

**ROUND LAKE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC
HEARING June 20, 2018 6:30pm**

PRESENT:	Mayor Gary Putman	Trustee Paul Block
	Trustee Bergin	Trustee Coldrick
	Trustee Heidi Parker	
ALSO PRESENT:	Nick Dean	Kristin Morrell
	Kim Dean	Frank & Annette Spano
	Samantha Snyder	Bill & Shirley Ryan
	Leah Stein	Pat & Colleen Young
	Ryan Young	Mue Ziegler
	Mike Shaffer	Lydia Hoffman
	Lyudmila Bodnaruk	Sharon Pineo
	Fred Sievers	David Moore
	Tina Alviar	Cynthia Young
	Jennifer Holmes	Scott & Danielle Rigney
	Sue & Gary Jones	Ken Rawley
	Victor Isca	Amy & Eric Leach
	Aaron Morris	Denise McDonald
	Lisa Santy	Terry Conrad
	Christine Van Patten	Cindy Sabia
	Janet Patenaude	

Trustee Putman called the public hearing to order at 6:30pm
The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Putman opened the hearing. He read the proposed amendment of Chapter 168-14 of the code of the Village of Round Lake to revise the definition of Off-Highway Vehicles to exclude golf carts (attached). The Mayor noted that this is not about street driving. He stated that comments will be limited to two minutes.

Mayor Putman read a letter from Cody Simpson (attached) in favor of golf carts in the Village.

David Moore asked about the boundaries of municipal land.

Michael Shaffer asked why it is limited to electric golf carts. Mayor Putman stated that gas powered carts would smell bad.

Danielle Rigney was concerned about using the gas powered gator – Mayor Putman stated that it wasn't considered a golf cart.

Christine Van Patten noted that she had signatures from 69 people in support of passage of this local law (petition attached).

Laura Smoke had questions about the allowable driving locations. She was confused and needed clarification about driving in the parks but not on the roads.

Lisa Santy asked why there was an objection to golf carts in the Village at all. She wanted to know why it was being contested. Mayor Putman noted that in past meetings, it has been stated that golf carts are illegal. He noted that street legal is different than what we are discussing tonight. Trustee Block noted that this is a step in the direction of getting golf carts legal on the streets.

Gary Jones agreed with Trustee Block. He stated he wanted to officially support the concept of golf carts in the Village. Mr. Jones stated he thought the Village was perfectly suited for the challenging narrow roads. He also noted that it made sense to do it since the carts don't pollute since they are electric and they represent the community nature of the Village. Mr. Jones also noted that if the Board passes this amendment to the local law it will send a message to the state police and local sheriff that the Board supports the use of golf carts in the Village.

Bill Ryan added that if this legislation passes it will allow him and his wife Shirley to enjoy more of the Village events. He noted that the use of golf carts helps with their quality of life.

Adrienne Maros noted that the person who claims that carts are illegal is not present tonight. Mayor Putman stated that he had been speaking with the person in question.

Tina Alviar stated she heard that Malta was set to pass some legislation about golf carts. Malta Town Councilwoman Cynthia Young stated that she had not heard anything mentioned in the town.

Lydia Hoffman read some of the New York State vehicle and traffic law and worries that this will give a false impression that people can drive golf carts on the roads. Tina Alviar asked if this proposal was going against any state laws.

Sue Jones and Aaron Morris both noted that the carts have been very useful in transporting people to Village events.

Samantha Snyder also mentioned that golf carts have been used for municipal events as well as WRLIS and Village events. Mayor Putman noted that they have been used for this purpose for 25 years.

Pat Young stated that he has lived in the Village for 60 years. He noted that people live here for the closeness and the quaint lifestyle. He noted that the objections to golf carts might be to the people who drive them rather than the carts themselves.

Lisa Santy asked about the next steps.

Mayor Putman stated that he and Gary Jones, Malta Town Supervisor Vince DeLucia, Sheriff Zurlo and Captain Morrell met to discuss these issues. The Mayor noted that the next step would be to request home rule legislation on this possibility. He also stated that it's a long shot, but not out of the question and that Carrie Woerner said she would also look into it.

Christine Van Patten asked if the vote happens tonight and if the Mayor would poll the room. Mayor Putman did informally poll the room via a show of hands and found most people to be in favor, no opposition and a few people did not vote.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION by Trustee Block to adjourn hearing at 6:55pm

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

**Kim Sheridan-Dugmore
Village Clerk**