

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING – JULY 7, 2009**

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 = Absent
Trustee McIntyre = Present	Trustee Germann = Present
Mayor Lumpkins = Present	Village Clerk Frontzak = Present
Also Present = 4 residents.	

Mayor Lumpkins requested to amend the agenda to add H. CDBG 2009 Bid Opening.

MOTION

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Census 2010 Mayor Lumpkins stated that we are going to be setting up committees to support the Census 2010. He would like to stress the importance of the Census to the residents by using local businesses and advertising through the village with the Connect-CTY service.

Festival Mayor Lumpkins stated that we were set with the three bands, and each band would play for approximately 2 hours. He stated that we are still waiting for the contract on the art bus, but we are signed with Serpent Safari, Bounces R Us, and the Carnival rides. He stated that we would display the raffle items in the office later this week, and try to sell tickets in advance. Trustee McIntyre volunteered to go out to local businesses for donations and to put up posters this coming weekend. Trustees Meeks and Walker also volunteered to do the same. Conversation ensued regarding the festival planning and organizing.

House on Warrior Mayor Lumpkins stated that the survey was completed on the house on Warrior that we are planning to purchase. The closing date should be within the next few weeks.

Budget Discussion Mayor Lumpkins stated that the budget has been much tougher this year to balance, due to lower revenue coming in to the village, such as state income tax. He stated that the revenue from June was not yet included in the budget

and that it will be a little higher once those numbers are included. He stated that we budgeted for a new squad car, since we are down to one payment, and that we would sell an older squad in an open bid. He also stated how the increase in salt prices has affected us since we budgeted for \$15,000 but spent \$47,000. He stated that the Community Development Block Grant should go up this year, and our Cen-com rent will go down due to low call volume. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we are not bringing in as much money as we are paying out for the water company, but this would be discussed later on in the meeting. He told the Trustees that if they had any questions regarding the budget to contact him before next week.

Stop Sign-Flintwood and Tomahawk.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the stop sign at Flintwood and Tomahawk would be on the agenda for next week.

Tree Replacement in the Parkways

Mayor Lumpkins stated that tree replacement in the parkways has become an issue in Pasquinelli subdivision, but not in Neumann since the trees were put on private property. He stated that there were 3 or 4 more trees needing to be replaced, and they are about \$100 a piece. Trustee Meeks stated that she spoke with Pat Bleck regarding this issue, and he said that we are not required to replace the trees per the subdivision ordinance, however we are required to take them out if they are dead. Trustee Mahoney asked how the rest of the board felt about this, as he does not think we should do it. Mayor Lumpkins also stated that as long as the village can afford to replace the trees that he thinks we should continue to do so for the residents on a case to case basis.

Water Rates Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board to look at the grid that Marla had put together with the water rates for our village as well as the surrounding villages. He stated that our rates had not been increased since 1997. Lake County JAWA recently raised the water rates, and we have not yet passed that increase on to our residents. The board looked at the grid, and compared the rates for water, sewer, and improvement fees with the other villages. Mayor Lumpkins suggested that we raise our water rate \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons, sewer will need to be raised to \$3.34 to match Lake County, and that our improvement fee should be raised to \$10.00 per month. He stated that our rules for non-payment have been very lenient, and that we were the only village charging a 5% late charge, compared to 10% everywhere else. The board agreed to these changes, as well as increasing the Re-connection fee from \$25.00 to \$50.00 and changing the shut off date from 60 days to 30 days. Mayor Lumpkins told the board that Round Lake Beach and Round Lake Park do not accept any type of payment arrangements, and asked if they would like to continue allowing our residents to get on a payment plan. The Board stated that they would like to allow our residents to make payment arrangements. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he was very concerned about the senior citizens who were on a fixed income, but that these changes were inevitable due to us not having a direct line and having to pay Round Lake Beach for our water.

He stated that we will explain this to the residents in a letter attached to the water bill.

CDBG 2009 Bid Opening

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the lowest bid for the repaving project for Lotus, Hiawatha, and Tomahawk was received by Maneval Construction at \$205,838.04. He recommends that the contract be awarded to them next week during the board meeting. This project will need to be started on July 26 and completed before school opens back up for the year.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Frontzak reported that a newsletter received were the Illinois Municipal Review, In Transit, and Baxter Woodman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Trustee Meeks reported that on June 16, 2009 we had a squad involved in a minor accident at the intersection of Fairfield and Rollins, that no one was injured, and that it was in the process of being repaired. She also reported that on June 19 another squad was damaged by a violent arrestee who kicked in the door, but that damage was also minor and has been repaired. Trustee Meeks stated that Chief Johnson would be attending the meeting next week to swear in Shane Page who will be a new officer with the department, and if anyone has any questions regarding the new officer, to please see the Chief before next weeks meeting.

Public Works Trustee Mahoney stated that public works has completed the 70 squares of sidewalk in Chesapeake Trails and the old section of town. The cost will be around \$6,000.00 and \$3,500.00 of that will come from Neumann, and the remaining will come from MFT funds. They will be starting on Pasquinelli, and there are approximately 50 squares and 3 curb sections to be repaired at a cost of \$4,500.00. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we are still trying to pull bonds from Pasquinelli for these repairs.

Building & Zoning There was nothing to report.

Sewer & Water There was nothing to report.

Administration Trustee McIntyre reported that he received a business license application from Klondike Distributions to run an ice cream truck. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we currently had only one ice cream truck operating in the village. Trustee McIntyre stated that this will be brought up at the board meeting for approval.

Ordinances There was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS Trustee Meeks stated that last month we passed ordinance 2009-O-03 appointing Jean McCue to director and herself to alternate director for JAWA. Since then Mayor McCue has decided that she does not want to be the director anymore, and she would have one of her board members take over alternate director if Trustee Meeks would take the position of director. Trustee Meeks agreed to these changes, and asked if we could pass a new ordinance next week with these changes.

NEW BUSINESS There was nothing to report.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:57 P.M.
Respectfully Submitted,

Marla Frontzak
Village Clerk