

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON February 11, 2025, 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; Mr. J Wynsma, Village Administrator; Ms. Pat Mahon, Deputy Village Administrator; Mr. Dillion Herman, Village Treasurer; Mr. Will Neibert, Assistant to Village Administrator

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 Nylen, John Russell, Andrew Johnson and Prince Reed

Reverend Dan Svendsen from First Church of South Holland opened our meeting with a prayer. President De Graff thanked Rev Svendsen.

Special Presentation

President De Graff presented a Proclamation to the MacArthur Public School for being an invaluable partner to the Village of South Holland and the South Holland Little League for many years, by allowing our community's youth to use its baseball fields to play and thrive.

Minutes

Trustee Nylen moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the January 14, 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 Nylen, 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 asked for clarity regarding the task of the community police officer patrolling the Jewel parking lot. He understood issuing tickets to cars illegally parked in the handicap spots, however the officer appeared to be issuing tickets to cars that were not parked in handicapped spots. Chief Staples explained that tickets are also issued to cars parked in the fire lane.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Hilsen had no report this evening.

Attorney's Report

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

- a. Ordinance 2025-11: Conditional Use – 16000 Van Drunen Road
- b. Ordinance 2025-12: Conditional Use – 701 East 170th Street
- c. Ordinance 2025-13: Conditional Use – 16961 State Street
- d. Ordinance 2025-15: Amending Chapter 16, Entitled "Solid Waste"
- e. Ordinance 2025-16: Amending Chapter 6, Entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations"
- f. Ordinance 2025-17: Amending Chapter 21, Entitled "Water"
- g. Resolution authorizing updated MABAS agreement
- h. Resolution authorizing the sale of 1534 E. 168th Street

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 Russell moved to approve the **Consent Agenda** as presented. Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Community Development

Trustee DeYoung shared that we had 49 building permits last month, with a valuation of \$3,000,000,. Included in the permits were U.P.S.- \$500,000 for Addition to existing Structure; Calumet Industry- \$500,000 for Solar Panels; \$1,000,000 for new structure.

Parks and Recreation

Trustee Perkins shared that registration is now available for our **Summer Day Camp and Sports Academy programs**. Sign up early and take advantage of our monthly payment plan options. Spaces are limited. Registration is available at the Community Center or online at southholland.org.

Are you ready for some Flag Football? Introducing the inaugural season of the **South Holland NFL Flag Football League**! The league is for boys and girls in grades K through 8, and is scheduled to begin in March. All games will be played at Paarlberg Park. We are in need of coaches and officials. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Community Center at 708-331-2940.

SHRS will be hosting a **Pickleball Tournament** on Thursday March 6th from 5pm to 9pm at the Community Center. The tournament will be doubles play in any combination of men and women. Pool and bracket play will be available depending on the number of teams. There will be a 3-game guarantee. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Registration is required.

Community Life

Trustee Nylen shared that February is **Black History Month**, and in the lobbies of each of the Village's public buildings, you can view a display that features black historical figures. These displays are also featured on southholland.org, along with a list of Black History Month events being held in South Holland and surrounding communities.

The South Holland Chorale is participating in the **Midwest Underground Railroad Network Celebration of Black History Month**, Friday February 21st from 6pm – 8pm, at First Reform Church. Members of the Midwest Underground Railroad Network will share the history of the underground railroad through music, drama and storytelling. This is a free event.

Several talented South Holland artists will have their art on display at our annual **Artists' Gallery**, which takes place March 6 – 7 at the Community Center. The Gallery is free and open to the public, so stop by and view their works of art. Visit southholland.org for information.

The South Holland Business Association is having a **blood drive** at the Community Center on March 6 from 1-6pm. We invite the South Holland community to donate blood for those in need. Sign up at shba.org or visit the American Red Cross website and search "South Holland."

Finance

Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers Nos. 194, 195 and 196 for a total of \$3,711,976.24** 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 shared that the Police Department will be hosting "Pancakes with the Police" on March 14 from 9:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m. at the Heritage House. There is room for up to 50 residents. This is an opportunity for residents to meet and enjoy quality time with South Holland police officers. Discussions regarding public safety and community events will be shared with all in attendance. Please register by emailing Administrative Assistant Maria Zamora at mzamora@southholland.org.

Public Works

Trustee Reed shared that we completed our partnership with Verde Solutions to install solar panels on five municipal buildings, advancing our commitment to sustainability and renewable energy. The results speak for themselves. Approximately 2,000 solar panels were installed. These solar panels will help prevent 25,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions, which is equal to 2.5 million gallons of gasoline avoided, or 8,500 tons of waste recycled instead of landfilled.

The Lead Service Line Replacement project is progressing well. To date, we have replaced 150 lead service lines and expect to complete another 100 by the end of the project in May. This phase is funded by an IEPA Forgivable Loan of \$2.8 million, which allows us to remove 250 lead service lines.

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, March 11, 2025, at 8:00 PM, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, County of Cook, South Holland, Illinois.


Sallie D. Penman, Clerk

Approved by:


President