

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING – DECEMBER 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 = Absent
Trustee Walker = Present	Trustee Katzel = Present
Trustee Faught = Present	Trustee Germann = Present
Mayor Lumpkins = Present	Village Clerk Mahoney = Present
Also Present = Four Residents	

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Snow Plowing A resident stated that he appreciates the awesome job of snow removal.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Intergovernmental Agreement between Round Lake Heights and SWALCO

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the intergovernmental agreement between Round Lake Heights and Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) will be on the agenda next week for approval.

2008-O-09, Tax Levying Ordinance

Mayor Lumpkins stated that 2008-O-09, the tax levying ordinance, will be up for approval at the Board meeting next week.

Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Party for Village Residents

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the tree lighting ceremony and holiday party for village residents will be this Saturday, December 6, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Flyers went out with the water bills to the residents. Trustee Faught questioned if there is anything to do and Mayor Lumpkins stated that Board members should be here at 5:00 p.m. Trustee Mahoney will be Santa Claus again this year. We will serve chicken, potato salad, pop, beer, bottled water and juice boxes and people were asked to bring a dish to pass. The tree will be put up tomorrow and should be bigger than the one we had last year.

Holiday Decorating Contest on December 16, 2008

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we will have our holiday lighting contest on December 16 along with the food drive basket delivery after the meeting that night. We usually select our holiday lighting judges early and last year's judges were Trustee Germann, Trustee Faught, Trustee Katzel and Clerk Mahoney. Trustee Meeks stated that she would like to get community judges to do it this year and the Board agreed. Trustee Meeks will see if she can get three judges.

Holiday Food and Gift Baskets on December 16, 2008

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the holiday food and gift baskets are also the night of the lighting contest. We have fifteen residents on our list this year which includes five new ones. If there is anyone that should be on the list please follow up with Mayor Lumpkins to check if they are on the list and we will add them if they are not.

Employee Holiday Party

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have had a Christmas party for the last fifteen years for the employees and asked the Board if we want to have one this year and the Board agreed that they do. We have had the party at Moretti's for a couple years and their price is \$16.95 per person this year which is up from \$13.00 last year. A couple employees brought up a new place to Mayor Lumpkins which is Firewood. It is located on Route 120 and Chapel Hill Road. Their prices are from \$15.95 to \$18.95 per person. They have a separate room for us to use and are available on January 3, 2009 and January 17, 2009. The Board liked the idea of going somewhere different and agreed to have the employee holiday party at Firewood on January 3, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks stated that Chief Johnson gave her copies of letters received in reference to the performance of some of our officers.

The first letter addressed to Chief Johnson read, "Last week our business was vandalized for the third time in six months. We installed a silent alarm and with the assistance of your officers, we now know the likely identity of the responsible party. I am writing to offer my sincerest thanks to Officer Scott Crawford for arriving in less than a minute and a half. I doubt that service level can be improved upon. Officer Crawford performed a thorough search of the property, called for a police dog from Round Lake, searched the premise with and without the dog, collected evidence including a car, crack pipe, keys, cell phone, a shoe and blood sample, as well as photographing the scene. Our speculation is that this individual shut off compound lights at Safeway and evaded police in the moonless night. Officer Crawford's conduct is in keeping with the highest level of professionalism and skill. He is obviously well trained and thorough in his methods. He is an obvious asset to your department, the village, and the community. Should you have any questions or require assistance from me please do not hesitate to call me." The letter was signed from James Peterson of Safeway Self Storage.

The second letter addressed to Officer Matlock read, "Thank you very much for your outstanding effort in researching and apprehending the

individual responsible for vandalizing Safeway Self Storage. As Chief Johnson explained, you carefully researched graffiti marks on the internet, ultimately finding identical marks as well as the responsible party. It is hard for me to fathom the preposterous stupidity required to do such a crime, let alone boast it with pictures on the internet. Your efforts demonstrate cleverness, attention to detail and true creativity in your work. Your ongoing willingness to put forth extra effort is exemplary and clearly a standard for others to follow. This is in fact the second time you distinguished yourself by serving my business. As you recall, the first was responding and entering my vandalized office early in the morning following a break in. While the suspect was not inside, you searched the office and compound at night in an effort to locate him. The individual was later found in Cook County Jail detained for committing similar crimes in Chicago. In all, your professionalism, training and extra effort are in keeping with the highest standards of your department and are exemplary. Please accept my sincerest commendation for a job well done.” The letter was signed from James Peterson of Safeway Self Storage.

The third letter addressed to Chief Johnson read, “I am writing to commend Officer Don Anderson of your department for actions taken in Hanover Park on October 26th when there was a disturbance at the Halloween USA store on Barrington Road. Officer Anderson noticed that a disturbance and fight had broken out in which the store manager was assaulted by three individuals. Having observed this criminal offense, Officer Anderson identified himself to the offenders and they subsequently ceased their assault. Hanover Park Police Officers responded and took these persons into custody. Officer Anderson identified himself to our officers and subsequently aided in the identification of the offenders. Due to Officer Anderson’s actions, the manager of the store was not seriously injured and the offenders were taken into custody. Please extend my thanks to Officer Anderson.” The letter was signed from Ronald A. Moser, Chief of Police for Hanover Park Police Department.

Trustee Meeks stated that these are jobs well done by our officers.

Public Works

Mayor Lumpkins reported that we had more salt delivered today and we will be mixing it with the sand that is being delivered tomorrow. We will have both bins filled and ready to go. We have two more truckloads of salt that we are obligated to.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we did Pontiac and Tomahawk street repairs this year but it looks like we will not be able to get to the patching because the snow prevented it. The asphalt production will be shutting down until spring. We will hopefully have this completed in the spring. Trustee

Katzel questioned if the quote would carry over to next year and Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would verify with them on that.

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 There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS There was nothing to report.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk