

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
April 18, 2016
442 N. Cedar Lake Road
To Follow the Regular Board Meeting
The Regular Board Meeting is 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY DAN MACGILLIS, VILLAGE PRESIDENT AT 7:11 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Foy, Kraly, Newby, Rodriguez, Triphahn

Absent: Trustee Frye

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 4, 2016

Trustee Triphahn moved, Seconded by Trustee Rodriguez, to approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 4, 2016. Upon a unanimous voice vote; the Mayor declared the motion carried

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Community Development
- Clerk's Office
- Human Resources and Finance
 - Year End 2017 Salary Ordinance
Finance Director Frerichs stated that included in the 2017 budget is a 3% cost of living adjustment (COLA) and a 3.5% step increase for non –union employees. Both Police and Public Works union employees, currently 30 active, are not included in the compensation plan schedule. If the ordinance is approved at the next meeting, he is recommending that the COLA increase be effective the same day. FD Frerichs also provided a history of the salary adjustments over the previous six fiscal years which also stated the step increase recommend in FYE 2017 would be the fourth step increase in the last seven years. The 3% COLA increase would be the fifth adjustment to the salary schedule in the last seven years. He also stated that the number of employees impacted include 17 full-time employees and of the 17 FT employees, 8 are at the highest step (capped) and will only receive the 3% COLA.

The Mayor and Board agreed to move to the next Consent Agenda

- Public Works, Facilities and Capital Assets, and Engineering
- Special Events
- Building and Zoning
- Police

- Administration

- Park & Park Information

Village Administrator Shields summarized for the Board the land that had been donated to the Village that consist of approximately 5.04 acres of which .076 acres are under water and is considered by Lake County records as being wetlands. In the donation of the property in 2011 the Village agreed to develop the land as a park within 13 years or the property reverts back to the owner, so December 2024. In order to be a public park, the private designation must be removed and all the surrounding homeowners must sign releases, 25 have signed thus far and 45 need to be contacted. Currently the property is used as a cut through between the Village of Round Lake and the Village of Round Lake Beach for students going to school and has been used as a dumping ground for items. It was suggested that a guardrail be put in place to prohibit the cut through and would force the students to utilize either Park Road or Woodland to get to their destination. It was mentioned that if the area is cleaned up it could be a point for the Villages residents to access the lake, however it was noted that there is a levy there and it floods when it rains, something very similar to that of New Orleans. It was mentioned that the Village needs to decide what it wants to do with the property, if anything. Need a design and perhaps utilizing an outreach group to maintain the property. It was asked to have the path at least have gravel for the students at this point and it was mentioned to reach out to the Village of Round Lake Beach to see if they were interested in improving their section of the path. The Mayor instructed Public Works Director Wedoff to take a look at the property, to see what needs to be done, what kind of man hours it would take to clean it up and maintain it and then reach out to the Village of RLB to see if they would do a joint effort.

5. SUGGESTED NEW TOPICS

It was asked to discuss the Handicap parking situation at the train station at the next meeting, the Mayor stated that the Villages Ordinance specifies that all parking at the train lot is required to pay and 70% of the surrounding communities charge as well. He stated that if individuals have a Grey or Yellow Placard from the Department of Motor Vehicles, they do park for free, however, others do not. He mentioned that the Police Department had discussed with each of the individuals who regularly park at the station and they all agree that they should pay and there is only one that feels they should not. The Blue Placard only gives them the benefit of a closer parking space.

Discussions amongst the board and Chief of Police, as to what direction should be taken and the consensus had been to follow the State Ordinance which would be only those with Grey or Yellow placards are free and those with blue need to pay.

Village Administrator Shields stated that the occupants of Classy Chassis had been asked to move out of the Building that is owned by the Village and they did so this past weekend. VA Shields stated that a possible new agreement could be in place by May 1st however the building is in desperate need of repair between the roof, painting and tuck-pointing. Quotes had been received that had been lower than the amount budgeted and VA Shields asked the board for approval to move forward with the needed improvements right away. Being that there might be safety issues the board agreed.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

7. ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Foy, Seconded by Trustee Kraly to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:47 P.M. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

APPROVED: May 2, 2016

Patricia C. Blauvelt
Village Clerk

Daniel MacGillis
Village President