

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 11, 2008**

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 = Absent	Trustee Mahoney = Present
Trustee Walker = Present	Trustee Katzel = Present
Trustee Faught = Present	Trustee Germann = Present
Mayor Lumpkins = Present	Village Clerk Mahoney = Present
Also Present = Dominick Prange and nine residents	

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Dominick Prange

Dominick Prange stood up before the Board and introduced himself. He stated that his name has been brought up at the last couple meetings and he apologized for not being at the meetings. Dominick Prange stated that two years ago he stood before this Board and swore to serve and protect the village to the best of his ability and he feels that he did do this in the two years. Dominick Prange stated that he did not want to get into details of why he resigned from the police department but wants to respond to being accused of being a liar and offered incentive for village information two meetings ago. Dominick Prange stated that his reason for bringing information outside of the village to a third party was the circumstances of his resignation. Dominick Prange stated that due to the intimate relationship of the mayor and his father he did not feel that he would be appropriately listened to or taken seriously and be investigated properly. Dominick Prange stated that he is open to discuss what happened and thanked those who did speak to him the other day about it. Dominick Prange stated that he accepts responsibility for his role in what happened. Dominick Prange asked the Board to accept their responsibility as a governing Board of the village and take this a step further to investigate what happened. Dominick Prange stated that he was not offered any incentive to come forward with the information. Dominick Prange stated that his sole incentive was to make sure that this would not happen to another officer in this village again. Dominick Prange stated that he is single and has no children or family to support and this village has other officers that drive greater distances and have families to support and cannot afford to have their job in jeopardy due to differences in personality of people inside this village. Dominick Prange stated that he is not a liar and has been a police officer in this area for eight years.

Dominick Prange stated that he is not looking for his job back. Dominick Prange stated that the mayor is responsible to contact somebody who throws an accusation at him and to call him a liar without contacting him to find out what happened is irresponsible. Dominick Prange stated that Mr. Kissinger is not a liar and was giving information that was given straight from him. Dominick Prange again stated that he is offering to respond in great detail to any questions people have about his resignation with this village. Dominick Prange stated that the village has his phone number, address and email address. Mayor Lumpkins thanked Dominick Prange. Trustee Mahoney asked Dominick Prange to stay because he will bring this up under Old Business and allow him to talk further if he would like to. Trustee Mahoney stated that it would be fair for the Board to hear the complete situation.

Stop Sign at Mohawk and Summit

A resident, resident "A", stated that the Board is voting on traffic controls at Mohawk and North Summit and this was discussed previously at meetings. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the traffic control is a stop sign. Resident "A" stated that he is not against the stop sign but is against what he witnessed. Resident "A" stated that he asked for a stop sign two years ago for the same reasons due to the dangerous intersection. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he did get a stop sign and resident "A" stated that he did after two months of debate and two Board members voted against it. Resident "A" stated that in this instance there has been no discussion and one of the Board members who voted against the other stop sign commented that he felt this was a good idea. Resident "A" stated that the Board has not brought up that a traffic study was done one year ago and it states to not do it. Resident "A" stated that the reasoning is because Mohawk is the main street and Summit is the side street and typically the side street has the stop sign. Resident "A" stated that regardless of the traffic study the residents who live there know what goes on. Resident "A" asked the Board to consider if they should also put a stop sign on the northbound Summit in addition to the east and west on Mohawk to make it safer.

Trustee Mahoney asked if the traffic study suggested putting a stop sign east and west on Mohawk and Mayor Lumpkins stated that it says to not put a stop sign there. Resident "A" stated that the traffic study suggests putting one on the north side of Summit. Trustee Mahoney asked a different resident, resident "B", if he is going to request that the village spends an additional ten thousand dollars on another traffic study if the Board passes the proposed stop sign at Mohawk and Summit tonight. Resident "B" stated that the village did the study and those were the results. Resident "B" asked Trustee Mahoney if he is satisfied and feels that he is legally following the guidelines set by the state or local county. Another resident in the audience, resident "C", stated that he is trying to

protect the kids on his block. Resident "C" further stated that he put up his own signs to try and stop the vehicles from flying down the road and with these stop signs proposed tonight he is trying to put a stop to that. Resident "B" stated that he is not against the stop sign but wants the village to follow the law. Resident "A" stated that he thought Mayor Lumpkins checked with the attorney if a traffic study was required when the village put up his stop sign and the attorney stated that it was not required. Mayor Lumpkins stated that this was correct.

Miscellaneous Comments – Resident "B"

Resident "B" stated that he thought Dominick Prange coming to the meeting tonight to speak was a brave and honorable thing to do.

Resident "B" stated that he provides the village meeting videotapes as a free service to village residents.

Resident "B" stated that the village is the people living in the village and not the Board members who are just part of the village. Resident "B" stated that he is not attacking the village but is bringing up points to the Board and feels that everyone has their right to freedom of speech.

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Fought, Seconded by Trustee Mahoney and unanimously passed to approve the October 14, 2008 Board Meeting minutes, October 21, 2008 Committee Meeting minutes and November 4, 2008 Committee Meeting minutes.

**COLLECTOR'S
REPORT**

The October 2008 Collector's Report for the General Fund was reviewed.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Walker and unanimously passed to approve the October 2008 Collector's Report for the General Fund.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report for October 2008.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Fought, Seconded by Trustee Walker and unanimously passed to approve October 2008 Treasurer's Report as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mayor's Re-Appointment

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to re-appoint Don Johnson as Chief of Police from November 11, 2008 to April 14, 2009.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Walker and unanimously passed to re-appoint Don Johnson as Chief of Police from November 11, 2008 to April 14, 2009.

2008-O-07, Appropriations Ordinance

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to pass 2008-O-07, an ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes for the Village of Round Lake Heights for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009. The appropriation summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 is:

General Fund	\$978,560.00
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	93,500.00
Community Block Grant Fund	105,000.00
Water Fund	<u>533,500.00</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$1,710,560.00</u>

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed 2008-O-07, an ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes for the Village of Round Lake Heights for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

2008-O-08, Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Section 6-3-2, Schedule II – Stop Intersections

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to pass 2008-O-08 an ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 6-3-2, Schedule II – Stop Intersections. Trustee Faught stated that this was for the two stop signs and that this was for safety reasons and Mayor Lumpkins agreed. Trustee Katzel stated that the main road up there has two stop signs and Summit does not so this is following the same flow of traffic. Trustee Katzel stated that he drove down that road and does not see a big concern but if there is later that we can revisit this. Trustee Walker stated that he liked the idea of a stop sign on Summit also and asked Resident "C" what he thinks since he lives right there. Resident "C" stated that either way will be safer than what it is now. Resident "C" stated that there are at least fifteen children from his block that play on the dead end. Trustee Faught stated that considering the way that intersection is that she would like to see stop signs both ways. Trustee Mahoney stated that the more stop signs there are that the lesser of a chance there is that a child would get hit by a car. Trustee Mahoney stated that as long as it is within reason if we could put up another stop sign that would save a child's life that the more stop signs the better. Trustee Germann stated that this intersection is a dangerous intersection. Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve 2008-O-08 an ordinance

amending Chapter 3, Section 6-3-2, Schedule II – Stop Intersections and further stated that if we want to amend this at a later time to add the additional stop sign we can but the ordinance is not prepared for all the stop signs tonight. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they want to table this ordinance tonight or pass it and decide later if they would like to amend it. The Board agreed that they would like to pass this ordinance tonight.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Mahoney, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed 2008-O-08, an ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 6-3-2, Schedule II – Stop Intersections.

CDBG 2008, Tomahawk Trail Water Main Improvement

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve the final payment of \$104,899.72 to Maneval Construction Co., Inc. for work performed and materials furnished on the Community Development Block Grant 2008, Tomahawk Trail water main improvement project.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Katzel, Seconded by Trustee Walker and unanimously passed to approve the final payment of \$104,899.72 to Maneval Construction Co., Inc. for work performed and materials furnished on the Community Development Block Grant 2008, Tomahawk Trail water main improvement project.

Videotaping Village Meetings

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he spoke with a gentleman today about videotaping village meetings. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would like to bring him in to demonstrate and the Board agreed. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would set this up for a committee meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Mahoney reported that newsletters received were CISCO Communicator and Illinois Municipal Review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety There was nothing to report.

Public Works Trustee Mahoney reported that he would like to get approval for the expenditure for the lighting in the public works garage. The electrician got us the lights for free and will only charge \$800.00 for the materials and installation labor in the public works garage.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Walker, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to approve the expenditure of \$800.00 for lighting materials and labor in the public works garage.

Building & Zoning There was nothing to report.

Sewer & Water There was nothing to report.

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

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Fought, Seconded by Trustee Katzel and
and to unanimously passed to approve the November 2008 Warrant List
pay the bills.

Ordinances Trustee Germann stated that he was happy to have the stop sign at
Mohawk and Summit. Trustee Germann further stated that we will see
how things progress to see if another stop sign is needed at that
intersection.

OLD BUSINESS

Dominick Prange Trustee Mahoney stated that he would like to offer Dominick Prange time
to speak. Dominick Prange stated that it is up to the Board and if they
have any more questions that he would be happy to answer. Trustee
Mahoney asked Dominick Prange if he had enough time to say what he
wanted to say and Dominick Prange stated that he did. Dominick Prange
stated that he appreciates the additional time and that his reason for
coming today was to clarify that Mr. Kissinger was not lying. Dominick
Prange stated that based on his line of profession as a police officer that
integrity is everything. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Dominick Prange
brought up some things on his videotape about him that were not nice that
he would question his integrity and Dominick Prange agreed that he did
say some things. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Dominick Prange attacked
his integrity. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he has been in office for sixteen
years and has had officers employed for a long time and there has not been
many complaints other than Dominick Prange's. Dominick Prange stated
that Mayor Lumpkins is not in the locker room with the officers to hear
everything and Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would invite the other
officers to speak. Dominick Prange again stated that if the village has any
further detailed questions about the circumstances involving his
resignation that he welcomes them. Dominick Prange stated that these
details are stated on Mr. Kissinger's website. Trustee Mahoney thanked
Dominick Prange and Dominick Prange thanked Trustee Mahoney in
return.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that during his fifteen to sixteen year tenure as
mayor that we have had employees here for twelve, thirteen to fourteen
years. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he feels we would not have a track
record with employees here for this length of time if we were treating our
employees bad. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he disagrees with everything

Dominick Prange said and feels this is all political. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board to talk to the officers, public works and office staff themselves to find out what is really going on. Dominick Prange stated that he does not receive a paycheck from the village so he is at liberty to say what he wants but the officers will not speak since they fear for their jobs and Mayor Lumpkins disagreed with Dominick Prange. Dominick Prange asked Mayor Lumpkins if he is aware of the circumstances of his resignation and Mayor Lumpkins stated that he just knows that he resigned. Dominick Prange stated that Mayor Lumpkins runs the village and is Chief Johnson's boss and questioned why he has not asked about the circumstances. Mayor Lumpkins asked if he is attacking Chief Johnson and Dominick Prange stated that he admires Chief Johnson and will not attack him. Dominick Prange further stated that Chief Johnson did more for him in his two years here than anyone else has and he is heartbroken that he cannot support Chief Johnson in this decision. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he supports Chief Johnson very much.

NEW BUSINESS There was nothing to report.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:24 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk