

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON September 9, 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. Travis Bandstra, Director Community Development; Mr. Tim Lapp, Village Attorney; Mr. John Hilsen, Village Engineer; Mr. J Wynsma, Village Administrator; Ms. Julia Huisman, Director of Communications; Mr. Dillion Herman, Village Treasurer and Mr. Will Neibert, Assistant to Village Administrator

Absent: Mr. Michael Cramer, Director Public Works; Ms. Pat Mahon, Deputy Village Administrator

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 and Andrew Johnson

Absent with Notice: Trustee Prince Reed

Pastor James McKinney of Kingdom Ministries opened our meeting with a prayer. President De Graff thanked Pastor McKinney.

Special Presentation

President De Graff introduced Sargent Webber and asked for a motion to appoint him to the rank of Lieutenant. Trustee Johnson moved to approve the appointment. Trustee Russell second the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Minutes

Trustee Johnson moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the August 12, 2025**, meeting be dispensed with, copies thereof having been distributed to each trustee, and the **Minutes** as presented be approved. Trustee Russell seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Resident Comments

A resident shared concerns about safety issues regarding the drop-off/ pick-up zone at both McKinley and Greenwood schools. President De Graff encouraged her to speak with the school administration, but also to meet with Chief Staples at the conclusion of this meeting, to share the specifics of her concerns.

A resident shared concerns regarding an ongoing issue with a neighbor who has large, loud parties. There is reason to believe that the neighbor is renting his property out for parties. Chief Staples will follow up on his concerns.

Engineer's Report

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

- a. Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded Construction – 173rd St. Resurfacing
- b. Engineering Services Agreement with Robinson Engineering, LTD – 173rd St. Resurfacing
- c. Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code – 173rd St. Resurfacing

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

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

Nays: None

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

Attorney's Report

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

- a. Resolution Authorizing Class 6b - 520-536 W. 169th St.
- b. Ordinance 2025-38 - Amending Grocery Store Standards
- c. Amendment to Land Bank IGA
- d. Resolution Authorizing ROW Agreement - Clearwave Fiber

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 Perkins seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Community Development

Trustee DeYoung shared that we had 130 building permits last month, with a valuation of just over \$2,000,000. Included in this month's permits were a large number for roofing and paving.

Parks and Recreation

Trustee Perkins shared that our **8th Annual Breast Cancer Walk and Drive** will take place on Saturday October 11th at Veterans Park beginning at 9am. Come out and join us for our annual walk and driving caravan as we recognize our breast cancer survivors. There will be raffles, giveaways and awards given for best costumes and best decorated vehicles.

All seniors are invited to join us for our next **Senior Luncheon** which will take place on Friday October 17th from 12pm to 2pm. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with your friends. There will be food, music and more. Registration is required.

Community Life

Trustee Nylen shared that the next **Mayor's Coffee** is this Thursday, September 11, 7:30am at the Community Center. Residents are invited to hear from and speak with Mayor De Graff. Coffee and refreshments are provided.

There is still time to sign up for the annual **Fun Run 5K**, which is coming up on Saturday, September 20. At this fun and festive run/walk, participants are encouraged to wear costumes and accessories, and there will be entertaining surprises along the course. For more information and to register, visit southholland.org.

Finance

Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Register Nos. 216, 217 and 218 for a total of \$3,946,716.48** 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 the **Parade of Lights is coming in October**. The event begins with a meaningful memorial service on Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30 PM at Thorn Creek Reformed Church on 170th St. The silent lighted parade will depart from there and drive throughout the community. For more information, including the parade route, visit the Village website.

Following the success of our Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway, the police department is excited to announce our next beloved community tradition — **the Annual Christmas Bingo**. It will take place on Friday, December 12 from 11 AM – 2PM at the Community Center. This heartwarming event is a favorite among our senior residents, offering a joyful afternoon filled with bingo games, prizes, delicious food, and meaningful interactions with South Holland Police Officers. It's a wonderful opportunity to share in the holiday spirit and continue strengthening the bond between our officers and the community. Registration will be opening soon.

Public Works

In Trustee Reed's absence, Trustee Perkins reported on three items: **Street Resurfacing** - All resurfacing projects are wrapping up. Asphalt is complete for the MFT resurfacing projects. The painting, punch list, as well as the soil and seed work are scheduled to be completed this month.

170th Bridge Replacement – Cook County will be removing and replacing the bridge over Thorn Creek beginning in a few weeks. The project will take about a year. They will also be doing pavement reconstruction and concrete work. Travel lanes in each direction will remain open but anticipate temporary closures and restrictions.

Phase II Lead Service Line Replacement Project – The second phase of the lead service line replacement project will begin this month. Residents can expect contractors to complete the construction and restoration within 12 months.

President De Graff thanked residents for their participation in this evening's meeting and assured them that we will follow up on their concerns. He also acknowledged the work that is being done by different departments towards the development of our community as well as the many activities that is being planned to enhance community life for our residents.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee De Young moved that this meeting adjourn. Trustee Perkins 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, October 14, 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