

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING – SEPTEMBER 19, 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
Also Present = Chief Johnson and three residents	

ADMINISTRATIVE

Stop Sign at Lotus and Chippewa

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Chief Johnson is here to discuss the possibility of having a stop sign at Lotus and Chippewa. Chief Johnson stated that he watched the location of Lotus and Chippewa every morning for the last two weeks at the time frame that was reported to have a lot of problems, 7:50 a.m. Chief Johnson reported that the most cars driving through this location was three cars on one day and no cars ever attempted to go pass the school bus. Chief Johnson stated that he does not see where there is a problem at this location.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we do not normally open the floor at this time but since there are three residents in the audience ready to discuss this matter he opened the floor. A resident stated that the cars did not speed or pass the school bus because they saw a police car. Chief Johnson stated that he stayed two blocks away so people wouldn't see him. A resident in the audience stated that she questioned Chief Johnson's statement of only seeing three cars. Another resident stated that the problem is not just when the bus stops but all the time. This resident stated that two years ago she saw her son almost get hit by a car when he was crossing Lotus. Mayor Lumpkins asked the residents if they feel that a stop sign would solve the problem that they are having at that location. A resident stated that she hopes everyone would stop if they see a stop sign. Discussion ensued amongst the Board and residents. Chief Johnson stated that he could step up the patrol at that location. Trustee Faught stated that there is a lot of speeding on Lotus by the school. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we try to do the best we can and that we will try to enforce it even more.

Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they feel we need a stop sign at Lotus and Chippewa or if we need a stop sign somewhere else in the village. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if we do want a stop sign that we would just

need to pass an ordinance so it is an easy process. Mayor Lumpkins asked Chief Johnson for his opinion. Chief Johnson stated that he was against a stop sign at Lotus and Chippewa because it is a low traffic problem and suggested to revisit the traffic study. Trustee Katzel stated that he is concerned about the percentage of speeders and not the volume of speeders. Trustee Faught stated that she is in favor of putting up stop signs to break up the speeding traffic on Lotus.

Discussion ensued about the traffic on Lotus by the school. Chief Johnson stated that in the morning and afternoon there are sixteen buses going to the middle school, over two hundred cars and three hundred children walking. Indian Hill School has nine buses, over eighty cars and very few walkers in the morning and afternoon. There are over one hundred teachers and faculty from both schools and there are almost two thousand students from both schools. Chief Johnson stated that the traffic at Lotus and Chippewa is minuscule compared to the traffic on Lotus by the school. Trustee Faught questioned how many cars leave the school and go left onto Lotus. Chief Johnson stated that there is one car that leaves the middle school and turns left onto Lotus and all of the other cars head out of town towards Rollins Road. A resident stated that these cars might start going the other way through Black Cherry to get out of town and Chief Johnson stated that for two years they have not.

The resident stated that she doesn't understand why the Board feels that people won't stop at a stop sign. Mayor Lumpkins stated that people do not always stop at the stop sign heading out of town on Black Cherry. Another resident questioned why there is a stop sign at Black Cherry and Prairie Trail. Chief Johnson and Mayor Lumpkins stated that the road was supposed to be going through and hopefully still will be one day. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the traffic study recommended putting a stop sign there for the future growth to the north. Chief Johnson asked the residents to call the police department with a license plate number, time and any information they have when there is a problem.

Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if there is any further evidence they would like to have before making a decision on putting a stop sign at Lotus and Chippewa. The Board did not request any further information. Trustee Walker stated that he did not have a problem putting a stop sign up at Lotus and Chippewa. Trustee Mahoney and Trustee Faught both stated they had no problem with the stop sign. Trustee Meeks stated that she would stand by Chief Johnson and say no stop sign. Trustee Germann stated that he feels no stop sign is necessary. Mayor Lumpkins asked Trustee Katzel what he would like and Trustee Katzel stated that he would like to see a stop sign. Mayor Lumpkins asked Clerk Mahoney to call the roll on installing a stop sign at Lotus and Chippewa and roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Meeks = Nay
Trustee Walker = Aye
Trustee Faught = Aye

Trustee Mahoney = Aye
Trustee Katzel = Aye
Trustee Germann = Nay

Mayor Lumpkins stated that installing a stop sign at Lotus and Chippewa passed and we would start the process of installing a stop sign at Lotus and Chippewa. Mayor Lumpkins stated that hopefully the ordinance would be before the Board at the next Board meeting.

All three residents left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

CDBG 2005

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Keno & Sons Construction Company is looking for a check in the amount of \$4,950.00 for preliminary work performed at the well station for the CDBG 2005. We usually pay in full at the end of a project but Keno & Sons Construction Company is a small company and cannot carry it. The grant is for about \$150,000.00 and we are responsible for about \$8,000.00. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he feels there is no reason why we can't pay it and we would have to pay it eventually. Mayor Lumpkins recommended paying \$4,950.00 so that we do not upset the construction company early in the project. Mayor Lumpkins stated that when the grant money comes in we could be reimbursed and pay our full amount at the end or leave our balance due at the end of approximately \$3,000.00. The Board did not have a problem with paying \$4,950.00. Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve payment of \$4,950.00 to Keno & Sons Construction for preliminary work performed at the well station for the CDBG 2005.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to approve payment of \$4,950.00 to Keno & Sons Construction for preliminary work performed at the well station for the CDBG 2005.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS****Public Safety**

Trustee Meeks stated that she did not have anything to report. Mayor Lumpkins asked Chief Johnson if he had anything to report and he did not. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he feels the police department is running well and they do a wonderful job. Chief Johnson stated that he had a meeting with the bus department and they suggested having a crossing guard at Turkey Run and Lotus which they would supply.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Officer Nosbaum will be receiving an award from MEG next month in Peoria for a case that he had worked on. Chief

Johnson stated that he will also receive another award at the MEG Christmas luncheon in December.

Mayor Lumpkins asked Chief Johnson if there is anything we can do in regards to the traffic light at Lotus and Rollins in the morning. Chief Johnson stated that he suggested to the bus department to contact Lake County Department of Transportation. Discussion ensued about the traffic backing up on Lotus because of the traffic light at Lotus and Rollins. Mayor Lumpkins asked Chief Johnson if we should also contact Lake County Department of Transportation to back up the bus company and Chief Johnson stated that it is not necessary at this time.

Public Works There was nothing to report.

Building & Zoning Trustee Walker reported that the new building inspector would like us to purchase 2003 edition BOCA books. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the building inspector has already reviewed the book and put together some amendments. Mayor Lumpkins stated that any amendments would have to come before the Board before they are put into place. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we do not have a cost for the books yet but will have the cost for the next Board meeting.

Sewer & Water There was nothing to report.

Administration There was nothing to report.

Ordinances Trustee Germann stated that the meeting previously scheduled for tonight to review our ordinances was cancelled. Trustee Germann explained that our ordinances will start to change and at this time it would be a waste of time to have had that meeting.

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 Faught, Seconded by Trustee Meeks and unanimously passed to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk