

**VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS
619 W. PONTIAC COURT – BOARD ROOM
BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 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
Also Present = Three residents and Derrick Warner	

Mayor Lumpkins requested to amend the agenda to remove C. December 4, 2007 Committee Meeting under Approval of Minutes, add J. Pasquinelli and K. Lake County Sewer Rates under Administration.

MOTION

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

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Mahoney and unanimously passed to approve the November 13, 2007 Board Meeting minutes and November 20, 2007 Committee Meeting.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The November 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 November 2007 Collector's Report for the General Fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

MOTION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mayor's Re-Appointments

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to re-appoint Jim Blasco as a full time police officer from December 3, 2007 to December 3, 2008.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Mahoney and unanimously passed to re-appoint Jim Blasco as a full time police officer from December 3, 2007 to December 3, 2008.

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to re-appoint John Roehlk as a full time police sergeant from December 20, 2007 to December 20, 2008.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Katzel and unanimously passed to re-appoint John Roehlk as a full time police sergeant from December 20, 2007 to December 20, 2008.

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to re-appoint Dennis Kehrer as the emergency management coordinator from December 8, 2007 to December 8, 2008.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Mahoney and unanimously passed to re-appoint Dennis Kehrer as the emergency management coordinator from December 8, 2007 to December 8, 2008.

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to re-appoint Tom Jacobs as an ESDA member from December 10, 2007 to December 10, 2008.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to re-appoint Tom Jacobs as an ESDA member from December 10, 2007 to December 10, 2008.

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to re-appoint Lisette Kehrer as an ESDA member from December 13, 2007 to December 13, 2008.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Meeks, Seconded by Trustee Mahoney and unanimously passed to re-appoint Lisette Kehrer as an ESDA member from December 13, 2007 to December 13, 2008.

2007-R-05

Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve 2007-R-05, 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.

MOTION

A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to approve 2007-R-05, 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.

2007-O-10 Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to approve 2007-O-10, an ordinance levying taxes for all corporate purposes for the Village of Round Lake Heights, Lake County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Germann and unanimously passed to approve 2007-O-10, an ordinance levying taxes for all corporate purposes for the Village of Round Lake Heights, Lake County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Traffic Study Mayor Lumpkins stated that we received the traffic study from Metro and distributed a copy to each trustee. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board to review the traffic study and stated that we would have an ordinance ready for the Board meeting next month. The traffic study is recommending a speed limit of 20 mph throughout the village.

Parking on Village Streets

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he asked Chief Johnson to put together a list of questions for CenCom to ask residents when they call for permission to park on village streets. The questions to ask the residents would be name, address, phone number, number of cars and how long the cars will be parked in the streets. CenCom comments back to the residents would be all cars should be parked on the side of the street without the fire hydrant and CenCom would have to check with the officer on duty for permission. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board if they had any suggestions before we send this to CenCom. Trustee Katzel questioned if the resident is given an okay when they call. Mayor Lumpkins stated that CenCom would tell them that an officer would call them if they do not have permission. CenCom will not be telling any residents if they do or do not have permission. Trustee Faught questioned when there is snow if they would receive a phone call of denial and Mayor Lumpkins stated that parking on village streets during snow has always been denied. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we are trying to keep it simple for our residents when they call.

Squad Car Loan Mayor Lumpkins stated that we do not have the final figures back from the bank yet for the squad car loan. We are trying to set up the loan for the vehicle and the truck that we are receiving in January at the same time. The squad car will be a 36-month term and the truck will be a 60-month term. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would inform the Board of the interest rates and terms as soon as he receives them.

Sewer Rate Increase Mayor Lumpkins stated that the Board should have received the notification from Lake County in reference to the sewer rate increase. We currently pay \$3.31 per 1000/gallons and as of March 1, 2009 the rate will be \$3.41 per 1000/gallons and as of March 1, 2010 the rate will be \$3.51 per 1000/gallons.

February 5, 2008 General Primary Election

Mayor Lumpkins stated that the absentee calendar for the primary election of February 5, 2008 is:

- December 27, 2007 – First day for voting by mail or in person at the County Clerk’s Office.
- January 8, 2008 – Last day for voter registration.
- January 9, 2008 through January 22, 2008 – Grace period registration/address change begins at County Clerk’s Office.
- January 14, 2008 – Early voting begins.
- January 31, 2008 - Last day for Early Voting
- Last day to request absentee ballots for the County Clerk’s Office
- First day qualified voter admitted to hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center not more than five days before election day is entitled to personal delivery of ballot upon making special application to the County Clerk’s Office
- February 1 and 2, 2008 – In-person absentee voting at County Clerk’s Office and offsite
- February 4, 2008 – Last day in-person absentee voting
- February 5, 2008 – Election Day
- February 7, 2008 – Voter registration re-opens

2008 Village Meetings

Mayor Lumpkins stated that New Year’s Day is the first Tuesday and asked the Board what they would like to do in regards to the committee meeting. Trustee Meeks stated that the ordinance states that when the meeting day falls on a holiday that it would be held on the following day. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the first meeting in January would then be on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

Pasquinelli

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he is looking for permission to send a letter out to Pasquinelli in reference to Fox Glen Subdivision. The letter states:

As you are aware, we made an inspection of the above referenced of the public improvement portion of this development in anticipation of release of the maintenance guarantee. We tendered a letter dated October 20, 2007 indicating deficiencies that must be completed prior to release of the maintenance guarantee. As of this date, this corrective work has not been completed. Currently, the Village is holding a Maintenance Bond (Bond Safeguard Insurance Company Bond No. 5020583) in the amount of

\$296,125.00 due to expire on January 10, 2008. We recommend that either 1) a new maintenance bond be submitted to replace the existing bond with a June 10, 2008 expiration date to complete this work or 2) the Village make arrangements to draw on the bond and the Village complete this work.

Mayor Lumpkins stated that he is first, looking for permission to send the letter to Pasquinelli and second, to start proceeding with bond withdrawals if they do not want to extend the expiration date. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he does not anticipate any problems but that you never know so he would like to get moving with this issue. Mayor Lumpkins asked for a motion to send out the letter dated December 11, 2007 to Pasquinelli, Inc. giving them the two options.

MOTION A motion was made by Trustee Faught, Seconded by Trustee Meeks and unanimously passed to approve sending out the letter dated December 11, 2007 to Pasquinelli, Inc. giving them the two options in reference to Fox Glen Subdivision.

Lake County Sewer Rates

Mayor Lumpkins stated that we already covered this.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Trustee Meeks reported that violations for the month of November were 192 moving, 64 ordinance, 13 non-traffic and 5 warning citations.

Public Works There was nothing to report.

Building & Zoning There was nothing to report.

Sewer & Water There was nothing to report.

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 Katzel and unanimously passed to approve the December 2007 Warrant List and to pay the bills.

Ordinances Trustee Germann reported that Chief Johnson likes page nine of the packet referencing criminal damage to property. Trustee Meeks questioned what he is looking to change, the criminal damage to property or the whole

ordinance. Trustee Germann replied just the criminal damage to property and that we had been relying on the state laws and Chief Johnson feels we should have our own ordinance. Trustee Germann reported that they went to six other villages to get their ordinances regarding criminal damage to property. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board to individually discuss this with Chief Johnson to see how he feels about this and we will bring this up next week and then put something together in ordinance form for the next Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Sidewalk Ordinance Trustee Katzel questioned if we would clarify the sidewalk ordinance like the lady suggested being able to walk down the middle of the sidewalk. Trustee Katzel stated that he did this and it seemed to be the best way to clarify the sidewalk ordinance and it gives the officers and residents a better definition. Mayor Lumpkins asked the Board how they feel about changing this ordinance and the Board agreed to change the ordinance if it works and makes it clear to everyone. This will clarify not blocking the sidewalk and will be up at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS There was nothing to report.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Traffic Study Jeff Kissinger asked Mayor Lumpkins if he had any discussion with the company doing the traffic study and recommended a 20-mph speed limit. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we have the traffic study and it is pretty clear. Mayor Lumpkins stated that Jeff Kissinger would be able to get a copy once the Board approves it. Jeff Kissinger asked the same question and Mayor Lumpkins replied that he does not have the qualifications to recommend the speed limit and is not sure what Jeff is inquiring. Jeff Kissinger repeatedly asked the same question and Mayor Lumpkins stated that he is not an engineer and the company that performed the traffic study is a reputable company. Mayor Lumpkins stated that all of the interior streets, all village streets except Rollins Road, have been recommended to have a 20-mph speed limit. Mayor Lumpkins stated that the study is 81 pages and cost \$9,100.00. Mayor Lumpkins stated that we just received the report and would like the Board to review it before answering further questions. Jeff Kissinger stated that based on the FOI act he will request a copy tomorrow and the village has seven days to comply. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would check with our attorney if we can do this before the Board has approved it and if we can we would certainly adhere to.

Violation Ticket Jeff Kissinger stated that Mayor Lumpkins stated Jeff had received a ticket on Black Cherry and that was not so. Mayor Lumpkins stated that an officer misinformed him and that Jeff Kissinger was cleared.

Sidewalk Ordinance Ed Liberman thanked the Board on getting clarification on blocking the sidewalks.

Parking on Village Streets

Ed Liberman stated that he agreed with Trustee Germann that once the CenCom questions are set regarding parking on village streets that we'd be done and is in favor of it being done. Ed questioned if there would be a phone call if there were a problem. Mayor Lumpkins read through the list discussed earlier and stated that he believes the officer would only call if there were a problem but not if it was okay. Mayor Lumpkins stated that he would clarify this with Chief Johnson tomorrow. Ed Liberman asked if we could make sure that the officer is checking if cars were called in. Ed stated that there was snow last Saturday night and a residence had five cars on the street. Mayor Lumpkins stated that they would not get permission if it were snowing and that Bud Kowalski would call immediately if a car were blocking the plow. Ed questioned if the officers make rounds and Mayor Lumpkins stated that they do. Mayor Lumpkins asked Trustee Meeks to follow up with Chief Johnson if any tickets were written Saturday night. Ed stated that this was Saturday about 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m. on Lotus.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Mahoney
Village Clerk