

ROUND LAKE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD MAY 18, 2011
IN THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ROOM.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Thomas Bergin Trustee Christopher Nellissen
 Trustee Dominick DeLorio Trustee Caroline Woerner

Absent: Mayor Dixie Lee Sacks

Also Present: Superintendent John Stevenson Thomas Peterson, Attorney
 Fire Chief Frank Mazza Linda Connors

Deputy Mayor Bergin called the regular meeting of the Village Board to order at 7 PM.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Linda Connors presented a letter and a copy of a survey of her vacant land adjacent to her house. The letter stated that a few years ago, the Village paved over a portion of their property along Hedding Avenue, installed a storm drain and widened the road to encompass land owned by the Connors. Bob and Linda say they did not give permission and when objected, they were informed that the paving was necessary since the area needed draining. They were not afforded the opportunity to be compensated for their land nor do they wish now to be compensated.

They have attached a survey that shows that the paved area in question is on their property.

The Connors also state in their letter that survey markers have been placed in the middle of Troy and Hedding Avenues; these markers have been patched over with asphalt several times and then paved over. This letter is intended to clarify for the record that we remain owners of this property and have not relinquished our rights to the land. The DPW Superintendent has assured her that the land would always remain their property, but we have since been advised that we need to bring this to the attention of the Village Board in order to legally protect our property.

Superintendent Stevenson stated that there was a drainage problem in that area. A drain was installed and moved to meet the drain line, the area to the drain was paved. The drain was moved farther into the road due to the fact that there is a water line along the property. The road is still basically the same.

Ms. Connors claims that 6 feet of her property was paved and her markers were covered.

The Superintendent stated that her markers were never touched.

Discussion continued.

Ms. Connors, Superintendent Stevenson, Attorney Thomas Peterson and Trustee DeLorio will meet next week to look at the drain and paving on Hedding Avenue. A report to the Board will be at the next meeting.

Ms. Connors also commented that the DPW has trimmed her bush on the corner of Troy and Hedding Avenue. The bush was cut back 6 feet of the road.

The superintendent stated that he will look at the bush. He told the crew to cut the bush back.

Trustee Woerner asked if there is a practice or policy of notifying property owners to trim brush or trees giving them a date to correct the problem.

Superintendent Stevenson commented that if the brush or tree limbs are in the roadway, it is the Village's responsibility to trim.

Trustee Nellissen commented that if a neighbor's tree overhangs on your property, you have the right to trim the tree.

Fire Chief Mazza commented that the Town of Malta does not notify property owners of trimming trees or brush.

Some discussion continued.

REPORTS

Superintendent Stevenson: Flushing the hydrants has been finished, there are still some valves that need to be worked. It went well.

The meter readings have been done, there are a couple of meters that need to be read again.

The water in the Auditorium has been turned on; they found a broken toilet which has been replaced. The rope that controls the stage curtain has broken. The Superintendent believes that the DPW can replace the 200-300 feet of rope.

Trustee Nellissen asked if the Village paid to have the tree at the Methodist Church removed.

Superintendent Stevenson replied that the Church paid to have the tree taken down. The Village chipped up the sections of the tree, which is something they do for all the Village residents. Trustee DeLorio confirmed that the Church paid Donovan to cut the tree down.

Animal Control Officer: There were no complaints this month. There was discussion that the dog droppings up and down the trail have not been a real problem.

Fire Chief Mazza: Chief Mazza has left the meeting for a fire call. Chief Mazza left the monthly report and a request for a new Chief's Vehicle.

The vehicle proposed is a 2011 Chevrolet 1500 Tahoe, 4-door, 4WD which includes the following above and beyond standard equipment;

- Upgraded wheels & tires
- Red paint color
- Rear locking differential
- 2nd battery
- Skid plates
- Wiring, installation and components for flashing headlights, grill lights, siren, horn, speakers, light bar, traffic advisor and roof mounted antenna & remote start.
- Interior command center

Total proposal for vehicle \$35,000

Radio Installation & lettering will be an additional up to \$2,000.

Board discussion:

- Is there funding in their budget for this purchase?
- Use of the vehicle? The policy for the use of the vehicles needs to be clarified.
- What about family members in the vehicle. (non-fire fighters).
- What about insurance for non-fire fighters.
- These issues will be discussed with the Fire Chief.

RESOLUTION 42 OF 2011

BE IT RESOLVED that the Round Lake Village Board of Trustees authorize the purchase of a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe for \$35,000, with the addition of the radio equipment the cost is \$37,000.

RESOLVED by Trustee Nellissen, SECONDED by Trustee DeLorio.

Trustee Nellissen – aye
Trustee Woerner – aye
Mayor Sacks – absent

Trustee DeLorio – aye
Deputy Mayor Bergin – aye

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Code Enforcement Officer: No report for this month. It was noted that Mr. Gizzi has not attended any meetings this month or provided a report for the Board.

Veterans Committee: Trustee DeLorio informed the Board that things are moving forward for the Memorial Day ceremony. Things are in place for the Girl Scout campout and participation in the ceremony. Discussion continued.

OLD BUSINESS

Round Lake/Malta Ballfields: On hold until after the June 20 meeting.

Review of Village Policies- Personnel Policy – on hold

Land Sale Policy: Mr. Peterson will make a red line draft for the Village Board. The policy will require a survey certified to the Village and the owner of the property. Hold for the next meeting.

Rules & Regulations for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board: On hold for future meeting.

Rowe Park Water Issue: The Board and Superintendent discussed this problem. The superintendent will be lowering the level of the ditch at the end where the driveway is located. All we are doing is making an improvement. It may solve the problem without cost to the Village. It will be done within the next month when the area dries up some.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Transfers: The Village Board reviewed the proposed budget transfers and Board discussion continued. Trustee DeLorio stated that he will not approve anymore budget transfers unless they are commended with a signed statement from the Auditor. The Village Board made changes that they felt were correct, to the budget transfers

RESOLUTION 43 OF 2011

BE IT RESOLVED that the Round Lake Village Board of Trustees approve the following budget transfers as amended by the Village Board:

Increase A5112.4	Roads	\$42,224
Increase A5132.2	Garage Equipment	134,990
Increase A5132.4	Garage Cont.	6,476
Increase A5132.41	Equip. Maint.	1,546
Increase A5142.12	Supt. Snow OT	1,290
Increase A5142.4	Snow Cont.	8,176
Decrease A599	Cash	194,702
Increase A1120	Sales Tax	\$13,584
Increase A1171	Cell Tower	31,502
Increase A2262	Ballston Fire Cont.	9,926
Increase A2660	Sale Real Propt.	12,582
Increase A2665	Sale of Equip	39,000
Increase A5031	Inter fund Transfer	109,594
Decrease A2262	Malta Fire	113,000
Decrease A599	Case	103,188

RESOLVED by Trustee Nellissen, SECONDED by Trustee Woerner.

Trustee Nellissen – aye	Trustee DeLorio – no
Trustee Woerner – aye	Deputy Mayor Bergin – aye
Mayor Sacks – absent	

RESOLUTION APPROVED

MOTION by Trustee Nellissen that any future budget transfers must include a signed letter from the Auditor with account numbers, account names and an explanation of the budget transfers SECONDED by Trustee Woerner.

MOTION APPROVED

Fire Chief Mazza returned from the fire call.

NYS DOT; The Construction Company that is working on closing Maltaville Road has notified the Village that they anticipate changing the “hammerhead driveway”, turn around & parking area on this side of the Maltaville bridge. This area will be relocated north of the area that was originally proposed, from a very swampy area to that is less swampy. The Village reviewed the map provided by DOT.

RESOLUTION 44 OF 2011

BE IT RESOLVED by the Round Lake Village Board of Trustees to hereby grant permission and give consent to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation, his agents or contractors, to enter onto the property owned by the Village of Round Lake in connection with the installation of an embankment and construction of a hammerhead driveway for the contract on Maltaville Road at Route 9, Round Lake New York. This permission is granted with the understanding that such work shall be limited to an area within 6 meters of the highway right of way.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that Deputy Mayor, Thomas Bergin is authorized to sign said contract agreement.

RESOLVED by Trustee Woerner, SECONDED by Trustee Nellissen.

Trustee Nellissen – aye
Trustee Woerner – aye
Mayor Sacks – absent

Trustee DeLorio – aye
Deputy Mayor Bergin – aye

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Round Lake Fire Department Membership Application: Hold for executive session.

CORRESPONDENCE: Deputy Mayor Bergin read a letter from the Round Lake Library sent to Thomas McAnany, Malta, notifying him that he may not visit either the Round Lake Library or the Malta Branch for 21 days. Discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Trustee Nellissen to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2011, Board of Trustees meeting, SECONDED by Trustee DeLorio.

MOTION APPROVED

VILLAGE ATTORNEY Mr. Peterson commented that the shared store room on the second floor has a plywood floor. In order to keep the dirt down, Mr. Peterson will be installing self-adhesive tiles at no cost to the Village.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Nellissen informed the Village Board that he has been transferred to yet another person in NYSEG, concerning the street lights. Hopefully this new contact will be able to assist the Village.

Trustee DeLorio reported that the date of the Exit 11 master plan meeting was changed. Trustee DeLorio believes that a traffic study needs to be done starting at the

round-a-bout, (recently traffic has backed up into the round-a-bout), and address the new proposed development, turning lanes and sidewalks. Some discussion continued.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

RESOLUTION 44 OF 2011

BE IT RESOLVED that the Round Lake Village Board of Trustees authorize the payment of the following abstracts:

Abstract # 412 in the amount of \$155,420.89 General Fund, \$1,284.93 Water Fund and \$29.73 for Capital Projects (H8) for a total of \$156,735.55.

Abstract # 511 in the amount of \$ 46,861.17 General Fund, \$7,565.18 Water Fund and 9.78 Sewer Fund for a total of \$54,436.13.

RESOLVED by Trustee Nellissen, SECONDED by Trustee DeLorio.

Trustee Nellissen – aye
Trustee Woerner – aye
Mayor Sacks – absent

Trustee DeLorio – aye
Deputy Mayor Bergin – aye

RESOLUTION APPROVED

MOTION by Trustee Woerner to go into executive session to review a membership application for the Fire Department, SECONDED by Trustee DeLorio.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION by Trustee Nellissen to return to regular session of the meeting, SECONDED by Trustee Woerner.

RESOLUTION 45 OF 2011

BE IT RESOLVED that the Round Lake Village Board of Trustees approve the membership application of David Haynes into the Round Lake Fire Department pending passage of the requirements.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

MOTION by Trustee DeLorio to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm, MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois J. Whitbeck
Village Clerk