move forward with it. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we will get an officer in the classes and up to par on the program so that we can pass the ordinance as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

Village Map Amendment

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he spoke with Pat Bleck today because he received a bill for our map amendment but did not receive the map amendment itself. The map amendment will be dropped off to the village hall. If there are any changes in the village boundaries we are required to pass a map amendment. The map amendment will be on the agenda for the next committee meeting and a resolution will need to be passed at the Board meeting.

Well Station Mayor Lumpkins stated that the well station has not gone out to bid yet. We are waiting on the final IPA permit. We are hoping to be out to bid by the end of the month on the well station project.

Temporary Structure - 625 S. Cedarwood Circle

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he met with the gentleman from 625 S. Cedarwood Circle today in reference to the temporary structure he has on his property. The gentleman was much calmer today than he was when he blew up at the Zoning Board meeting. This homeowner was under the impression that the homeowner from 1805 Brentwood had taken down his temporary structure and was not aware that it had burned down. This homeowner feels that his temporary structure is still not called a temporary structure. Mayor Lumpkins told the homeowner that we could red tag him, take him to court and both sides spend a lot of money fighting this issue but was hoping to come up with some type of resolution instead. The homeowner is now willing to immediately take down the temporary structure and attempt to receive a permit for a temporary structure from November 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007. He wants to enclose a car from Texas and protect it from the winter weather. The Board agreed to have the homeowner take down the structure now.

NEW BUSINESS

SWALCO

Trustee Faught stated that she received a letter from SWALCO about a program developed with the rechargeable battery recycling corporation. This program allows us to recycle rechargeable batteries and cellular phones by depositing the items in a collection box that SWALCO would send us. The program allows for the items to be properly disposed of. This program is at no charge to us. Trustee Faught stated that all we need to do is fax in an initial request form and they would send us the collection box with bags for the items. Trustee Faught stated that this is a program that can also be offered to our residents. Mayor Lumpkins questioned how big the collection box is and Trustee Faught stated that it is small. The Board agreed to go forward with this program.

Billboards/Signs

Trustee Mahoney stated that he wanted to ask the Board to keep an open mind about the billboard he wants to put up. Trustee Mahoney stated that the Board doesn't have a problem with putting up the vinyl aluminum can signs throughout the village that benefits the village. The Board discussed the can signs and agreed that the signs should probably be up for a shorter period of time and also relocate the signs occasionally. Trustee Walker stated that he could get wood poles donated if the Board would like to have a banner stretched above the road.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There was nothing to report.

MOTION

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk