

Village of Round Lake Park
Committee Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2009

Mayor McCue called the committee meeting to order at 7:04 pm with the pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by the Clerk the following members were:

Present: Schnur, Seminary, Kenyon, Williams, Graham, and Cerretti

Absent: None

Quorum

Also Present: Steve Sliozis, George Filenko, Daniel Burch, Audra Bonaroti, and Calene Zabinski

Special Presentation – None

Mayor Report

- Reported on attending a Public Hearing meeting with Groot that was continued for Wednesday, October 14, 2009. The second part of the evening she attended a Public Hearing with SWALCO to discuss their five year plan. One issue is the landfills are filled to capacity and recycling should be increased. Mayor McCue offered the suggestion to SWALCO that they should be training the businesses and not charging them so much for the recycling. Groot is looking into Transfer stations. She suggested that SWALCO and Groot work together. SWALCO is looking into transfer stations as opposed to landfills. Included in their five year plan is an Incinerator. The fumes won't go in the air.
- Attended the last Corridor Planning meeting. They discussed Route 53 name change to Central Lake Thruway. Also discussed, was making it a toll way in order to pay for it. Phase I study will include IDOT. Once it is approved, a resolution will have to be approved. Mayor stated she is in favor of the thruway but not in support of making it a toll way.
- Briefly discussed the Wind Energy Committee.
- Video Gaming briefly discussed and tabled for additional information.

Clerk – No Report

Committee Reports

Planning, Zoning, Licensing & Ordinance Review- No Report

Code Enforcement & Public Safety

Trustee Seminary discussed allowing the turnaround for the resident off of Hainesville Rd. After looking into the request, he is recommending the village allow the turnaround with some stipulations on size and it should not be used for parking. Some suggestions included 8 1/2 x22 or 8x12. Trustee Seminary will ask the resident to come to the October 20th board meeting for clarification.

Direct TV appears to be running a business out of 112 Main Street. They have not applied for permits or a business license. Trustee Schnur recommended shutting them down. Maybe the building inspector could red tag the building if they are unable to contact the business owner.

Human Resources/Community Outreach Review

Trustee Kenyon stated for this month she is moving the Human Resource Meeting to the 4th Tuesday due to the Main Street Community Meeting.

Police – No Report

- Mayor McCue asked Chief Filenko if he had additional information on the feral cats situation. He informed the board of trustees and Mayor McCue that he had exhausted every avenue. He contacted the public agencies and other local towns. If we contact Lake County Animal Control to get rid of the feral cats, the village would be charged \$80.00 per cat. Mayor McCue stated she would contact the gentleman that is feeding the cats and see if something can be worked out.

Old Business

A. Hiring New Police Officer

- Trustee Kenyon stated that the board's main focus should be on finalizing the budget not on hiring a new employee. Once the budget has been approved then the department heads would know what money is available for hiring a new employee.
- Chief Filenko stated the officer they want to hire is not a new officer, but a part-time officer he wants to make full time. There will be no academy training, so the village will save those funds. He is a replacement for Commander Robinson. The hire is currently working part-time, but because of the hours he has accumulated, he cannot work anymore hours until January. Hiring officers has been included in the budget for next year. We have another officer retiring next spring. Chief Filenko stated they have been working short-handed for the last 14 years, but with the officers retiring, it is creating additional shortages. As far as the KCat vehicle, they cover all costs and the car used does not come out of the village's fleet of cars. Chief Filenko explained the benefits that we received from KCat are more than the 20%.
- Chief Filenko stated that his officers are not comfortable working without a back up officer. It is dangerous and hazardous. They are really shorthanded due to another officer who has been hospitalized and has had emergency surgery. He will be out for several weeks.
- Trustee Schnur stated he felt it would be difficult to explain to residents that the village has a \$380,000 deficit, but the board approved hiring another officer.
- Trustee Seminary stated we have to do some hard budget cuts if we are going to turn the budget around.

- Trustee Graham and Cerretti stated they were not comfortable with only two officers on duty and jeopardize the residents and the officers.
- Mayor McCues' input was she feels strongly that we do not compromise safety for our residents and our police officers. She stated that she realizes cuts have to be made, but not replacing officers is not the way to do it. She requested the board to consider their decision and vote on the replacement hiring next week. Chief Filenko requested a poll from the board so he and Deputy Chief have an idea what programs they may have to cut.

The Clerk polled the board for approval to hire a new officer for the police department.

Ayes: Graham and Cerretti

Nays: Schnur, Seminary, Kenyon, and Williams

General Consensus is not to approve hiring the new police officer.

B. Vacation Time Policy – Tabled

C. Ordinance Codification Update

1. The Clerk distributed information from Municipal Code Corporation and asked the board to review the information. Trustee Schnur requested the Clerk to contact other municipalities to find out how they handle their codifications. Tabled for Board Meeting.

D. Non Profit Organization Business Owner - Tabled

New Business

- Trustee Seminary thanked Kelly for coming in this evening and he appreciated her help. He stated we are looking into making cuts in all areas. One area is the attorney fees and he is recommending freezing village spending. Tabled for next board meeting for additional discussion.
- Mayor McCue requested everyone to think about additional cuts from the budget. She reiterated we need to hire the officer full-time for safety for the officers and the residents.

Adjourn

Motion by Trustee Schnur, seconded by Trustee Williams to adjourn the committee meeting at 8:35 P.M.

All those in favor – Ayes

All those opposed – None

Motion Declared Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Linda M. Lucassen,

Village Clerk, RMC, CMC