

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK  
HELD ON September 6, 2016 8:00 P.M.

Administrative Staff Present: Gregory Baker, Police Chief; Mr. Brian Kolosh, Fire Chief; Mr. Bryant Krizik, Deputy Fire Chief; Mr. Frank Knittle, Director Community Development; Mr. Ed Stewart, Director Recreational Services; Mr. George Gunkel, Director Public Works; Mr. Tim Lapp, Village Attorney; Mrs. Pat Barker, Village Engineer; Mr. Jason Huisman, Village Administrator; Ms. Pat Mahon, Deputy Village Administrator; Ms. Mary Ann Thornton, Director Public Relations and Marketing; Mr. John Watson, Director of Economic Development; Mr. Mike Veronie, Deputy Clerk

President De Graff called the meeting to order and Clerk Penman called the roll.

Present: Trustees Larry De Young, Cindy Nylén, John Sullivan, Andrew Johnson and Prince Reed

Absent with Notice: Trustee Vickie Perkins

Reverend Dr. Carl King from Christ Community Church, opened our meeting with prayer. President De Graff thanked Reverend King.

**Special Presentation**

President De Graff presented a Proclamation honoring retiring Deputy Police Chief Robert Stegenga after 35 years of exemplary service.

President De Graff asked for a motion to **appoint Lieutenant Jim Tavernaro to Deputy Police Chief**. Trustee Johnson moved to approval the appointment as presented. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Sullivan, De Young, Nylén and Reed

Nays: None

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

President De Graff asked for a motion to **appoint Sergeant Jill Kruger to Lieutenant**. Trustee Johnson moved to approval the appointment as presented. Trustee Nylén seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Nylén, De Young, Sullivan and Reed

Nays: None

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

**Minutes**

Trustee De Young moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the August 15, 2016** meeting be dispensed with, copies thereof having been distributed to each trustee, and the Minutes as presented be approved. Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees De Young, Reed, Nylén, Sullivan and Johnson

Nays: None

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

**Resident Comments**

Several residents were in attendance expressing concerns and asking for an update on what was begin done to help them mitigate the damages to their homes, after the on July 29<sup>th</sup> flash flood. President De Graff explained the actions we had taken thus far. Regarding the availability of emergency funds, we contacted Cook County DHSEM, but we were told that our disaster did not meet their threshold criteria for state response, however we will continue to do all we can, in hopes of securing some grant monies. One resident shared that he just didn't understand why some residents got so much water while others got none. Ms. Kathy O'Conner, Director of Engineering for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) was in attendance and she explained that the flash flood produced a very large amount of water, in a section of town, in a very short time. The flash flood simply produced more water than any sewer system could handle. President De Graff also explained that we will be looking at any actions we might be able to take, to reduce the threat of such water damages in the future.

Mr. Eddie Thomas, a resident who lives across the street from Greenwood Elementary School, shared his concerns regarding the severe traffic congestion in the area when parents are dropping off and picking up their children. He shared a photo which shows the inconsideration some parents have for the residents by blocking driveways. He and his wife called the police about a year ago, when a driver blocked their driveway, but the driver was gone by the time the police arrive. Chief Baker will talk with Mr. Thomas to find a solution that could insure the safety of the children without diminishing respect for the residents.

President De Graff thanked everyone for their participation in tonight's meeting.

**Engineer's Report**

Ms. Barker had no report this evening.

**Attorney's Report**

Mr. Lapp had no report this evening.

**Community Development**

Trustee De Young moved for approval of **Building Permits Nos. 16-1016 – 16-1113 as presented, representing a value of over \$1,000,000 in community investments.** Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion.

Among these permits, Trustee De Young highlighted the following: \$5,000 – illuminated signage for Fed Express; \$60,000 – buildout for Sprint Store – Hamra Gateway.

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

Nays: None

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

**Parks and Recreation**

No report was given in Trustee Perkins' absence.

**Community Coordination**

Trustee Nylen announced that the next Mayor's Coffee is Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 pm, at the South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170<sup>th</sup> St. The Coffee will have a focus on flooding issues in the village.

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Heritage Haul race is Saturday, September 17, at Veterans Memorial Park. The bike race begins at 7:30 am, half marathon kicks-off at 7:45 am, followed by the 10K at 8:00 am, and the 5K at 8:15am. Kids dash activities will start at 8:30am.

Fall Fest is also Saturday, September 17, beginning at 11am, at Veterans Memorial Park. The full schedule of activities, which includes the annual car show, is available in the Aug/Sept edition of *South Holland TODAY*.

*Zootopia* is the featured film for the next movie in Veterans Memorial Park, wrapping up Fall Fest on Saturday, September 17. The park is located at 160<sup>th</sup> Place and South Park Ave. The movie will start at dark, with concession available at The Home Plate Grill.

**Finance**

Trustee Sullivan moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Register No. 897 for \$1,346,891.41** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and salaries. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Trustee Sullivan moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Register No. 898 for \$563,247.83** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and salaries. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

**Public Safety**

Trustee Johnson shared that the South Holland Fire Department will sponsor the 21st annual **Parade of Lights** – October 4, 7:00pm, in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, 2016. The South Holland Fire Department will be joined by many other suburban Fire Departments in a silent tribute to fallen firefighters and citizens who have suffered a loss in fire emergencies. Firefighting apparatus, including fire engines, fire aerial ladder trucks, squad cars, and ambulances will form a lights only parade that will wind through the streets of the villages of South Holland, Thornton, and Homewood. There will be a brief public service at Thorn Creek Reformed Church, 1875 E 170th Street, at 7:00pm and the parade will begin there at 7:30pm.

**Public Works**

Trustee Reed shared that SWAP personnel were in town today picking up garbage and debris at certain corners of South Holland, making this town cleaner, brighter and more beautiful. Park crews have had their hands full keeping up with the growing grass and maintaining park pavilions for picnic gatherings. Lastly, Public Works employees have been repairing catch basins and Blacktopping potholes during this stretch of dry weather.

President De Graff asked if there were any additional business.

Everyone in attendance was invited to stay for a reception for retiring Deputy Chief Stegenga and our new Deputy Chief Tavernaro and Lt. Kruger.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee Nysten moved that this meeting adjourn. Trustee De Young 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 Monday, September 19, 2016, at 8:00 PM, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, County of Cook, South Holland, Illinois.

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Sallie D. Penman, Clerk

Approved by:

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President