

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
COMMITTEE MEETING –DECEMBER 4, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Round Lake Heights Committee Meeting was called to order by Mayor Lumpkins at 7:02 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 = Four Residents	

ADMINISTRATIVE

2007-R-05

Mayor Lumpkins stated that 2007-R-05 is a resolution appointing Trustee Meeks as an alternate to the CenCom E911 joint emergency telephone system board and the joint telecommunications and operations board of directors. This resolution will be up for approval next week at Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Public Safety

Trustee Meeks stated that she had nothing to report. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we are trying to set up the car loan and will be up next week if ready.

Public Works

Trustee Mahoney stated that he had nothing to report. Mayor Lumpkins asked if there was any news on the truck. Trustee Mahoney stated that the last he heard was that the truck would be ready in January.

Building & Zoning

There was nothing to report.

Sewer & Water

There was nothing to report.

Administration

There was nothing to report.

Ordinances

Trustee Germann reported that in reference to the criminal damage to property ordinance that Chief Johnson likes the one from Mundelein. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we would go off of the Mundelein ordinance and modify it for our ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

Com Ed

Mayor Lumpkins stated we had a power outage this past week that affected about 73 residents. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he distributed Com Ed emergency contact information to the Board. There is an 800 number, which you can call to inform you of what is going on in case of an outage.

Traffic Study

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he spoke with Metro today and was hoping to have the traffic study before the Board tonight but did not receive anything yet. Hopefully we will receive the traffic study tomorrow and be up for discussion at the meeting next week.

Parking

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he spoke with our attorney in reference to parking on village streets. Our attorney is recommending that we do not switch our parking ordinance to keep enforcing no parking on village streets but our policy is that we allow residents to call CenCom. Mayor Lumpkins stated that this is his recommendation to the Board, to keep our parking ordinance the way it is and our policy is to have residents call to have permission to park on the street. Trustee Faught questioned if CenCom would deny permission to park on the street if there were snow. Mayor Lumpkins stated that CenCom does not deny it that we deny it. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Chief Johnson would submit in writing to him the four to five questions that CenCom will ask on a regular basis to residents calling in for permission to park on village streets. Mayor Lumpkins will copy the Board on the questions for their review when he receives them from Chief Johnson. Permission is not granted by CenCom it is granted by our police department. Our police department will deny permission to park on village streets anytime there is snow. Trustee Katzel questioned if CenCom makes the decision immediately. Mayor Lumpkins stated that CenCom does not make the decision and that our police department makes the decision. We will have a regular policy in place that CenCom will follow every time.

Holiday Decorating Contest

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we are having the holiday decorating contest the same night as we deliver baskets to residents. We usually select two to three members from the Board and the Board agreed to do it this way again this year. Trustee Germann, Trustee Katzel, Clerk Mahoney and Trustee Faught volunteered to be judges for the holiday decorating contest on December 18, 2007.

Dollars for Scholars Board

Trustee Faught stated that there was a comment a few meetings ago about serving on the Dollars for Scholars Board. Trustee Faught stated that she wanted to clarify that serving on that Board is a voluntary position and any service to that Board is not part of the duties or responsibilities of a trustee.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire

Trustee Mahoney stated that there was a fire on Lotus today and it was contained to the garage. Trustee Mahoney reported that nobody was hurt and the fire department did a good job. The fire occurred around 10:30 a.m.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Dollars for Scholars Board

Jeff Kissinger stated that he stills feels it is not ethical in reference to the Dollars for Scholars Board.

Parking on Village Streets

Jeff Kissinger stated that the current ordinance does not support parking on the street.

Sidewalks

Ed Liberman stated that it was previously brought up to clarify the sidewalk ordinance and what is blocking the sidewalk and questioned if the Board was going to clarify the ordinance. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if you are over the sidewalk that you are blocking the sidewalk. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if a resident makes a valid effort to not block the sidewalk then they are probably not blocking the sidewalk and if they are across the middle of the sidewalk that they are not trying. Ed Liberman questioned what is blocking the sidewalk and cited an example. Trustee Faught questioned if the sidewalk is usable and Ed stated that the sidewalk is not but they could go around. Trustee Faught stated that if the sidewalk were not usable then that would be blocking the sidewalk. Ed stated that there are many people who are blocking the sidewalk in that way and are not being cited for it. Mayor Lumpkins stated that it has probably happened in every home where at one time someone has parked and blocked the sidewalk. We try to correct the problem of people blocking the sidewalk and try to see that it does not happen on a regular basis but it does happen. We ask that you try to make an effort to not block the sidewalk. We could go out and write tickets all day long for people who are blocking the sidewalk but that is not what we want to do. We want to have people make an effort to not block the sidewalk. Ed Liberman questioned the ambiguity of the ordinance and what does he have to stand on if he did make an effort but still received a ticket. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the more tickets that we write like Ed is suggesting we do that the more people are going to be in an uproar. This is what happened with the parking issue that went from a small issue to a huge issue because of tickets that were written from people calling in complaining of violations. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if the Board insists on writing every ticket then we will do that but that is not how the Board has acted in the last fifteen years. We need to somehow work with the residents that live in our community and get along. Trustee Katzel stated that you want to get away from having to measure if you are three inches over the sidewalk and stated that it is common sense if you are blocking the sidewalk or not.

Ed Liberman asked what is blocking the sidewalk. Mayor Lumpkins stated that it is up to the officer's discretion. Another resident stated that Round Lake Beach's ordinance is if you are in the center of the sidewalk and cannot walk through or have problems then you are blocking the sidewalk. Round Lake Beach also has more than one code enforcer to enforce the ordinance. The resident questioned if we could give warning tickets and Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have given warning tickets before. Ed Liberman stated that he always does the right and sensible thing and stated that he and friends of his had been accused of getting needless tickets and the village doesn't want to do anything about the tickets. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he never said that and questioned why we wouldn't want to do anything about the ticket because if it is an offense then you either pay the ticket or go to court to fight it. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the police officers are not going out to write tickets to a specific person. Ed Liberman stated that he recalls bringing up to the Board that Mayor Lumpkins owes him an apology and the Board agreed and he has not heard an apology yet. Ed stated that Mayor Lumpkins slandered him. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would not get an apology from him and that he did not at all slander him and questioned how he could say that he slandered him. Ed Liberman stated that Mayor Lumpkins stated that he called CenCom eighteen times in one day and he did not. Mayor Lumpkins stated that eighteen calls were made to CenCom and asked Ed if he made those and Ed stated that he did not make eighteen calls. Mayor Lumpkins told Ed if he says he did not make the eighteen calls then he did not. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we had numerous phone calls on that issue that day and his name was attached because he was one who had called in several times. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Ed would not get an apology from him for causing CenCom a nuisance that day.

Public Works

Ed Liberman stated that he had a specific compliment for Bud Kowalski. Ed stated that his mailbox was off and although Bud had nothing to do with it being off that within ten minutes Bud was there to help set the mailbox. Ed stated that Bud did a really good job.

Ordinances/Policies

Jeff Kissinger questioned the Board's ability to create rules and ordinances and stated that they have no authority to create policies. Mayor Lumpkins questioned if this was in reference to parking and stated that there is no parking on village streets. Mrs. Kissinger questioned how a policy is communicated and for instance, if you want to park on the street that you can call CenCom. She further questioned how the policy is documented and stated that if the policy is not documented that it is not legal. Mayor Lumpkins stated that our ordinance is no parking on village streets and that ordinance will stay the same. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the policy we are putting into effect is the same policy that we've had, which is calling CenCom to ask for permission to park on a village street for a time frame. Jeff Kissinger questioned Mayor Lumpkins if he consults with an

attorney before making a law. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he consulted with the attorney and the attorney has recommended that we make calling CenCom our policy. Jeff Kissinger commented about going to court for someone parking on the street and discussion ensued about going to court amongst Jeff Kissinger and Mayor Lumpkins. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if you park on the street and do not call CenCom for permission that there is a possibility that you may get a ticket. Trustee Katzel stated that we are here to represent the village and think of the best interest of the residents and try to work with the residents. Trustee Faught stated that she would like to revisit this and say no parking and no CenCom. Mayor Lumpkins stated absolutely not and that if there were one hundred people out there wanting this that it would be a different story. Another resident stated that her father has lived here for forty some years and has never had an issue with the parking. She further stated that Fox Lake, River Grove, Long Grove, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Park and many towns around here have the no parking on village streets ordinance but allow you to call CenCom to get permission to park on the street. Trustee Katzel questioned if we should put the policy in writing somewhere. Ed Liberman questioned if we would make the policy part of the ordinance as asked by Jeff Kissinger. Mayor Lumpkins stated that if we did that then we would have to take down the no parking signs. Discussion ensued amongst the audience and Board. Jeff Kissinger stated that someone parked on the street and had permission and then got a ticket. Mayor Lumpkins stated that it was snowing and the snowplows were out and were not able to get through.

Christmas Party A resident stated that the Santa thing this year was very nice instead of the pancake breakfast. Trustee Meeks stated that she would like to applaud the residents that braved the weather and came to the party.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk