

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING – AUGUST 1, 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

Mayor Lumpkins requested to amend the agenda to add D. Building Inspector under Administration.

MOTION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Budget

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the budget was done different this year than in previous years. The budget now has the same format as our treasurer's report. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the wording explanation for every line item was not completed yet but that the Board would have it by the end of this week. The wording explanations will not line up with the numbers for this year but will be corrected for next year.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the biggest increase would be the state income tax which went from \$45,000.00 to \$198,000.00. This is the additional revenue resulting from the special census. Motor fuel tax also increased due to the special census. The expense associated with the special census dropped since we will not be doing the special census this year.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that there is a five percent increase for all salaries except for Chief Johnson's which went from \$32,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Mayor Lumpkins stated that our nighttime officer has not been coming in a lot and Chief Johnson comes in at 2:00 a.m. or 3:00 a.m. to cover the shift and he deserves the increase.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that there is \$10,000.00 expense budgeted for each SSA area. Last year we spent \$15,000.00 for each SSA area because of the Army Corps. This year we will again collect \$15,000.00 from each SSA area. This year we plan on spending \$10,000.00 for benches, shrubs and pond maintenance in each SSA area. Trustee Meeks questioned if maintenance is needed on those ponds where the money would come out of and Mayor Lumpkins stated that it could come out of the SSA or the general fund. Trustee Meeks and Trustee Mahoney stated that they feel the SSA funds should be spent in the subdivisions since the homeowners spend the extra money for it.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that some of the drastic changes include that last year we collected \$24,000.00 for snow plowing fees and this year we will not collect anything. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Chief Johnson's plates changed drastically due to the large number sold last year. Mayor Lumpkins stated that motor fuel tax changed drastically from \$30,000.00 to an expected \$80,000.00 to be collected this year.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the paving projects show a budget of \$15,000.00 but should be \$35,000.00. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would again tell Maribel Carrillo to correct this. Trustee Meeks asked if we would be paving streets like Hiawatha and

Tomahawk because they are in bad shape. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the lift station paving would be about \$7,000.00 so that would leave \$28,000.00 to pave elsewhere in the village.

Trustee Meeks questioned why the public works wages has a zero amount and Mayor Lumpkins stated that Bud Kowalski and Art Davis' salaries come out of water and sewer. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the health and life insurance of \$9,000.00 is only for Art Davis and his wife which his wife's portion is reimbursed to the village. Bud Kowalski does not have any insurance through the village. Trustee Mahoney questioned if anything was ever done in regards to the pension/retirement plan. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we paid \$8,700.00 for all village employees and Board members for a 401K which has a three percent match. Trustee Mahoney asked what happened with the IMRF and Mayor Lumpkins stated that they never got back to us.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that police officer wages dropped from \$192,000.00 to \$170,000.00 because Officer Nosbaum is out of MEG as of July 31, 2006. The fuel budget dropped also because we will no longer be paying for the fuel used by Officer Nosbaum in MEG. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the police equipment budget increased from \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00 so that they could purchase new computers. Mayor Lumpkins stated that court pay increased from \$1,400.00 to \$2,500.00 because we are going to raise the officer's payment for each court appearance from \$30.00 to \$50.00. Each court appearance is a minimum of two hours. Mayor Lumpkins stated that CenCom increased drastically from \$47,000.00 actual spending to a budget of \$56,000.00 due to an increase in their fees.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the street lighting expense went up from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 because the developers have moved on and we will now be paying the full amount.

Trustee Mahoney questioned if the multijurisdictional agreement requirements are included in this budget and Mayor Lumpkins stated that he hopes it will be covered under the CDBG and is included in the engineering fees.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the casino revenue should be included in Dollars for Scholars and not the village but he is not sure how to correct the problem since the checks come through the village. The amount is shown as in and out of the village to Dollars for Scholars.

Trustee Walker stated that the yard waste stickers revenue has a budget of \$290,000.00. Mayor Lumpkins stated that it is mistake that Maribel Carrillo was told to correct. The yard waste stickers revenue amount should be \$3,000.00.

Trustee Mahoney questioned how much we spent last year on water main repairs because there is a note written by Maribel Carrillo that states she did not know the amount to input. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he had told Maribel Carrillo to correct that. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the \$41,000.00 in actual expenses for tap on fees is probably an error and he will have Maribel Carrillo pull the account to see what is going on. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the actual spending of \$30,000.00 for sewer payments was allocated incorrectly. The actual sewer payments expense was \$190,000.00. JAWA water line fees were \$150,000.00. Sewer tap on fees no longer exist and amounts were incorrectly posted to this account. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would have Maribel Carrillo correct these line items and the explanations will be explained in the budget. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have five to six thousand dollars budgeted for water main breaks. Each water main break costs between \$2,500.00 and \$3,000.00 to repair. Trustee Mahoney stated that the village has been lucky because if we were to have a cold winter that we could easily have six or seven water main breaks. Mayor Lumpkins stated that

three fourths of the village has new water mains. Trustee Mahoney stated that he feels we should have a few more thousand dollars budgeted for water main breaks just in case.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the SWALCO payment of \$500.00 is included in the budget which is the second payment of our ten year agreement. Trustee Faught stated that we will be seeing funds coming back to us from recycling and Mayor Lumpkins stated that those funds are not included in the budget.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we are \$60,000.00 under budget. Mayor Lumpkins told the Board that if they want to change something that they can for the first time in village history since we have extra revenue compared to expenses. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we would be looking for approval of the budget next week at the Board meeting.

Multijurisdictional Agreement

Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if there were any questions on the multijurisdictional agreement and there were none.

CDBG 2005

Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if there were any questions on the contract with Keno & Sons Construction and there were none. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he spoke with Pat Bleck and told him to remove the painting of \$3,877.00 from the contract. Pat Bleck will confirm with Keno & Sons Construction that the painting will not be performed by them since the village will do it themselves. The contract amount will be \$158,962.00. We will get \$150,000.00 from the community block grant and the remaining \$5,862.00 we will pay. We will be looking to award the well house renovation project to Keno & Sons Construction next week at the Board meeting.

Building Inspector

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Owen Gilleland passed away and we will miss him dearly. Owen Gilleland did a great job for the village as our building inspector. The wake for Owen Gilleland is tomorrow at Ringa Funeral Home from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the funeral is Thursday. We sent flowers to Owen Gilleland in the hospital and again sent flowers to the funeral home. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he will be looking for his resignation and looking for Board approval of his resignation next week.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he will be looking to appoint another building inspector as early as next week. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he interviewed a gentleman today for the building inspector position. This man worked for Round Lake for five years and for Mundelein for three or four years. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he asked this man to come before the Board next week and that he would like to appoint him next week. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he checked a couple of his references and they couldn't say better things about him. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he was released from Round Lake as of Monday of this week. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he is going to talk to Chief Johnson about having this man also be the code enforcer. Mayor Lumpkins stated that this man has over twenty years of experience in the code enforcement department. Trustee Mahoney asked why this man was released from Round Lake and Mayor Lumpkins stated that it was politics. This man is looking for a part time position. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we also have Pat Meeks as a part time building inspector along with our heating inspector, electrical inspector and plumbing inspector.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks reported that Ken Schnur had resigned as our code enforcer as of July 27, 2006. He resigned due to the fact that he will be having more back surgery and that he had only worked 48 hours during the last seven months.

Trustee Meeks reported that since Chief Johnson has been our chief we have been a member of the Lake County Major Crime Task Force. The annual membership fee had been five hundred dollars for the last couple years. This year they stated that if we do not provide an officer they will assess us a fee which would be calculated based on the number of officers in our department. Our annual assessment would be \$3,250.00. Chief Johnson feels that they have priced us out of our price range and sent a letter to the Lake County Major Crime Task Force to drop our membership.

Public Works There was nothing to report.

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 There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS There was nothing to report.

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: 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk