

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK  
HELD ON October 3, 2016 8:00 P.M.

Administrative Staff Present: Gregory Baker, Police Chief; Mr. Brian Kolosh, Fire Chief; 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; Ms. Beth Herman, Village Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Frank Knittle, Director Community Development

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

Present: Trustees Larry De Young, Vickie Perkins, Cindy Nysten, John Sullivan, Andrew Johnson and Prince Reed

Pastor Glen McCarthy from Peace Christian Reformed Church, opened our meeting with prayer. President De Graff thanked Pastor McCarthy.

#### **Minutes**

Trustee Nysten moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the September 19, 2016** 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, Sullivan, Johnson and Reed

Nays: None

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

#### **Resident Comments**

**Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 156<sup>th</sup> Haney Rd**, expressed concerns regarding a pothole on their street that is presenting a danger. Public Works will be there tomorrow to repair the pothole.

**Mr. LeRoy Edmond, 16731 Greenwood**, expressed concerns regarding the retention pond behind his property. He shared that over the years, he has spent large amounts of money combating the problems presented by the pond. Although he has no regrets, he said that this cannot be his responsibility alone. President De Graff shared that the property does not belong to the Village, therefore we need clarity regarding the ownership of the pond. Director Gunkel shared that he has been informed by Code Enforcement that the property belongs to the homeowners. President De Graff stated that we will see what we can do to get the problem addressed. We need to bring the neighbors together, look at property lines and make sure everyone understands their responsibility in addressing the problems jointly.

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

Ms. Barker had no report this evening.

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

Mr. Lapp had one item this evening, **Ordinance 2016-20, authorizing the sale of personal property**. Trustee Reed moved to approve the **Ordinance** as presented. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

#### **Community Development**

Trustee De Young moved for approval of **Building Permits Nos. 16-1186 – 16-1281 as presented, representing a value of nearly \$1,250,000 in community investments**. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion.

Among these permits, Trustee De Young highlighted the following: \$20,000 – electrical work for Advocate Medical Group; \$500,000 – interior buildout for Advocate Medical Group; \$5,400 – roofing for Chesterfield Awning.

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

Nays: None

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

#### **Parks and Recreation**

Trustee Perkins had no report this evening.

### Community Coordination

Trustee Nylen announced that the Celebration of the Arts in October begins this week with the Artists Gallery, October 6-8, at the South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170<sup>th</sup> Street. Gallery hours are available online at [www.southholland.org](http://www.southholland.org). Celebration of the Arts will continue with the fall concert and reception of the South Holland Master Chorale, Sunday, October 16, at First Reformed Church, 15924 South Park Avenue. The concert and reception are free to the public. For additional information, visit online at [www.southholland.org](http://www.southholland.org).

### Finance

Trustee Sullivan moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Register No. 900 for \$1,097,794.06** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and salaries. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Sullivan, 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 acknowledged the Open House and ribbon cutting for the new police facility, that took place just prior to tonight's board meeting, as well as the open house and fire academy graduation that took place on Saturday. We were pleased to see so many residents. Please come out for the South Holland Fire Department for the 21st annual Parade of Lights – October 11, 7:00pm. 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. 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 two gateway signs have been installed, one at 173<sup>rd</sup> and South Park Ave. and the other at 170<sup>th</sup> and Luella. Rock outcropping will be set around the perimeters of these signs and flowers will be planted within weeks. Fall cleanup in parks is still taking place and Public Works employees are busy transitioning our trucks to meet our winter needs. Salt spreaders and plows are being exercised and snow blowers are being serviced for anticipated snow events.

President De Graff asked if there were any additional business.

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 Monday, October 17, 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