

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING –SEPTEMBER 2, 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 = Present

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were none.

Mayor Lumpkins requested to amend the agenda to delete A. Raymond Galioto under Administrative.

MOTION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

FEMA

Mayor Lumpkins stated that there is a final meeting tomorrow with FEMA because of the damage caused by the heavy rains in June and July. We are looking to receiving funds from FEMA of just over \$100,000.00. We will receive almost \$4,600 for tree and shrub debris removal. We will receive \$29,596.00 for asphalt repairs on Mohawk, Cedarwood Circle, Turkey Run, Warrior, Hiawatha, Tomahawk and Brentwood where the gravel edging of the roads covered with water were washed out undermining the asphalt. We will receive funds to repair Tomahawk and Pontiac with gravel and asphalt to actually raise the road where it sank due to the water laying on the road. We will also receive funds to repair the pond breakthroughs coming from Round Lake Beach into the pond but we do not have an amount yet. We should have the funds by end of September and we hope to finish the work in October. They have told us that we do not have to go out to bid. If we go out to bid it will delay the completion time of the projects. Trustee Katzel expressed concern to go out to bid for these projects. Trustee Faught stated that going out to bid helps keep the contractors honest. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would have our engineer start the process to prepare these projects to go out to bid. Trustee Meeks questioned if we would pay the engineer out of these funds and Mayor Lumpkins stated that we would have to pay the engineer out of our own funds and not these funds. Mayor Lumpkins suggested that we could put these street repairs out to bid at the same time with other street

repairs that we were going to do anyways. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he had asked Pat Bleck to put together plans for resurfacing some of our roads in the old section for the CDBG this year so that we can get an idea of the cost since we have concentrated on watermain improvements for the last ten to twelve years. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Lake County told him the CDBG would be increased this year after being cut the last couple years and we are hoping to get \$150,000.00. The Board agreed to go out to bid at the same time as the CDBG project in order to get better pricing with a bigger project.

Winter Salt

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the price of winter salt has gone up drastically for this year. Last year we paid between \$40 and \$50 a ton and this year it will cost \$140 to \$165 per ton. Every county is in an uproar and is working with the state and the state is not even guaranteeing anything. We have ordered and are guaranteed our quantity but we are not guaranteed to receive the additional thirty percent above our commitment as we were last year. The state is considering a grant to help subsidize the cost of the salt for some villages but we do not have any final information on this yet. We are not sure if we will make it through the winter with the quantity we will receive and we do plan on mixing this year to help get through the winter.

Connect-CTY

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Board has the contract we received from Connect-CTY along with a copy of Wauconda's contract with Connect-CTY from a couple years ago. Our attorney also works with Wauconda so since they have already reviewed and approved Wauconda's contract we could use the same one. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board to review the two contracts to see what differences there are and we would like to use the one Wauconda signed as a model to base ours off of. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board to let him know if there is anything in the contract that they do not like or if they have any questions.

Tree on Pontiac Court

Mayor Lumpkins stated that our engineer has clarified that per our ordinance if the tree is on our property that we are responsible for the tree but if the tree hangs over our property then the owner is responsible for the tree. Bud Kowalski is going to see what Round Lake Beach would charge us to remove the trees. The prior quote to remove the two trees was \$1,900.00 and Bud feels that Round Lake Beach would charge us very little. If Round Lake Beach does not work out then Bud will get a couple more quotes.

Arrowhead Park Age Limit

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we receive a lot of complaints from our maintenance department and police department about kids older than twelve years of age damaging the park equipment at Arrowhead Park. We do not have anything in writing that states we have permission to kick them out of the park. We would like to come up with an age limit that is allowed at the

park so the police department has something to enforce. Mayor Lumpkins stated that his recommendation along with the police department is an age limit of twelve years of age. Trustee Mahoney stated that we should check with the attorney to see if it is legal to establish an age limit. Mayor Lumpkins stated that first he wanted to see if the Board was interested in putting an age limit on the park and if so that we would then check with the attorney. Trustee Katzel asked if this would be for all the parks and Mayor Lumpkins stated that this is the only one we own. Trustee Katzel asked if we have no smoking at the park and Mayor Lumpkins stated that we do not and it is open land. Trustee Katzel suggested putting an ashtray at the park. The Board agreed that there is a lot of damage being done at the park and would like to see if we could legally set an age limit for the park use. Clerk Mahoney suggested that we could say they must be accompanied by an adult. The Board liked the idea about having an age limit or accompanied by an adult. We will check with the attorney what we can legally do.

Barricades at End of Lotus Drive

Mayor Lumpkins stated that a Lake Villa resident reported that she spent \$720.00 repairing a section of her fence due to a hit and run incident at the end of Lotus Drive. She would like the village to reimburse her for the repair cost. We had a barricade up that was damaged from the vehicle and the vehicle was not found. We now have a temporary barricade up and would like to put up two barricades. Mayor Lumpkins passed a picture to the Board of the area and circled the repaired section of the fence. The Board agreed that this was a civil matter and not the responsibility of the village and will not pay for any of the fence repairs. The Board discussed putting up barricades, concrete jersey walls, signs and reflectors. Trustee Mahoney will check into the options and work with Bud Kowalski.

Pig Roast

Mayor Lumpkins asked if there were any updates on the pig roast and there were none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks reported that Chief Johnson received a letter of appreciation from Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for being a police escort in the sixth annual motorcycle charity run.

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 Trustee Germann reported that he distributed copies to the Board of another village ordinance to preserve ponds and a listing of the pesticides that they use on their lawns. Trustee Germann stated that some residents are using fertilizers and pesticides that are not good for our ponds and he would like an ordinance to stop the use of the products damaging our ponds. Trustee Faught stated that we do need to look into something that is going to help mitigate the growth and not damage the water table but sister that with education to the residents why. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the copy shows some of the minutes from the village and we will need to see the ordinance itself.

OLD BUSINESS

Halloween Trick or Treating Hours

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he thinks Round Lake Beach Halloween trick or treating hours are Sunday, October 26th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and asked the Board if we would like to have ours at the same time. The Board agreed to have our trick or treating hours the same as Round Lake Beach. We will confirm the hours for Round Lake Beach.

Back To School Signs

Trustee Faught stated that at the last meeting the topic of the back to school signs was brought up. Trustee Faught stated that she drove through neighboring communities to see what signs are posted surrounding the schools where there is foot traffic as well as bus routes. Trustee Faught reported that the signs are posted in the areas where children travel to school on foot. The areas where children are bussed do not have signs posted.

NEW BUSINESS

404 Mitigation Grant

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would like to pursue the 404 Mitigation Grant Program. With this grant we would like to expand the fifteen-inch line in the Arrowhead Pond that drains the water downstream. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he was told this grant might be available for us to do this but is not sure if it is. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board for permission to pursue this grant and the Board agreed to pursue this grant.

MOTION

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk