

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON August 13, 2024, 8:00 P.M.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Shawn Staples, Police Chief; Mr. Brian Kolosh, Fire Chief; Mr. Ed Stewart, Director Recreational Services; Mr. Michael Cramer, Director Public Works; Mr. Travis Bandstra, Director Community Development; Mr. Tim Lapp, Village Attorney; Mr. John Hilsen, Village Engineer; Ms. Pat Mahon, Deputy Village Administrator; Mr. J Wynsma, Village Administrator; Mr. Will Neibert, Assistant to Village Administrator; Mr. Dillion Herman, Village Treasurer

Absent: Ms. Julia Huisman, Public Relations and Marketing Manager

President De Graff called the meeting to order, and Clerk Penman called the roll.

Present: Trustees Larry De Young, Vickie Perkins, Cindy Nysten, John Russell, Andrew Johnson and Prince Reed

Pastor Mark Morris from Thorn Creek Reformed Church opened our meeting with a prayer. President De Graff thanked Pastor Morris.

Minutes

Trustee Nysten moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the July 9, 2024**, meeting be dispensed with, copies thereof having been distributed to each trustee, and the **Minutes** as presented be approved. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Nysten, Perkins, De Young, Russell, Johnson and Reed

Nays: None

Motion carried, approved and so ordered by President Don A. De Graff

Resident Comments

A resident wanted confirmation regarding the Village's ownership of a piece of property. President De Graff confirmed that the Village does own that property, as well as several other properties, that were picked up for tax sales. The goal is to redevelop the properties and get them back on the tax roll. The resident also expressed concerns regarding tall grass on the property behind her home. The property is owned by the Tollway, and she would like assistance getting someone to come out and cut the grass. She shared that someone from the Tollway had agreed to take care of the problem, but he retired before anything was done. Director Cramer will meet with her to get that person's name and he will then follow up with the Tollway, on her behalf.

A resident expressed concerns with his property tax increase after noticing that a large portion of the taxes go to the school district. He has a problem with that because he saw a group of girls playing in the park when he felt they should have been in school. He said that he called the police, but he did not like the response he got from the officer. President De Graff stated that if this is a regular occurrence, we are willing to help him and the school district. Chief Staples will follow up with him after the meeting to get more details.

A second resident expressed concerns with the property tax increase and asked whether the Village had done anything to help inform residents, such as what was done by the township. President De Graff shared that we had Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi as well as Commissioner Larry Rogers of the Cook County Board of Review here to explain the increase to residents and talk with residents about submitting an appeal. We will continue to work on this tax issue but know that this is not just a South Holland problem. President De Graff noted that the increase was outlandish, and we are hoping that the State of Illinois find a way to address the school funding issue more effectively. The resident also wanted to know whether the Village could assist residents with securing loans. President De Graff explained that there was nothing the Village can actually do to organize a bank loan however, there are several banks in town that would be willing to work with residents.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Hilsen had one item this evening, a Contract Award for the 2024 MFT Pavement Marking Program, to the lowest responsive bidder Traffic Control Company of South Chicago Heights, IL in the amount of Thirty Thousand, Five Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$30,514.50). Trustee Reed moved to approve the MFT Resolution as presented. Trustee Russell second the motion.

The following bids were received:

| Bidder | Bid Price |
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| Traffic Control Company (Chicago Heights, IL) | \$30,514.50 |
| Precision Pavement Markings, Inc (Pingree Grove, IL) | \$82,895.50 |
| <i>Engineer's Estimate</i> | <i>\$108,912.60</i> |

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Reed, Russell, De Young, Perkins, Nysten, and Johnson

Nays: None

Motion carried, approved and so ordered by President Don A. De Graff

Attorney's Report

Mr. Lapp presented a **Consent Agenda** containing five items:

- a. Resolution Suspending the Operations and Dissolving the E-COM System Board
- b. Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the MWRD for the Design, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the Thorn Ditch Flood Mitigation Project
- c. Ordinance No. 2024-35: Granting Conditional Use Request- United Mex Tire and Auto Repair Shop Inc. at 16030 Suntone Drive
- d. Ordinance 2024-37: Amending Appendix A. "Zoning" re. Hybrid Business-Industrial District
- e. Ordinance 2024-38: Granting Conditional Use Permit to Allow a Religious Organization at 16500 Woodlawn East Avenue

President De Graff asked the Trustees if there were any items, they wish to have removed from the Consent Agenda, if not, is there a motion to approve. Trustee Nylen moved to approve the **Consent Agenda** as presented. Trustee Russell seconded the motion.

President De Graff took a moment to acknowledge the Intergovernmental Agreement with the MWRD for the Design, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the Thorn Ditch Flood Mitigation Project. This is a project that we have been working on for years. This is fantastic.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Nylen, Russell, De Young, Perkins, Johnson and Reed

Nays: None

Motion carried, approved and so ordered by President Don A. De Graff

Community Development

Trustee DeYoung shared that we have had 182 building permits in the last thirty days, with a total valuation of \$2,700,000. During our Permit Fee Vacation, 41 permits met the criteria to be waived, thereby saving residents a total of \$6,633 in permit fees. Among the permits issues this month were: \$98,500 for a new Façade update – Charm Cleaners; \$17,000 for new Windows and Doors – Joe Blandford; and \$5,770 for new signage - Jake TerHaar Lawn Mower and Snow Blower Repair.

Parks and Recreation

Trustee Perkins shared that our 1ST Annual South Holland Sports Tailgate will take place on Sunday August 18th from 1pm to 4pm at Paarlberg Park. South Holland residents and friends are invited to gather in celebration of sports and South Holland student athletes. The tailgate will feature refreshments, various sporting activities and representatives from South Holland sports organizations to answer questions from participants and families.

On Saturday August 31st and Sunday September 1st South Holland Recreational Services will be hosting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament for boys and girls in 3rd through 8th grades. There will be separate brackets for boys and girls teams. Each team must have a minimum of three players to compete. There will be a 3-point competition at intermission and awards will be given at the conclusion of the tournament.

Community Life

Trustee Nylen shared that this Saturday, from 6-9pm, residents can enjoy a **Ravinia-style concert at Veterans Memorial Park**. The featured band is Hey Jimmy, which will be performing a wide range of pop, rock, soul and country hits. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at southholland.org or at the gate.

The South Holland Historical Society is hosting its annual **Heritage Fest** on Labor Day, September 2, at Paarlberg Park. The event celebrates local history and heritage, with crafters, woodworking, line dancing, food vendors, and performances by the South Holland Municipal Band and Master Chorale.

The annual **Fun Run 5K** is coming up on Saturday, September 21. At this fun and festive run/walk, participants are encouraged to wear costumes and accessories, and there will be entertaining surprises along the course, plus activities in the park. For more information and to register, visit southholland.org.

Finance

Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers Nos. 174, 175, 176 and 177 for a total of \$5,077,603.27** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and payroll. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Russell, Johnson, De Young, Perkins, Nylen and Reed

Nays: None

Motion carried, approved and so ordered by President Don A. De Graff

Public Safety

Trustee Johnson had no report this evening.

Public Works

Trustee Reed shared that all resurfacing projects are wrapping up. Repairs to soil and sod will be completed in September.

Public Works has had 5 chipper crews moving through all 7 of our services zones over the past month, chipping branches and cutting up large logs and tree trunks.

PW had collected approximately 1,260 cubic yards or 1,764 tons of chips and has now completed two passes throughout the 100 miles of roads in the village.

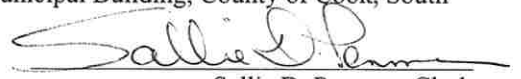
Starting this week of August 12, we will be back to normal operations, running 1 chipper truck on our normal routes.

President De Gaff took a moment to thank PW for the great work in the aftermath of the storm. There was a tremendous amount of damage.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee Reed moved that this meeting adjourn. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. Ayes all on the roll. Meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 8:00 PM, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, County of Cook, South Holland, Illinois.

Approved by:

President


Sallie D. Penman, Clerk

