

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING – AUGUST 7, 2007**

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 Faught = Present	Trustee Germann = Present
Mayor Lumpkins = Present	Village Clerk Mahoney = Present

Mayor Lumpkins requested to amend the agenda to add D. Janet/Money Mailer, E. Zoning Board Appointment, F. Speed Humps and G. Survey under Administration.

MOTION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Budget Guideline

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Board received the final copy of the budget guideline with all the verbiage. The verbiage has been corrected to be in the same order as the numbers. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would like to see the budget guideline passed next week and asked the Board if there were any comments. Mayor Lumpkins stated that it is a healthy budget this year. The largest source of the increased revenue is due to the census. We anticipate about eight hundred seventy-five thousand dollars of revenue and seven hundred ninety-five thousand dollars of expenses. The motor fuel tax fund has a drastic increase with revenue at seventy four thousand five hundred dollars. Trustee Meeks questioned if this was because of the census and Mayor Lumpkins stated that was correct. We anticipate one hundred thousand dollars in revenue and spending one hundred thousand dollars in water main improvements in the community block grant fund. This past year we received two hundred seventy thousand dollars, which was for two grants and this year we will only have one grant. We anticipate five hundred eighty-five thousand dollars in revenue for the sewer and water fund from interest income and the water billings. We anticipate five hundred ninety-one thousand dollars in expenses. Trustee Meeks stated that the budget guideline is easier to follow this year than in the past. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if there were any questions and there were none.

Traffic Study

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we received a quote to do a traffic study for four thousand two hundred dollars. Our attorney would like us to get one

more quote for the traffic study. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the reason for the traffic study is because there are certain people who want to raise the speed limit in town. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the traffic study could come back stating that the speed limit should be twenty-five or thirty miles per hour and he would not like to see that but that is what the traffic study is there for if the Board decides to do one.

Trustee Katzel arrived at the committee meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Trustee Faught questioned if we are required to increase the speed limit if the traffic study says so. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he is not sure if we are required and doesn't feel like it is illegal if we do not but that is his opinion and we need to check with our attorney. Our attorney believes that we would want to have a traffic study done because someone could contest a speeding ticket in our village since a traffic study hasn't been done. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the last time a traffic study was completed was 1987, or somewhere around there, and he believes that the traffic study stated the speed limit should be thirty but that the Board at that time elected to not raise the speed limit from twenty to thirty miles per hour. Mayor Lumpkins stated that his opinion is that they made the right decision. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he feels if a speed limit is raised in a residential area that people will go faster. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if a state statute says that we have to do it and we are not following the law than that is a different thing and we need to look at it. We want to make sure that we are getting the best price for a traffic study before we go forward with it. When the traffic study comes back then we can decide to raise or not raise the speed limit and also get a legal opinion. There are certain residents out there who will want to see the speed limit raised. Trustee Faught questioned if the traffic study is included in the budget and Mayor Lumpkins stated that it could be included. Trustee Faught questioned if this would come out of the motor fuel tax fund and Mayor Lumpkins stated that he didn't think it could but will verify with the attorney.

Village Ponds on Lotus Drive

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we received a couple proposals and Bud took some pictures of the ponds on Lotus Drive. We would like to address the pond at Huron Hills and Lotus and the pond at Chippewa and Lotus. Right now the ponds are high because of the rain but when the water drops you can more easily see the need to do some work on these ponds. The proposal includes installing Rap Stone but does not include removing the cattails. The quote for the pond at Huron Hills is seven hundred seventy two dollars and at Chippewa is nine thousand two hundred dollars. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we do not have to go out to bid for this since it is under ten thousand dollars but if the Board would like another quoted then we could do that. We have had numerous people asking for us to do something about the ponds and there is a line item included in the budget

for this. We have fifteen thousand dollars budgeted for each subdivision from the SSA. The Board discussed this and agreed to do this work.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we received a proposal to install an aerator in the pond at the dead end of Lotus behind Iroquois. We have treated this pond two or three times already and have a lot of problems with this one. They are coming back to treat it one more time but they also recommended installing two aerators. The price for one aerator fully installed is five thousand one hundred fifty two dollars and the second aerator would be two thousand eight hundred seventy seven dollars. The Board discussed this and agreed to install the aerators.

Janet/Money Mailer Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would like to get permission to do the next newsletter with Janet from the Money Mailer whom we have worked with before. We have a lot of new residents and we want to make sure they are getting the right information. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he feels it is important that they know our trustees, public works department, police department, our office girls and base the information on the last fifteen years' accomplishments, the past, the present and the future. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he feels it is important that all of the residents have all of the true facts and they can make their decisions after hearing everything. Now we have two million dollars in the bank collecting interest and the residents deserve to hear how we got here. It is important that they get their facts from the village and are not misled. The Board agreed to give permission to Mayor Lumpkins to further pursue this with Janet from the Money Mailer and he will get the cost to bring back to the Board.

Zoning Board Appointment

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would like to appoint Kevin Heelan to the Zoning Board to replace Anthony Salins. This will be approved at the next Board meeting.

Speed Humps

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Chief Johnson spoke with Libertyville and found out that they removed their temporary speed bumps because of too many complaints from residents and public works. Mayor Lumpkins recommended to the Board to wait for the traffic study results before making any decisions on speed humps. The Board discussed and agreed to wait for the traffic study before making a decision on speed humps.

Survey

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the survey on parking is about two hundred to one hundred. We are still missing one hundred thirty homes. We are still trying to reach everyone in the new section first.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Mahoney reported that newsletters received were Round Lake Area Chamber News and Illinois Municipal Review.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Public Safety Trustee Meeks reported that in the early hours on August 2nd that Officer Crawford injured his left shoulder from an intoxicated subject on a call but he has not missed any work.

Public Works Trustee Mahoney reported that we received a quote from Superior Paving to seal coat and stripe the village hall parking lot for two thousand three hundred seventy five dollars. These funds would come out of the motor fuel tax funds and is included in the budget.

Trustee Mahoney reported that the well house has been torn down.

Trustee Mahoney reported that Bud Kowalski will paint the crosswalks and the county will do the striping down Lotus. This should be completed within the next two weeks.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Bud Kowalski has removed and replaced about sixty feet of sidewalk and about fifty feet of curb. We had Tom's Carpentry and Concrete come in and do this for two thousand two hundred dollars. There is still about sixty feet of sidewalk that public works would like to do and this is all in the old section of the village. This comes out of the motor fuel tax fund.

Building & Zoning There was nothing to report.

Sewer & Water There was nothing to report.

Administration Trustee Faught reported that she received a new business license application for Smart Choice Auto Sales North at 916 W. Rollins Road. Trustee Faught stated that everything on the application is in order and there are no Sunday hours. Mayor Lumpkins stated that this is where the banquet hall was and this business will hopefully bring in more tax dollars.

Ordinances There was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

New Park Trustee Katzel questioned the status of the new park. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would call Jeff Nehila to find out the new name and that the park should be in by the end of September or October. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have five new parks in the last three years and Trustee Faught commented that it is absolutely wonderful to have all the new parks.

NEW BUSINESS

Dollars for Scholars Aluminum Can Pickup

Trustee Germann stated that for three weeks aluminum cans are taken when they are put out for the Dollars for Scholars pick up but that the officer has made one arrest so far.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Budget

A resident from 881 Black Cherry Lane stated that the census increased our population and questioned what is the multiplication factor used in the budget. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the budgeted increased revenue is two hundred thousand dollars. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the state determines the amount. The resident stated that he could not find the budget posted on the village website and Mayor Lumpkins stated that we would post the budget guideline that should get passed next week at Board.

Speed Bumps

A resident questioned where the speed bumps would go if the village did put them in. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if the Board decided to put in speed humps that they would be on Black Cherry Lane and on Lotus Drive. The resident stated that the vehicles speed on his block of Black Cherry and not where the mayor lives so the police officer sits in the wrong place and Mayor Lumpkins stated that they do speed on his block too.

Village Property

A resident questioned the annexed property on Rollins Road. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the property is being sold as zoned for commercial use. The resident stated that the village should consider purchasing the property with the two million dollars in the bank. The resident stated that the village should consider a different realtor that specializes in commercial property to sell the annexed property on Rollins Road. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Re/Max has been talking with two different box stores about moving into that property and that the homeowners are the ones deciding the realtor. The resident stated that Schaumburg built the hotel and convention center and hired Marriott to run it and that our village should consider doing something with the annexed property.

Village Name

A resident questioned if we receive any tax benefits from associating with the other Round Lake communities and Mayor Lumpkins stated that we do not. The resident asked why we do not rename the village then because the Round Lake part of the name has a bad reputation. The resident stated that the value of the houses would increase with a name change. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the village was incorporated in 1960. Mayor Lumpkins stated that every so often someone talks about changing the name and this is something that would need to be brought up to all the residents to see if this is what they want. Discussion ensued about changing the name of the village and the reputation associated with Round Lake.

Elected Official	A resident questioned if there is an application to complete or signatures required in order to become an elected official. Mayor Lumpkins stated that signatures are required and the paperwork can be picked up at the village or county and the next election is April 2009.
Village Website	A resident stated that he had a difficult time finding the agenda posted on the village website but he eventually found out. The resident stated that the minutes from the meetings on July 10 and July 17 are missing on the website. Mayor Lumpkins explained that minutes are approved at Board meetings and we have one Board meeting a month. The minutes from the meetings on July 10 and July 17 will be approved next week at the Board meeting and then they can be posted to the website. The resident stated that the village should keep the website updated.
Speed Humps	A resident stated that speed humps are needed on Huron and Arapaho and she is very much in favor of speed humps. This resident stated that vehicles are speeding on these streets and there are so many children out playing that something needs to be done before someone gets hurt.
Gang Crime	A resident residing on Arapaho stated that she has been a victim of gang crime. A wrench was thrown through a window and covered her child with broken glass. Her house has been paint balled. This resident stated that three times when she has called 9-1-1 that they have put her on hold to transfer her to Round Lake Heights. In further discussion it was realized that she called from a cell phone so Lake County answers and transfers to CenCom. This resident stated that her neighbor's child is in a gang and her house was mistaken for the neighbor's house when the rival gang came to retaliate. The resident also stated that the neighbor's van windows have been broken with rocks from her property. The resident stated that they live in fear and her children have no place to safely play. The resident stated that the park at Indian Hill School is not safe because the kids threaten others, they are beating up other kids and having sex and it is ridiculous. The resident stated that they are installing a surveillance system on their house. The resident stated that she wants the police officers to step up and do more about the gangs.
Noise Complaint	A resident stated that a week ago there was loud obnoxious music. The resident further stated that a bunch of guys got out of a truck and ran into the nearby field to urinate. She stated that she was afraid to call the police in fear that these guys would know it was she who reported them and questioned what she should do. Mayor Lumpkins stated that she should call the police and if she was afraid to that she could call him and he could call the police.
Village Curfew	A resident questioned what the curfew is and Mayor Lumpkins stated that it is 11:00 p.m. The resident questioned if we had a mob ordinance like Cook County does. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Village of Round

Lake Heights does not and that he was not sure if Lake County has this ordinance.

MOTION

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk