

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK  
HELD ON August 7, 2017 8:00 P.M.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Gregory Baker, Police Chief; 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; Ms. Mary Ann Thornton, Director Public Relations and Marketing

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

Present: Trustees Larry De Young, Vicky Perkins, Cindy Nysten, Andrew Johnson and Prince Reed

Reverend Pete Tassio from King's Church opened our meeting with prayer. President De Graff thanked Reverend Tassio.

#### Minutes

Trustee Nysten moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the July 17, 2017** 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 Nysten, De Young, Perkins, Johnson and Reed

Nays: None

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

#### Resident Comments

**Dr. Jondelle Jenkins**, 17119 So. Bennett, asked for clarity on procedures we use when dealing with property that is not properly maintained. Her mother, Dr. Jenkins added that there are two homes in their area with tall grass and weeds. Director Knittle explained our process. Code Enforcement will follow up. Dr. Jenkins and her husband also express concerns regarding a group of boys who place their basketball goals in the street and stare down the drivers who want to get through. Some of the neighbors are afraid of retaliation. President De Graff share that this is unacceptable and he strongly encouraged them to call the police while this is happening.

**Ms. Shirley Smith**, 15613 Henry Rd, on behalf of Madison School, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, expressed thanks to the Fire Department for their assistance.

**Residents of 168<sup>th</sup> Street**, expressed concern regarding squatters who have taken over a home at 1230 E. 168<sup>th</sup> St. The property is owned by the VA. When the police were called, the occupants produced a fake lease agreement. As home owners, they would like to know their rights. President De Graff shared that we don't know what we can legally do, given the information we have. It is unfortunate, but squatters actually have rights. We will meet with the group to determine how to deal with this appropriately. President De Graff asked Chief Baker, Director Knittle, Attorney Lapp and other related members of our leadership team to meet with the group to come up with a plan.

#### Engineer's Report

Ms. Barker had no report this evening.

#### Attorney's Report

Mr. Lapp had four items this evening. The first item was **Ordinance 2017-10, amending Chapter 9, Section 9-40, Licenses and Business Regulations**. Trustee De Young moved to approve the **Ordinance** as presented. Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees DeYoung, Reed, Perkins, Nysten and Johnson

Nays: None

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

The second item was **Ordinance 2017-4, amending Chapter 9, Section 9-57.25, Licenses and Business Regulations**. Trustee Reed moved to approve the **Ordinance** as presented. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

The third item was a **Resubdivision Approval for 15525/15527 LaSalle Street**. Trustee De Young moved to approve the **Resubdivision** as presented. Trustee Nysten seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

The fourth item was a **Class 6b Resolution – GBG Leasing LLC – 15523 LaSalle**. Trustee De Young moved to approve the **Resolution** as presented. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

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

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. 17-0682, 17-0703, 17-0710, 17-0717 to 17-0820 as presented, representing a value of approximately \$1,125,000 in community investments**. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

Among these permits, Trustee DeYoung highlighted the following: \$90,000 – reroof for Calumet Carton; \$3,500 – signage for Thornton’s Gas Station; \$7,500 – blacktop for Santefort Enterprises; \$15,500 – upgrades for Popeye’s Fried Chicken; \$220,000 – foundation / site work for Ralph Edgar Properties.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees De Young, Perkins, Nylen, 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 shared that “Dance”, the Town Center Commons Social will take place on Saturday, August 26, from 3 – 8 p.m. at 161st and South Park Avenue. Activities will include Line Dancing, Dance Contests, Live Band Performances, Face Painting, Caricature Artist, Food Trucks, Frozen Treats and Raffle Prizes. 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 “Beauty and the Beast”.

**Finance**

Trustee De Young moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Register No. 927 for \$1,619,108.22** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and salaries. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

**Public Safety**

Trustee Johnson had no report this evening.

**Public Works**

Trustee Reed had no report this evening.

President De Graff asked if there were any additional business.

President De Graff thanked all who came to express concerns this evening. We will address everyone’s concerns.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee De Young moved that this meeting adjourn. Trustee Reed 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 21, 2017, 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