

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON July 17, 2017 8:00 P.M.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Jim Tavernaro, representing Mr. Gregory Baker, Police Chief; Mr. Bryant Krizik, representing Mr. Brian Kolosh, 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; Mr. John Watson, Director of Economic Development; Ms. Beth Herman, Village Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Gregory Baker, Police Chief; Mr. Brian Kolosh, Fire Chief, Ms. Mary Ann Thornton, Director Public Relations and Marketing

Public Hearing

President De Graff opened the public hearing and asked Mr. Lapp to give an overview of the 2018 Appropriations Ordinance. Mr. Lapp provided an overview of the ordinance. No one had questions or comments. President De Graff closed the public hearing.

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

Present: Trustees Larry De Young, Vicky Perkins, Cindy Nylén and Prince Reed

Absent with Notice: Trustee Andrew Johnson

Pastor Richard Zekveld from Covenant Fellowship Church opened our meeting with prayer and acknowledged the loss of Trustee John Sullivan. President De Graff thanked Pastor Zekveld.

Minutes

Trustee Nylén moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the June 19, 2017** 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 Nylén, Perkins, De Young and Reed

Nays: None

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

Resident Comments

Jackie Franklin, expressing concerns for public safety, asked whether the Village still uses Reverse 911. There was police activity in her neighborhood and children were out, but there was no warning. Mr. Huisman explained that she was asking about Code Red, where residents are notified by the local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations. Deputy Chief Tavernaro further explained that the police activity, involving the State Police, which took place Saturday before last, stemmed from an incident that began at the Southland Oasis.

Engineer's Report

Ms. Barker had no report this evening.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Lapp had one item this evening, the **Annual Appropriations Ordinance**. Trustee De Young moved to approve the **Ordinance** as presented. Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees DeYoung, Reed, Perkins and Nylén

Nays: None

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

President De Graff gave kudos to Beth Herman and the administration for preparing another balanced budget and a thank you to the department leadership for keeping us running as efficiently as we do.

Community Development

Trustee De Young moved for approval of **Building Permits Nos. 17-0511, 17-0593 to 17-0671 as presented, representing a value of approximately \$688,000 in community investments**. Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

Among these permits, Trustee DeYoung highlighted the following: \$137,000 – paving for Jewel Osco.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees De Young, Reed, Perkins and Nylén

Nays: None

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

Trustee De Young moved for approval of **Building Permits Nos. 17-0436, 17-0672 to 17-0716 as presented, representing a value of approximately \$300,000 in community investments.** Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

Among these permits, Trustee DeYoung highlighted the following: \$20,000 – paving for Martin Produce; \$100,000 – building addition for Atre, LLC.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees De Young, Reed, Perkins and Nylen

Nays: None

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

Parks and Recreation

Trustee Perkins announced that this year's Girls Central Regional Softball Tournament will begin with the opening ceremonies on Friday July 21 at 6pm at Veterans Park. Opening round games are scheduled to begin on Saturday July 22 at 9am. The tournament will conclude with the championship game on Tuesday July 25th at 6pm. This year's tournament will feature 8 teams representing: Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

Trustee Perkins shared that this is the third year that the tournament has been held in South Holland. President De Graff added that this is something we can take great pride in.

Community Coordination

Trustee Nylen shared that Splash, the Town Center Commons Social will take place on Saturday, July 22 from 3 – 8 p.m. at 161st and South Park Avenue (former location of the bowling alley). This is a great opportunity to connect with family, friends, and neighbors.

Following the social, everyone is invited to the Movie in the Park, at dusk in Veterans Park 160th Place & South Park Avenue. The featured film is "Dory".

Finance

Trustee De Young moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Register No. 925 for \$1,092,946.26** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and salaries. Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees De Young, Reed, Perkins and Nylen

Nays: None

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

Trustee De Young moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Register No. 926 for \$1,252,800.41** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and salaries. Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees De Young, Reed, Perkins and Nylen

Nays: None

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

Public Safety

In Trustee Johnson's absence, Trustee Reed shared that **National Day Out**, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live, will be held by the South Holland Police Department on Saturday, August 5, 2017, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, at the South Holland Police Station Parking Lot, 16330 South Park Avenue. Everyone is invited to come join the South Holland police. There will be food, conversation, games, face painting, balloonist, live reptiles, a magician, information, prizes and fun.

Public Works

Trustee Reed shared that the second **2017 E-Waste Collection** is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon on July 22, in the rear parking lot of the South Holland Public Library. Electronic waste, or "e-waste", is known as old electronic devices that are broken, outdated, discarded, or at the end of the useful life. This includes cell phones, laptops, desktop computers, monitors, tablets, PDAs, televisions, printers, fax machines, scanners, and many other electronic devices. The last electronic waste collection day in 2017 is October 28.

Trustee Reed also acknowledged the wonderful update provided during the Public Works Committee meeting, held earlier this evening, stating that Public Works is doing such a nice job and that the parks look great.

President De Graff asked if there were any additional business.

Acknowledging Pastor Zekveld's earlier remarks about John Sullivan, President De Graff stated that we have always known that John's statute, as a man of God, is one that has always been admirable and through the course of his faith, he has led so many people to Christ. In addition to that, he has lead people to find a better live. John loved South Holland, he loved the people of South Holland. He absolutely took his job as a trustee so seriously because he wanted to make sure South Holland was the best community anywhere and would strive to make sure that we could be better. All of us have learned a lot from Dr. John Sullivan. Personally we have learned a lot, as a Board we have learned a lot, as an administration we have learned a lot and we've always admired his opinions, his stubbornness, his ability to lead and his desire to do the best he could possibly do on behalf of this village. Those of us who had an opportunity to attend his funeral realized that it was not a sad occasion. It was a very happy occasion. It was a celebration of John's life going into glory. With that said, we are going to miss him as a person, as a leader, as a friend to each of us. We are thankful for his wife Barb and their children who gave a tremendous testimony of John's life and their relationship with him and how he has affected not just them as a family, but how he has affected so many people throughout the course of his life. On behalf of this Village Board, I need to say that I personally, and Sallie as the Clerk, and each of our five remaining trustees will miss John immensely. There is a huge hole that we can all cry over for a long time, but we are not going to because we are so appreciative of who John was and is today, as a man of God, and the influence he had on us and this village. With that said, I want to make sure that on the records of the Village of South Holland minutes, we reflect the fact that we are honoring John tonight for his life, for his witness, for his work on this Village Board and for his strong love for the Village of South Holland and that the great resolve of who we are, is a result of John's love for this community. I want to make sure that it is recorded into posterity, but John would say that he doesn't deserve it. If he was here, he would say that God deserves it and he would be right because God has a way of using people and he used John in a very big way...*a very big way*. We are very thankful for John, his life and his ability to help us lead.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee Nylen 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, August 7, 2017, 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