

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
BOARD MEETING – JUNE 12, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Round Lake Heights Board Meeting was called to order by Trustee Meeks at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Meeks = Present	Trustee Mahoney = Present
Trustee Walker = Absent	Trustee Katzel = Present
Trustee Faught = Present	Trustee Germann = Present
Mayor Lumpkins = Absent	Village Clerk Mahoney = Present
Also Present = Derrick Warner and two Village Residents	

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Mahoney and unanimously passed to approve the May 8, 2007 Board minutes and May 15, 2007 Committee Meeting minutes.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The May 2007 Collector's Report for the General Fund was reviewed.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Mahoney and unanimously passed to approve the May 2007 Collector's Report for the General Fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report for May 2007.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Faught and unanimously passed to approve May 2007 Treasurer's Report as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mayor's Re-Appointment

Trustee Meeks asked for a motion to re-appoint John Roberts as a part time police officer from June 14, 2007 to June 14, 2008.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Katzel

and unanimously passed to re-appoint John Roberts as a part time police officer from June 14, 2007 to June 14, 2008.

2007-O-03

Trustee Meeks asked for a motion to pass 2007-O-03, an ordinance ascertaining the prevailing rate of wages for laborers, workmen and mechanics employed in the public works of this public body.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Faught and unanimously passed 2007-O-03, an ordinance ascertaining the prevailing rate of wages for laborers, workmen and mechanics employed in the public works of this public body.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Mahoney reported that newsletters received were In The Round, InTransit, Round Lake Area Chamber News and Cisco Communicator.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks reported that the 2005 Nissan in the village parking lot was the vehicle stopped by Officer Crawford on April 15, 2007 for a traffic violation. The twenty-five year old driver from Chicago was charged with a DUI and having drugs in the car. The 2005 Nissan has been awarded to the Village of Round Lake Heights by the Secretary of State and we are waiting for the title. The vehicle has a value of fifteen thousand dollars and has a clear title.

Trustee Meeks reported that she has a letter from Officer Dark and that Officer Dark states that he injured his back in 2006. Officer Dark states that since then he has had good days and bad days and has missed work but never in excess. Officer Dark's condition has deteriorated and he is having surgery for his back. The surgery date changed from June 13 to July 18 and there is an estimated sixty-day recovery period. Officer Dark is requesting a medical leave of absence to hold his job. Trustee Meeks reported that Chief Johnson is not in favor of this due to the excessive amount of missed work by Officer Dark, which has caused numerous problems. In 2005 Officer Dark had earned six sick days but used seven sick days and had earned fifteen vacation days but used twenty vacation days. In 2006 Officer Dark had earned six sick days but used fourteen sick days, earned fifteen vacation days but used eighteen vacation days, used four comp days and had sixteen unpaid days off. In 2007 Officer Dark has earned six sick days but has not used any of them, has earned fifteen vacation days but used twenty-seven vacation days. His injury did not occur on the job and has caused numerous problems with scheduling. The Board agreed that Officer Dark's situation has caused problems and will continue to cause problems with further time off and therefore they should deny his request for a medical leave of absence to hold his job. Trustee

Meeks asked for a motion to deny the request for a medical leave of absence for Officer Dark.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Faught and Seconded by Trustee Mahoney on the condition that the Village of Round Lake Heights checks with the village attorney that we can legally deny this request. The motion unanimously passed to deny a medical leave of absence for Officer Dark as long as the village can legally do so.

Public Works Trustee Mahoney stated that the village has a couple ponds with algae duckweed growing in them. Landscape Concepts will charge \$550.00 to treat two ponds and it will take two to three weeks for results. The cost to check this routinely would be extensive so we can pay for it as needed to be more cost efficient. The funds would be paid out of the SSA fund since the ponds are located in the new subdivision.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Faught and unanimously passed to approve the \$550.00 expenditure to treat two village ponds for the algae duckweed payable to Landscape Concepts.

Building & Zoning There was nothing to report.

Sewer & Water Trustee Katzel reported that the well house is almost complete and they just need to put on a coat of paint. Trustee Katzel reported that the grass is growing at the well house.

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 June 2007 Warrant List and to pay the bills.

Ordinances There was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Park on Tomahawk Trail

Trustee Katzel questioned if there are any updates on the park on Tomahawk Trail and Trustee Meeks stated that she had not heard anything. Trustee Mahoney asked if we ever came up with a name for the park. Trustee Meeks stated that she received a survey at her house with five names suggested for the park.

NEW BUSINESS There was nothing to report.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Speed Limit

Jeff Kissinger stated that he sent a packet to the Board. Jeff Kissinger stated that there were twenty-two states involved in a government study that shows people drive the speed limit. Trustee Faught stated that she would have to disagree because when a study is being conducted there is always equipment around and when the equipment is in sight people slow down. Trustee Faught stated that people go over 30 mph on Lotus Drive all the time even though there is a school and park right there. Jeff Kissinger stated that the statutory speed limit is 30 mph and an engineering study is required to change the speed limit. Trustee Meeks stated that, according to the state statute, the village is granted the right to change the speed limit to what they feel is a safe limit. Trustee Katzel asked Jeff Kissinger what was wrong with 20 mph in Round Lake Heights especially considering all the children in the village. Jeff Kissinger stated that he wants the right speed limit and that he wants the village to do an engineering study to determine the right speed limit. Trustee Mahoney asked Jeff Kissinger what his issue is with the village in regards to the parking issue and speed limit. Jeff Kissinger stated that he got a ticket in 2003 on Fairfield Road by Black Cherry Lane and that the police officer cannot sit in the church parking lot and use radar because it is an unincorporated area. Jeff Kissinger stated that another more recent issue with the village happened at 4:00 am when a car repossession was taking place three to four houses down from his. Jeff Kissinger stated that the tow truck would drag and stop the car and drag and stop the car with the wheels locked in park. Jeff Kissinger stated that at that point he started to call the police and as he just picked up the phone the police arrived. Jeff Kissinger stated that he had to chase the police down the road and when he got there that the police left. Jeff Kissinger stated that he told the police he wanted the noise ordinance pulled and the police officer stated that the noise was reasonable. Jeff Kissinger stated that the police department doesn't know the law and that the chief doesn't respect the law. Jeff Kissinger stated that he asked the police to write a ticket for weeks and finally they wrote a ticket. Jeff Kissinger stated that Sgt. Roehl wrote the ticket and had him sign it. Jeff Kissinger stated that he is enforcing the law of Round Lake Heights because the village wouldn't write a ticket and now he has to go to court to enforce the law. Another resident in the audience stated that she had witnessed people having to videotape and take time off work to go to court to prosecute. This resident stated that she wants to see the village follow the law. Trustee Katzel explained that participation by residents does help because the officers cannot be everywhere. Trustee Faught stated to Jeff Kissinger that he stated that he started to make the call but the officer showed up before he made the call so he doesn't know why the officer was there to begin with. Trustee Meeks stated that the CenCom tape clearly says that Jeff Kissinger placed the call. Jeff Kissinger stated that he requested the police video and the police said they did not have one. Trustee Faught asked Jeff Kissinger

when this study was conducted and he stated 1996. Trustee Meeks stated that she has lived in this village for 36 years and the speed limit has always been 20 mph. Trustee Faught stated that our speed limits were set long before this study. Trustee Faught stated that some very dangerous speeds are reached right in front of her house by the school and she sometimes assists the police with license plate numbers of speeding vehicles. Trustee Meeks stated that there is a chance a child would live if hit by a car traveling 20 mph and probably a slim chance if the car were to be traveling 30 mph. Discussion further ensued amongst the Board and Jeff Kissinger. Jeff Kissinger stated that if the village is writing tickets that they need to be obeying the law too. Jeff Kissinger stated that the school zone signs are not up to date. Jeff Kissinger stated that he spoke with a person from the government, the assistant traffic engineer from Lake County, and he said our speed limit is not legal. Trustee Meeks stated that we will research this and Mayor Lumpkins will bring this up at the next meeting.

2006 Ordinances Jeff Kissinger stated that there were ordinances passed in 2006 that were not discussed in any meeting and that he read all of the minutes but never saw any discussion. The Board explained that discussions would have taken place and would be in the minutes. Jeff Kissinger and the other resident stated that discussion about the ordinances amending previous ordinances to include the new streets for the stop signs and speed limit ordinances were not in the minutes. Trustee Faught stated that they may need to look back further and that it is included in the minutes somewhere. Trustee Meeks stated that she would find out where in the minutes it is.

Meeting Agenda Jeff Kissinger questioned if the agenda could be posted on the village web site so he doesn't have to drive to the village to see what is going to be discussed at the next meeting. Trustee Meeks asked Clerk Mahoney if she had any issues with posting the agenda on the web site. Clerk Mahoney stated that she could not make any guarantees that the agenda would be posted on the web site since we use an outside source to maintain our web site. Trustee Meeks stated that the law requires us to post the agenda, which we do, at the village hall.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk