

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON February 10, 2026, 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. Michael Cramer, Director Public Works; Mr. Tim Lapp, Village Attorney; Mr. John Hilsen, Village Engineer; Mr. J Wynsma, Village Administrator; Ms. Pat Mahon, Deputy Village Administrator; Mr. Will Neibert, Assistant to Village Administrator; Mr. Dillion Herman, Village Treasurer

Absent: Ms. Julia Huisman, Director of Communications

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

Pastor Richard Zekveld of Covenant Fellowship Church opened our meeting with a prayer. President De Graff thanked Pastor Zekveld.

Minutes

Trustee Nylen moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the January 13, 2026**, 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

There were no residents with comments.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Hilsen had no report this evening.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Lapp presented **Ordinance 2026-9**, Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issuance of approximately \$13,775,000 **General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026**, to finance construction of an indoor athletic facility and public street and streetscape improvements, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Ms. Raphaliata T. McKenzie, the Senior Vice President of Speer Financial, provided an overview of the bids, which were received earlier today from six bidders.

Trustee Russell moved to approve the **Ordinance** as presented. 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

Mr. Lapp also presented a **Consent Agenda** containing seven items:

1. Resolution authorizing Project Expense Reimbursement for Bond Proceeds
2. Ordinance 2026-8: Granting Conditional Use Permit – Creative Luxury Spaces at 15525 So. Park
3. Resolution Authorizing Class 6b Renewal – 16301 Vincennes Avenue
4. Resolution Authorizing Class 6b Incentive – 530 W. 172nd Street
5. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase – 16062 Prairie Avenue
6. Ordinance 2026-6 Alcoholic Beverages
7. Parking Agreement – First Reformed Church

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 45 building permits last month, with a valuation of more than \$1,694,000. Permits included \$1,000,000 – Fire Suppression/Alarm System – 526 W. 169th.

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.

Seniors, join us for our next **Senior Luncheon** which will take place on Friday February 20 at 12pm. Invite your friends and get ready for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. Registration is required.

Spring will be here before you know it and so will **NFL Flag football** season. Our league is for boys and girls 5 to 14 years of age and will run from April 26th through June 14th. All games and practices will take place on Sunday's 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.

Recreational Services is now accepting applications for our **Seasonal Summer positions**. Available positions include lifeguards, camp counselors, and coaches for Sports Academy. Applications are available at the Community Center or online at southholland.org.

Community Life

Trustee Nylen shared that this February, we're honoring **Black History Month** with special content across our social media channels and website. We invite residents to visit southholland.org for a list of Black History Month events happening in the area. You can also follow the Village on Facebook and Instagram, where we'll be sharing additional Black History Month features all month long.

The 2026 Artists' Gallery takes place April 9-10 at the South Holland Community Center. If you are an artist and would like to showcase your work in the gallery, you can apply at southholland.org. Artists must live or work in South Holland and be 18 or older to participate.

Finance

Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers #233, 234 and 235 for a total of \$6,425,109.02** 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 as part of the Police Department's continued commitment to community engagement and relationship-building, the Police Department is pleased to announce that **Pancakes with Police** is scheduled for Friday, March 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Heritage House, 443 East 157th Street. This event is designed to create an approachable and welcoming space where residents and officers can connect through meaningful conversation in a relaxed setting. By gathering over breakfast, we aim, to strengthen trust, encourage dialogue, and reinforce our shared commitment to community partnership. Participation is limited to 50 attendees, and advance registration is required. Each individual must register separately (one email per registration). Registrations can be sent to: Maria Zamora at mzamora@southholland.org.

Public Works

No report was given in Trustee Reed's absence.

President DeGraff noted that this was a very special, historical night to have this kind of bond situation. This is a great night for South Holland. This is going to pay huge dividends for the Village, with what we will be able to accomplish. On behalf of the Board, he thanked everyone involved for their leadership in what we have and what we will continue to accomplish as a team. Outstanding job by all.

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, March 10, 2026, 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