

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 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 = Present
Trustee Faught = Present	Trustee Germann = Present
Mayor Lumpkins = Present	Village Clerk Mahoney = Present
Also Present = five village residents	

Mayor Lumpkins requested to amend the agenda to add C. Resolution 2007-R-04 under Administration.

MOTION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Traffic Study

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he spoke with our attorney, Rudy Magna, today. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Rudy Magna stated that if we do the traffic study that we are not obligated to taking the speed stated in the traffic study (if higher than 20mph) since we can justify lowering the speed to twenty miles per hour. We are not obligated because we can justify the lower speed limit due to lots of children in the area and the smaller streets in part of the town which may cause confusion to residents if we had differing speed limits throughout the town. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he feels the ten thousand dollars cost for the traffic study is a waste of taxpayers' money if the outcome is still going to keep the speed limit at 20 mph for the safety and welfare of the village. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would like each trustee to individually talk to our attorney to ensure that there are no misunderstandings and to clarify any questions. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the trustees could talk to the attorney this week at the conference.

Pig Roast

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we are all set for the pig roast next weekend and the Board should be here by 5:00 p.m.

Resolution 2007-R-04

Mayor Lumpkins stated that 2007-R-04 is a resolution approving and authorizing the submittal of an application for a community development block grant. This is a resolution we do every year in order to submit for the grant. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he is looking for approval tonight

and then the resolution will be ratified at the next Board meeting. Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve 2007-R-04.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to approve 2007-R-04, a resolution approving and authorizing the submittal of an application for a community development block grant.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks reported that she received a memo from Officer Blasco. The memo states that the first landlord seminar is scheduled for November 1, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There are five people signed up so far and eight more to contact.

Trustee Meeks reported that she received a memo from Chief Johnson. The memo states that there was a child pornography arrest made on October 10, 2007 by MEG agent Chris Willett. There were three thousand counts charged and the person is in Lake County Jail with a \$100,000.00 bond set. Mayor Lumpkins stated that they worked very hard over the last six months on this case.

Trustee Meeks reported that Chief Johnson received a certificate of appreciation from Lake County Crime Stoppers for contributing support and guidance.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the new squad car is in and ready to go.

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

Parking on Village Streets

Mayor Lumpkins stated that from the parking survey we have 56 for parking and 166 against parking on the street in the old section of the village. The new section has 250 for parking and 131 against parking on the street. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the survey comes out about half

for and half against parking on the street and asked the Board what they would like to do. Mayor Lumpkins stated that there would be no overnight parking and parking would be weather permitting and the exact times parking is allowed can be worked out but for right now would like to know how the Board feels about allowing parking on the streets. Trustee Meeks stated that she has not changed her mind and feels that there would be confusion if one part of the village can park on the street and the other part cannot, therefore she is not in favor of allowing parking on village streets. Trustee Faught stated that there is already an issue with people parking on the street to fish in the ponds and she does not feel comfortable or safe going around parked cars, therefore she is not in favor of allowing parking on village streets. Trustee Germann stated that he is against allowing parking on village streets. Trustee Walker stated that he is also against allowing parking on village streets. Trustee Mahoney stated that he is against allowing parking on village streets and that now residents can call to park on the street and that is fine. Trustee Katzel stated that there is more of an issue with a lot of cars blocking the sidewalk and to allow parking on the streets would relieve some of the blocked sidewalk issue. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we could do parking on streets with curbs to get around the blocked sidewalk issue. Trustee Katzel stated that we are forcing them to go on the streets because of the sidewalks being blocked. Mayor Lumpkins asked that this be put on the Board agenda to have an official vote.

Radio Station

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the radio station contacted him and that they would like to put on a new roof and siding on the old village hall. They will be pulling the roof permit first.

NEW BUSINESS

Server

Mayor Lumpkins stated that our main server crashed but our police department and the village hall office have been doing backups on a regular basis. They will probably have to implement two to three weeks of data. The new server from CDW will cost \$2,300.00 and be in tomorrow. The office has been issuing hand written receipts.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Traffic Study

Jeff Kissinger stated that he has our attorney on tape stating that the village should do a traffic study. Jeff Kissinger stated that he has contacted the attorney general to get the ball rolling. Jeff Kissinger stated that the Board is committing a Class III felony. Mayor Lumpkins suggested that Jeff wait until the Board votes on doing the traffic study so that he has something in writing to present to the attorney general. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he still cannot understand the logic of why Jeff Kissinger, a father of two small children, would want to raise the speed limit. Jeff Kissinger stated that logic is that the village has to follow laws. Discussion ensued amongst the Board and Jeff Kissinger. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board to get their answers from our attorney this

week and we will vote at the next Board meeting. Mayor Lumpkins commented to Jeff Kissinger that he did win with the county in that they are reluctantly raising the speed limit on Black Cherry to 25 mph. Jeff Kissinger stated that they do not have the right to do that and it is illegal. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Jeff Kissinger would have to contact the county to raise the speed limit higher than 25 mph if he would like a higher speed limit. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we are going to follow the law as long as he is mayor. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would do everything in his power to keep the speed limit at 20 mph in this village. Jeff Kissinger stated that it is the police chief's policy to not write traffic tickets in town and that they have not written a ticket on his street in five months.

Stop Sign at Summit and Mohawk

A resident stated that he would like to stop speeders by installing a stop sign at Summit and Mohawk. The resident stated that he bought a sign "Slow Children at Play" to try to slow people down and that the people on his block are great but others do not know how to yield. Mayor Lumpkins asked the resident to get a petition and have his neighbors sign the petition to show their support of the suggested stop sign. Mayor Lumpkins stated that a petition requesting a stop sign on Lotus was submitted and they got their stop sign so we just need to see how the rest of the neighborhood feels about it.

Speed Limit

A resident stated that he has two daughters and he does not want to raise the speed limit. The resident thanked the Board for installing the aerator in the pond by his house. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the aerator does make a big difference and that we would like to do that to more ponds in the village.

Black Cherry Lane

A resident said thank you for getting the bushes trimmed on Black Cherry Lane. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we offered to help but Lake Villa Township did do all the work.

MOTION

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk