

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 9, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Round Lake Heights Board Meeting was called to order by Mayor Lumpkins at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Faught and unanimously passed to approve the September 11, 2007 Board Meeting minutes, September 18, 2007 Committee Meeting minutes and October 2, 2007 Committee Meeting minutes.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The September 2007 Collector's Report for the General Fund was reviewed.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Mahoney and unanimously passed to approve the September 2007 Collector's Report for the General Fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report for September 2007.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to approve September 2007 Treasurer's Report as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mayor's Re-Appointments

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to re-appoint Chris Conley as a part time police officer from October 11, 2007 to October 11, 2008.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Mahoney

and unanimously passed to re-appoint Chris Conley as a part time police officer from October 11, 2007 to October 11, 2008.

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to re-appoint Dominick Prange as a part time police officer from October 10, 2007 to October 10, 2008.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to re-appoint Dominick Prange as a part time police officer from October 10, 2007 to October 10, 2008.

Red Ribbon Week

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to proclaim October 20–28, 2007 as Red Ribbon Week in the Village of Round Lake Heights. This proclamation shows our support and encourages all citizens to participate in tobacco, alcohol and other drug prevention efforts and activities, making a visible statement and commitment to healthy, drug-free communities in which to raise a generation of drug-free youth.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Walker and unanimously passed to proclaim October 20–28, 2007 as Red Ribbon Week in the Village of Round Lake Heights.

Public Works Expenditures

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve the expenditure of \$64,652.00 for a 4-wheel drive dump truck. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the truck would be here in January.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Faught and unanimously passed to approve the expenditure of \$64,652.00 for a 4-wheel drive dump truck.

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve the expenditure of \$7,900.00 payable to Superior Paving for street patching.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Walker and unanimously passed to approve the expenditure of \$7,900.00 payable to Superior Paving for street patching.

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve the expenditure of \$300.00 for an air compressor for public works.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Faught and unanimously passed to approve the expenditure of \$300.00 for an air compressor for public works.

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve the expenditure of \$306.15 for pickup truck repairs.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Walker and unanimously passed to approve the expenditure of \$306.15 for pickup truck repairs.

Squad Car Purchase Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve the expenditure of \$22,677.00 for a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria for the police squad.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Walker and unanimously passed to approve the expenditure of \$22,677.00 for a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria for the police squad.

Traffic Study Mayor Lumpkins stated that he spoke in depth with Civil Tech and Metro today in regards to conducting a traffic study in the Village of Round Lake Heights. Metro's quote of \$13,600.00 was much higher than Civil Tech but Civil Tech was only quoting us on eight village streets. Metro then quoted on twenty-eight streets at a cost of \$9,100.00. Mayor Lumpkins asked Metro if we cut down more streets if the cost would further decrease and they said it would. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the older streets in town due to the size and bends in the road would probably come back with a suggested speed limit where there already are at the twenty miles per hour speed limit. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they would like to concentrate on the streets in the newer subdivisions, which would be fifteen streets. Mayor Lumpkins estimated that this cost would probably come in around five or six thousand dollars. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the decision on how many streets to conduct the traffic study is up to the Board to decide. Discussion ensued amongst the Board. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they were ready to vote on spending the money to justify the speed studies. Discussion ensued amongst Trustee Mahoney and audience member, Jeff Kissinger, in regards to conducting a traffic study. Trustee Faught questioned what we are bound by once we do the study and Mayor Lumpkins stated that the village attorney needs to answer that question. Trustee Mahoney stated that we have to do this to make one resident happy out of thousands. Trustee Meeks and Trustee Katzel stated that they are not ready to vote on this tonight. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would have answers for the Board in regards to pricing for the traffic study and that we need to speak with the attorney to get legal advice. Mayor Lumpkins stated that after we get answers from our attorney that we need to make a decision on the traffic study. Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to table the traffic study until the Board talks with the village attorney.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Meeks and unanimously passed to table the traffic study until the Board talks with the village attorney.

Employee Christmas Party

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have a Christmas party every year for the village employees and would like to have one again this year. Mayor Lumpkins asked if the Board had a problem with having it at Moretti's again this year and they did not. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we would have this after Christmas and it would probably be the first or second Saturday in January.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks reported that we received a letter from the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. The letter thanked us for participating in the drive that raised \$400,058.00 this year. Chief Johnson participates in this event every year.

Public Works

There was nothing to report.

Building & Zoning

There was nothing to report.

Sewer & Water

Trustee Katzel reported that public works repainted the fire hydrants throughout the village.

Administration

Trustee Faught reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the Warrant List and found everything to be in order.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Meeks and unanimously passed to approve the October 2007 Warrant List and to pay the bills.

Ordinances

There was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Tomahawk Park

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the park on Tomahawk is almost complete. They will finish landscaping within the next couple weeks. The Park District did a very nice job with this park. We have received a lot of compliments from residents about this park.

Lake County Stormwater Management

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he had previously told the Board about the grant that we applied for and that he spoke with Chris Gaines from Lake County Stormwater Management today. Chris Gaines will try to help us to get the grant so that we can get the line cleaned out. Bud Kowalski is working on getting bids to get the line cleaned out. Mayor Lumpkins told

Chris Gaines that this is our third year applying for the grant and that we were turned down the last two years. Whether or not we receive the grant we will still go forward with maintaining the line.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that Chris Gaines is going to help us with another situation. Mayor Lumpkins stated that last time we went through Illinois Natural Resources to get two homes knocked down that were considered to be in a disaster area. We now are looking at one house on Pontiac and two houses on Tomahawk. Mayor Lumpkins gave the names of the homeowners to Chris Gaines so that she can try to get a grant through FEMA to knock down the houses and have the open space. The three property owners are excited about this and would like to get out of the situation they are in. This would also extend the property for Arrowhead Park. The house on Pontiac has not been able to use his yard for some time due to all of the water. This process will be from start to finish with the property being turned over to the village in the end. The last time we did this we had to put up the money and get reimbursed. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would update the Board as more information comes through.

Theft Mayor Lumpkins stated that the police department has solved the theft crime brought up by a resident at last week's village meeting. People have been arrested in regards to this crime and will have to go through the prosecution part of it.

Pig Roast Trustee Faught stated that a resident asked her if we would have the bouncy entertainment at the pig roast. Mayor Lumpkins asked Clerk Mahoney to follow up with this to see if it is available. Trustee Meeks questioned if she should make the beans for the pig roast and Mayor Lumpkins stated that would be good.

Christmas Celebration Mayor Lumpkins stated that Bud Kowalski feels that the Christmas decorations would be damaged and/or stolen if the decorations were at the park. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Bud Kowalski would like to keep all of the decorations at the village hall. We could then hold the activities in the garage so that we do not have to rent a tent. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they would like to do some other type of activity since we would not be spending fifteen hundred dollars to rent a tent. The Board discussed ideas like sleigh rides and house to house visits from Santa Claus. The Board agreed to hold everything at the village hall this year.

NEW BUSINESS There was nothing to report.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Traffic Study Jeff Kissinger stated that he has heard the question being asked three times if we have to change the speed limits and stated that the answer is yes.

Jeff Kissinger stated that whatever the traffic study says is what the speed limit has to be. Jeff Kissinger stated that he spoke with the village attorney and sent an email to Mayor Lumpkins in regards to this matter and the federal laws. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Board is leaning toward doing a traffic study and this should be resolved soon. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Board has always followed the law although Jeff Kissinger doesn't seem to think so. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have never been questioned on the speed limit prior to Jeff Kissinger. Mayor Lumpkins stated that most people want a lower speed limit and do not want the speed limit higher than twenty miles per hour in the village. Trustee Faught stated that she wants the village to follow the law and that is why we need an answer from our attorney on what the village is bound to do. Trustee Faught stated that she is not in favor of spending village money if we do not have to. Discussion ensued amongst the Board and Jeff Kissinger. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would rather spend money to have a fountain in a pond than on doing a traffic study. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he recommends doing a traffic study if we need to do one. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we would speak to our attorney to see what needs to be done.

Parking Survey

A resident asked if there was an update on the parking survey. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the village as a whole is running at 50/50. The old section has 152 against parking and 46 for parking on the streets and the new section has 120 against and 250 for parking on the streets. There are approximately one hundred twenty homes left to survey in the old section. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we might need to allow parking in the new section and not the old section. Trustee Meeks stated that we need to consider the fact that when there are school functions that there will be cars parked on the streets where now they are not allowed. The resident stated that she doesn't care because she doesn't live in the part of town that the cars will be parking during school events. Mayor Lumpkins stated that this is something the Board should consider because it would affect the residents on Lotus and surrounding areas.

MOTION

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk