

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
October 7, 2013
442 N. Cedar Lake Road
To Follow the Regular Board Meeting
The Regular Board Meeting is 7:00 P.M.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY DAN MACGILLIS, VILLAGE PRESIDENT AT 7:36 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Clements, Frye, Simoncelli, Triphahn, Wicinski

Absent: Trustee Newby

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Frye, seconded by Trustee Triphahn to do an Omnibus approval on items 2.1, 2.2 & 2.3. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried

2.1 Approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 16, 2013

Approved – Omnibus Vote

2.2 Approve the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 12, 2013

Approved – Omnibus Vote

2.3 Approve the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 19, 2103

Approved – Omnibus Vote

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Emilie Danca of Greenleaf Ct, Round Lake spoke on support of Hens as back yard pets. She mentioned that she has had family members that grew up on a farm and feels having Hens as back yard pets will give her 2 young children the experience and responsibility of taking care of them, since cats and dogs are not an option due to allergies. She also mentioned that several communities have regulations on the subject, particularly Naperville's regulations state that has that the coop has to be cleaned every 24 hours and with Evanston you have to register with the department of agriculture. She mentioned that Lake County is considering reducing the required acreage from 5 acres down to ¼ acre to house chickens as well as Libertyville is considering chickens on smaller lots. She also showed a photo of the example of what a coop resembles.

Anastassia and Kevin Strine of Greenleaf Dr, Round Lake spoke on support of Hens as back yard pets. She stated that chickens are smaller and easier to take care of unlike larger animals and there isn't a lot of care that goes into them, such as walking. She said as with other types of pet owners, you have good pet owners and bad pet owners. Good pet owners will keep their chickens in coops, that are cleaned regularly, and that also includes a yard area for them. Good pet owners will also make sure sanitizers are placed outside the coop to be used whenever someone is in contact with them, and then making sure hands are washed with soap and water to prevent the spread of salmonella. Ms. Strine mentioned she has a few neighbors that have several bird feeders in their

yards that attract various types of bird to them and didn't see the difference with having only a few chickens in a controlled area in a coop feeding on a similar type of feed – then having several dozen different types of birds come feed from the feeders. Mr. Strine mentioned that they have wrote a mockup of what the code could be, that includes the addition of chickens, but eliminates other farm animals as it was brought up on the previous meeting and presented a copy to the Village.

Trustee Triphahn had mentioned that currently our ordinance currently does not allow cats to roam free and dogs need to be on a leash and they need to fully vaccinated – then asked with the hens, will they always be housed in the coop or will they be allowed to walk around the pen. Mr. Strine stated it would be depend on how it would be written in the code, if they need to stay permanently inside the coop or the yard. He stated that most back yard chicken houses consist of two areas, the coop and then a small fenced in area for the chickens to roam, and most of those are movable to be able to clean as needed. He went on to say that it could be written in the code if a chicken could roam free in a fenced in yard or not. Trustee Triphahn mentioned that there still is the concern that if the code is changed it might allow other types of animals to be allowed and more information is needed regarding code enforcement, which department would be doing the follow up.

Trustee Simoncelli mentioned possibly having the codes changed on a trial basis to see if it could work, by having possibly written that monthly checks are made to those residents who would have the coops

Mr. Strine mentioned that most Home Owners Associations have cookie cutter bylaws and rules and regulations, they might have taking whatever the particular Village had in place for codes and put them in their bylaws, or they might have used an example from another state entirely. He also stated that in order to get those changed, it does not need to go to a referendum, at least in his HOA – Valley Lakes, as previously stated, but instead it would be a majority vote of the Home Owners. Trustee Triphahn mentioned that in her HOA, it would require a referendum to take place, which would be very costly for the HOA.

Mayor MacGillis thanked the residents for coming back to discuss, he had asked the board to consider and in hearing the previous discussions he had some observations. He agrees, no matter what types of restrictions are put in place on the types of livestock, the door is being open for future argument of what is or isn't allowed. He also mentioned the lots size being reduced for the consideration of chickens from an acre to a ¼ acre, which is still much larger than the lots that are currently in Valley Lakes. He commented on the picture of the chicken coop that was presented and it appeared to be in a very large area and there does not appear to be a nearby neighbor, it is a large lot. He went on to say that Naperville and Evanston passing codes and spoke about the enforcement of them – that both communities, have a public health department person on staff – we do not. He also mentioned another photo that was presented tonight showing a young girl in a coop with the chickens and he thinks it's great that kids wants to be involved, but didn't like the fact that his neighbor's yard might look like the yard that was in the photo. He also stated that the board represents the residents of the Village and over the last three weeks he has spoken to many residents, not including the emails that he's received, and the response has always been the same, they do not want chickens in their neighbors yards.

Trustee Frye asked of Village Attorney Mike Zimmerman, how hard is it to get a referendum on the ballot to have the resident vote on it if need be. Mr. Zimmerman stated that it needs a resolution from the board to have it placed for the next general election. Trustee Frye then asked the Mayor if there were any others that would like to speak on the subject before he goes back and discusses it further.

Rebecca Becker – Rushmore Road in Fox Lake. She mentioned Fox Lake recent decision for backyard pets; she had 2 chickens and had them for 6 months before her neighbors even knew she had them, and she's had them for 1 ½ years. She mentioned several items on the chickens and how she cares for them and Fox Lakes code restrictions that are in place in her area. She mentioned that there is a lot of information available at the library and if anyone would like to come to her house they are more than welcome.

Ed Furmann from Sprucewood Court in Round Lake Beach and for the last 4 years he has been the head of the Round Lake area chapter of C.L.U.C.K – Citizens for the Legalization of Urban Chicken Keeping. Mr. Furmann stated that he is going to provide the Village a loaner copy of approximately 80 pictures of chicken coops in different settings. Mr. Furmann also offered himself up for any discussion that might need to take place with any of the board members, as a source of information.

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming, stating the board needs more time to research and it will be brought to the next Committee of the Whole.

4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Community Development
 - SBA Incubator Program
Trustee Frye stated that he has nothing currently to report but would still like it on as an agenda item
- Human Resources and Finance
- Public Works, Facilities and Capital Assets, and Engineering
 - Julie Membership
Public Works Director Ron Kroop stated that as a Public Utility and being a member of JULIE (Joint Utility Locating for Excavators) we are assessed a fee based on the number of locate request For the 12 month period of July 2012 to June 2013 there were 1197 request for water/sewer locates. Our proportionated cost share is \$1,588.42

Mayor MacGillis and the board agreed to move forward on this

- Presentation of the Sanitary Sewage Excess Flow Facility
PWD Ron Kroop stated that the proposed construction of a regional excess flow facility has an estimated cost of \$7.1 Million of which Lake County will cover \$2.0 Million. The remaining \$5.1 Million cost is proposed to be “borrowed from the IL EPA” and paid back over 20 years via a \$1.50 per month “surcharge” per residential unit”, with greater flow formulas for businesses. The County is proposing to have this cost surcharge take effect in January 2014. Being that all options have already been chosen by the county, it was discussed as to how to address this to the residents. It was suggested to send a letter as well as placing the information on the water bill directly them to the Village website.
- Parkway Tree Replacement Program
Public Works Director Ron Kroop stated that proposals are due on Friday October 11th and will be evaluated by himself and Laura Bover, a Public Works employee, to select those Nurseries and Tree Services Companies that offer the best tree quality, planting service and cost. To expedite starting the Tree Replacement initiative PWD

Kroop requested a special meeting of the board on Wednesday October 16th to submit the proposal results and recommendations to then be placed on the October 21st Regular Board Meeting.

- Construction Engineering Service Agreement for the Hart Road Construction Project
This item was pulled from the agenda
- Special Events
 - Halloween Trick or Treat, Sunday October 27th – 1:00 to 5:00
It was suggested to do a CTY call letting everyone know the Trick or Treat hours
- Building and Zoning
 - Chickens as Pets
This was discussed under Public Comment
- Police
- Administration
 - A-Tire Service Contract
The Mayor mentioned that contract isn't the best word to use. The Mayor mentioned the amount of time the Village is wasting with staff hours having to go get bids on service items for vehicles when it's over \$250.00. He would like to have that amount increased in the future which Finance Director Steve Shields will take care of at a later date. The issues he stated was also the time obtaining the bids and the time frame vehicles might be down having to wait for the bids to come in. Currently he stated we have a vehicle that has been down since last Thursday and it's still going to be a few days until the last bid comes in thus wasting manpower and the vehicle, also most places within the Village won't even bid on items anymore because they are tired of it.
He stated that Mr. Kohlmeyer approached him offering to the Village an hourly rate of \$69.00 down from \$99.00 for exclusive work to maintain and work on the Village vehicles up to and including the one ton vehicles. The Mayor and FD Shields pulled several old invoices from other places and average shop time was at \$99.00. It was mentioned by the department heads that A-Tire usually wins a majority of the bids as it is and this would be a time saver staff wise and vehicle wise. Mostly when A-Tire works on the vehicles it is a one day process, unless there is a need to get additional parts. It was asked by the board about tires where it was mentioned that the state has an exclusive contract with Firestone for the truck tires, that A-Tire has beat on occasion but the Police Department uses Goodyear tires and stated that he uses A-Tire 100% of the time for them. Another question was the cost of the oil changes where it was mentioned that since the Squad cars need synthetic oil that is why the fee is higher at \$47.95, the Public Works vehicles oil changes and simple maintenance is done in house. It was mentioned that there are 4 other places to bring our vehicles to within the village and if any of them were contacted to possibly match the price where as it was stated that 2 of the places do not usually participate when staff is collecting the bids and A-Tire usually wins the bids as it is. The Mayor also mentioned that no one else came forward – this is not something that the Village solicited, Mr. Kohlmeyer approached the Village and this is a cost saving for the Village.

Mayor MacGillis and the board agreed to move forward on this

5. SUGGESTED NEW TOPICS

Tech Project – Re-design our Website

The Mayor mentioned that with the projects that are currently in place this will be on hold but is still on the radar to have done.

Special Events – Time line of events for the board.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

7. ADJOURN

Trustee Triphahn moved, seconded by Trustee Wicinski, to adjourn. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

APPROVED: October 21, 2013

Patricia C. Blauvelt
Village Clerk

Daniel MacGillis
Village President