

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON March 10, 2026, 8:00 P.M.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Shawn Staples, Police Chief; Mr. Brian Kolosh, Fire Chief; Mr. John Hilsen, Village Engineer; Mr. J Wynsma, Village Administrator; Mr. Will Neibert, Assistant to Village Administrator

Absent: Mr. Ed Stewart, Director Recreational Services; Mr. Michael Cramer, Director Public Works; Mr. Travis Bandstra, Director Community Development; Mr. Tim Lapp, Village Attorney; Ms. Pat Mahon, Deputy Village Administrator; Mr. Dillion Herman, Village Treasurer; 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

President De Graff opened our meeting with a prayer.

Minutes

Trustee Nysten moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the February 10, 2026**, 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

There were no residents with comments.

Engineer's Report

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

- a. Contract Award – Fire Station Training Facility
- b. Resolution 2026-1 Submission of Community Block Grant (“CDBG”) Grant Application 2026

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

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

Nays: None

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

Attorney's Report

In Mr. Lapp's absence, Mr. Wynsma presented a **Consent Agenda** containing six items:

- a. Ordinance 2026-10: Amending the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Code
- b. Ordinance 2026-11: Conditional Use – Angelic Scholars 2 – 58 West 162nd Street
- c. Ordinance 2026-12: Conditional Use – Cantero Recycling – 16145 Vincennes Avenue
- d. Ordinance 2026-13: Resolution Adopting Family Athletic Center Subdivision
- e. Resolution Authorizing a License Agreement with Kiswani Property Inc. to Utilize Village Right-of-way
- f. Resolution Authorizing Building Permit Holiday – 4/20/26 through 5/01/2026

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 Russell seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Community Development

Trustee DeYoung shared that we had 52 building permits last month, with a valuation of \$570,000, which included various general repairs.

Parks and Recreation

Trustee Perkins shared that the **Girls Basketball Academy** is scheduled to begin on Monday March 30th from 5:30pm to 7pm for grades 3rd through 8th. Our academy provides an opportunity for girls to learn fundamentals, develop skills and compete at a high level. There will be 4 weeks of skills development training followed by 5 weeks of competitive play. Awards will be given out to the winners of each age division.

Egg-A-Paloosa is back for another year! Our Adults-Only Easter-themed celebration will be held on Friday March 27th at 7:30pm at Veterans Memorial Park. Grab your basket, bring your flashlight, and join us for a fun-filled evening. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older to register.

We are in need **coaches and officials for our NFL Flag program**. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Community Center at 708-331-2940. All games and practices will take place on Sunday's at Paarlberg Park.

Community Life

Trustee Nylen shared that our next **Mayor's Coffee** is this Tuesday, March 17, at 7:30am at the Community Center. Residents are invited to hear from and speak with Mayor De Graff. Coffee and refreshments are provided.

The annual South Holland **Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on March 28 at 11am at Veterans Park. This free event is for kids ages 1-10. In addition to the egg hunt, there will be face painting and photos with the Easter bunny. This year, no registration is required.

Finance

Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers Nos. 236 and 237 for a total of \$1,066,613.36** 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 on February 27, six of our recruits successfully graduated from the police academy. This achievement represents the completion of a significant phase of their training and preparation for service. All six officers officially began their duties with the South Holland Police Department on February 28, and have since started their field training.

Additionally, two new recruits were sworn in on March 4. They are scheduled to begin the police academy on March 8, where they will begin their formal law enforcement training. These additions are an important step in continuing to build and maintain the strength of our department, and we look forward to their development as they serve the South Holland community.

As spring approaches, the Village encourages all residents to take a few moments to review important fire safety practices.

- Spring is a great time to replace batteries and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are working properly.
- As you begin outdoor activities, please use grills safely by keeping them away from buildings and never leaving them unattended.
- When doing spring cleaning, properly dispose of old papers, chemicals, and other flammable materials.
- Keep dryer vents and outdoor areas free of debris.

By taking these simple precautions, we can help keep our homes, families, and community safe this spring.

Public Works

Trustee Reed had no report this evening.

President De Graff acknowledged the passing of Ralph Edgar stating that we have known Ralph for many years. He began a lot of development in the village. He is credited with a lot of major improvements and deals we worked out through the course of thirty years. He was a gentleman; a fine Christian man and he did a lot for this village. We are extremely grateful for a man who invested a lot of his money, time and effort, and believed in the Village of South Holland as a community of faith and family, leading to a bright future. He frankly had a lot to do with our bright future when it comes to economic development. Millions and millions of dollars have circulated as a results of his investment in our community. President De Graff shared that as he reflects on his many encounters with Ralph, both in the Village setting and at the bank setting it must be said that he was a very unique man, quiet and not so quiet, depending on the situation. He knew how to make deals and he knew how to get along really well with people.

Trustee De Young added that we are better people and better businesspeople for having known Ralph.

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, April 14, 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