

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING –JUNE 17, 2008**

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 = Absent

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Parking in the Village

A resident stated that the new part of the village is for parking and the old section of the village is against parking in the village. The resident stated that people park on the streets on Prairie Trail every day. Mayor Lumpkins stated that they park on the streets if they call CenCom and the resident stated that it looks like most people do not call. Trustee Meeks stated that she walks on Prairie Trail every morning and the cars are not on the street but are backing out of their driveways and garages. The resident stated that they are not on the street in the morning but always are in the afternoon and there are twenty to thirty cars each day.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Parking Pass

Mayor Lumpkins stated that parking is an issue in the new subdivisions and that is probably why this subject keeps coming up. Mayor Lumpkins stated that a parking pass had been brought up in the past and he still feels that if it is not done properly that it would be a lot of headaches. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we do give our residents a choice to call CenCom to receive permission, which is granted unless weather does not permit or it would block the street. Mayor Lumpkins stated that there are some residents that struggle with juggling their four or five cars around and he has received phone calls from them and has told them that their solution is to call CenCom. Mayor Lumpkins stated that no matter what the Board decides this will always be an issue as there are some residents that want parking and others that do not want parking. Mayor Lumpkins stated that parking cannot be allowed for some sections and not others and that the town needs to be united and treated alike. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he believes that certain streets cannot be eliminated from parking, just as we currently allow parking on Lotus and Black Cherry when residents call CenCom for permission. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we need to treat all residents fairly no matter which street they live on. Mayor Lumpkins stated that there is no right or wrong answer in making this decision and asked the Board for their opinions.

Trustee Meeks stated that she feels we already have a parking pass by allowing the residents to call CenCom. Trustee Katzel stated that some people forget to call and that the pass would stipulate all the rules and regulations associated with the pass. Trustee Katzel stated that this would not eliminate the calls to CenCom but would reduce the number of calls and the cost associated with those calls. Trustee Katzel stated that if there are cars on the streets that do have passes or did not call that the police have to be out there writing tickets. Trustee Katzel stated that he does not want to pass parking on the streets but this is a way to alleviate the problem. Trustee Faught stated that she previously was against parking on the streets but feels that the parking pass may help reduce the number of calls and the cost associated with the calls to CenCom and also that we cannot be out there constantly enforcing the streets and writing tickets for those who did not call CenCom. Trustee Faught stated that they would need to follow the rules with the pass and if they violate them they would receive a ticket, such as parking on the wrong side of the road or parking too close to an intersection. Discussion ensued amongst the Board. Trustee Germann stated that we spent a lot of time and money on parking already and he is against it. Trustee Walker stated that he is not interested in a parking pass and feels it would open up more headaches and problems. Trustee Mahoney stated that he feels the parking pass would result in a lot of problems and to call CenCom, like we currently do, is the simplest solution. The increase of fees to CenCom is not just because of residents calling in, it contributed to the increase but only a small percentage of it. There are more factors to the increase such as how we have our police officers call in for every change of duty and also that other towns decreased the number of calls they had. The parking pass would not eliminate the phone calls to CenCom. The parking passes would also cost money along with the time and filing requirements of the village hall employees and police department. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we could issue refrigerator magnets or something of the like to help remind our residents to call CenCom. Trustee Germann stated that we do remind the residents on the water bills and newsletters. Trustee Germann asked Trustee Katzel if he has had any problems calling CenCom and Trustee Katzel stated that he has not but that they do not ask all the questions that we told them to. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Trustee Katzel needs to inform Chief Johnson that CenCom is not asking all of the questions. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they would like Trustee Katzel to put the rules and regulations together for a parking pass before making a final decision on the parking pass and the Board agreed to end the parking pass.

Festival

Trustee Katzel stated that he was supposed to have received the pony ride contract yesterday and will follow up with Maribel to see if it came in. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have the fireworks and liquor licenses. We have the contracts for the band, deejay and stage equipment. The casino license is waiting for one more item and it will be completed.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would contact the Chamber to see if they would have any volunteers to help out. Officer Matlock is going to see if he can get any volunteers for the festival. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they would be at the festival and Trustee Walker is not available but Trustee Meeks, Trustee Mahoney, Trustee Katzel, Trustee Faught and Trustee Germann are planning on attending. The raffle tickets will be ordered and we will have a TV as the first prize, tires from A-Tire as second prize if they are willing to donate them and the third prize will be a one hundred dollar gift certificate from Ace Hardware if they donate it or an American Express gift card if they do not. Maribel and Marla are willing to let us use their baggo sets and we could purchase a third one from Janetta McIntyre if we would like and we could set these up by the beer tent. We will have games for the children from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. since most of the Board does not have to be working the casino at that time and Trustee Meeks will ask the scholarship recipients to help out also.

Budget Mayor Lumpkins stated that a draft copy of the budget was distributed today. The Village Hall budget came in very good and under budget but the Water and Sewer budget came in over budget. We have always taken salaries out of the Water and Sewer budget but may need to rework it. The budget verbiage is included after the numbers. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board to review the budget and let him know if something should be included that is not or if there are any questions. This budget does include work to be completed around the ponds, both the Neumann (one pond) and Pasquinelli (two ponds) subdivisions.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety There was nothing to report.

Public Works Trustee Mahoney reported that he received a quote from J. Ferrara of \$300.00 for seal coating and \$100.00 to do the paint striping at the Arrowhead Park parking lot.

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

Sherrie Blasco

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Sherrie Blasco, wife of Officer Jim Blasco, passed away on June 14, 2008. A fund has been set up for the Blasco family at Harris Bank. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he was told that there is no insurance for Sherrie Blasco. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we usually send flowers but would like to send money to the family fund instead this time. Officer Blasco has been with the village for over thirteen years. Mayor Lumpkins suggested sending five hundred dollars to the family fund and the Board agreed and thought this was a good idea. This will be on the Board agenda for final approval.

NEW BUSINESS

There was nothing to report.

MOTION

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk