

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK  
HELD ON April 8, 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. Scott Dillner for Mr. Tim Lapp, Village Attorney; Mr. John Hilsen, Village Engineer; Mr. J Wynsma, Village Administrator; Ms. Pat Mahon, Deputy Village Administrator; Ms. Julia Huisman, Director of Communications

Absent: Mr. Tim Lapp, Village Attorney; Mr. Dillion Herman, Village Treasurer and Mr. Will Neibert, Assistant to Village Administrator

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 and Andrew Johnson

Absent with Notice: Trustee Prince Reed

Dr. Renee Allison from New Life House of God opened our meeting with a prayer. President De Graff thanked Dr. Allison.

#### **Public Hearing**

President De Graff opened the public hearing for the annual **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System** (NPDES). This Public Hearing is held to provide the public with general information on the Village's plan to stay in compliance with the IEPA's Illinois General Permit. Mr. Hilsen provided an overview sharing that the goal of NPDES is to eliminate pollutants from entering storm sewer system/detention ponds and depositing into rivers, lakes, creeks. The ultimate outlet points within the Village are Thorn Creek, the Little Calumet River, and the Cal-Union Drainage Ditch. The six required Minimum Control Measures (MCM's) are Public Education and Outreach, Public Involvement and Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Control of Construction Site Storm Water Runoff, Post-Construction Storm Water Management, and Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping. No one had questions or comments. President De Graff closed the Public Hearing.

#### **Minutes**

Trustee Nylen moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the March 11, 2024**, meeting be dispensed with, copies thereof having been distributed to each trustee, and the **Minutes** as presented be approved. Trustee De Young seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

#### **Resident Comments**

A resident expressed concern with the recurring potholes in the alley behind his property as well as on 158<sup>th</sup> Street. Director Cramer explained that the repairs done during the winter temperatures don't last very long, however we will be doing permanent repairs now that it is Spring.

#### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Hilsen had no report this evening.

#### **Attorney's Report**

Mr. Dillner presented a **Consent Agenda** containing three items:

- a. Ordinance 2025-22: Conditional Use Permit – Live4Lali, Inc. – 107 W. Sibley Boulevard
- b. Resolution Authorizing Sale of Property - 17050 South Park Avenue
- c. Resolution Authorizing 6B Class Renewal – Gibraltar Chemical Works – 114 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 De Young moved to approve the **Consent Agenda** as presented. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

A representative for Live 4 Lali Inc. was in attendance and was introduced by Trustee De Young.

#### **Community Development**

Trustee DeYoung shared that we had 97 building permits last month, with a valuation of over \$2,000,000. Included in the permits were QuikTrip - \$100,000 for demolition; 401 W. Taft - \$658,000 for site work.

### Parks and Recreation

Trustee Perkins shared that Senior trips are back! Our first trip will take place on Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> leaving the Community Center at 10am. All seniors are invited to join us as we head to Navy Pier for the **Chicago Signature Lunch Cruise**. Participants will enjoy a buffet-style lunch and scenic Lake Michigan views of the Adler Planetarium and Navy Pier. Pre-registration is required by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our inaugural **NFL Flag football** season is off to a great start. We have 121 participants registered and will have 16 teams participating in 4 age groups. All games will take place at Paarlberg Park on Sundays beginning at noon. The season begins on Sunday April 13.

### Community Life

Trustee Nylen shared that the Village is giving away free geranium flowerpots to South Holland residents to encourage everyone to add a touch of color to their porches this spring and summer. We will also give away a small South Holland flag to place in each pot. Visit Veterans Park pavilion on April 26 at 9am to receive your flowers, while supplies last. This giveaway is for verified South Holland residents.

Our annual **Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony** will be held on Monday, May 26 at 11am on South Park Avenue. A special Remembrance Ceremony will follow the parade at Veterans Memorial Park. If you would like to participate in this year's parade, please fill out an application at southholland.org.

In observance of the National Day of Prayer, the **annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on Thursday, May 1, 7:30am, at Spirit of God Fellowship. Join Mayor De Graff and South Holland pastors as they pray for our Village, State, and Nation. Breakfast is provided. Admission is \$10 at the door.

Trustee Nylen also shared a letter from **The South Holland Master Chorale** expressing appreciation for the partnership they have with the Village. SHMC produces six major concerts a season, as well as perform at the Memorial Day, Little League games and schools. This year they also performed at First Reformed Church in celebration of Black History Month with the Midwest Underground Railroad Network. The letter also acknowledged their appreciation for the \$5000 grant sponsorship provided by the Village for the singers who will perform at Carnegie Hall, in New York, in June 2025.

### Finance

Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers Nos. 200 and 201 for a total of \$3,507,461.22** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and payroll. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

### Public Safety

Trustee Johnson shared that due to the construction at the Fire Station 1, there will not be a **Coffee with the Firefighters** event on April 5. Starting in May, the monthly coffee will be held at SoHo Sweets. The dates will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9 to 10 am. There will not be a coffee on July 5<sup>th</sup>, due to the holiday. It's expected that the event will be back to the Fire Station in September.

The Police Department is proud to announce that it will be hosting our first "**Autism Awareness Event**" on July 12 from 11 am to 3 pm. The event will take place at the Community Center and is reserved for up to 120 guests. This is an opportunity for South Holland residents to raise awareness and promote acceptance of individuals who have autism. There will be multiple vendors and volunteers on site to provide information and resources to attendees. The event had been designed to include sensory-friendly games and quiet room. Food and refreshments will be provided. Further details, including the registration date will be shared soon. Please check the south Holland website for further details.

### Public Works

In Trustee Reed's absence, Trustee Perkins shared that **Yard Waste Collection** has begun and will continue through October 31.

Yard waste is collection in two ways. The first is by Homewood Disposal. Under the Village contract, Homewood Disposal provides each home with a yard waste toter and collects all standard yard waste on the same day as they pick up your residential garbage. The second way is by Public Works, which provides branch collection for non-bundled bulk branches, limbs, logs and stumps that residents have cut. If they were cut by a contractor, then the contractor is obligated to haul them away. Crews will typically collect branches on the first business day after your regular garbage service.

Take note however, that weather or infrastructure emergencies may delay the pick-up time, so please allow up to 7 days for branch pick-up.

The **public restrooms** at Veterans Park, Gouwen's Park, Maicach Park, and Paarlberg Park are now open daily from 6:30 am to 8:30 pm.

Acknowledging the beginning of Spring, President De Graff stated that Spring comes with a lot of nuances. Earlier we talked about some of the upcoming events to look forward to. Typically, when we think about Spring we think about new growth and regeneration. Undoubtably, there will be faster cars on the road, and the weeds and dandelions will be popping up. Inevitably we hear about it every year and there will be a greater need for code enforcement. We are thankful for what our departments have done to maintain South Holland in a wonderful way. In love and care, we will make sure that codes are met.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee Nylen moved that this meeting adjourn. Trustee Russell 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, May 13, 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

