

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON August 21, 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. Mary Ann Thornton, Director Public Relations and Marketing

Absent: Ms. Beth Herman, Village Treasurer

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

Evangelist Betty G. Wilson from Breaking of Bread Fellowship, Ministry, Inc. opened our meeting with prayer. President De Graff thanked Evangelist Wilson.

President De Graff presented a Proclamation honoring retiring ESDA Deputy Director, Ralph Turner.

Minutes

Trustee Johnson moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the August 7, 2017** meeting be dispensed with, copies thereof having been distributed to each trustee, and the **Minutes** as presented be approved. Trustee Nysten seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Resident Comments

Ms. Linda Howell, 15306 Ingleside, expressed concerns regarding a party that took place on her street with an excessive numbers of guest spilling out of the house. This was a party with adults and it ended around 1:00 AM. Neighboring lawns were left with bottles and other debris the next morning. She reported that the police were called and that the responding officer had a difficult time getting down the street. Ms. Howell shared that such a large number in one concentrated area would have been a problem had there been a medical emergency in the area. Chief Baker will meet with her to get more details and to discuss what should be done moving forward.

Ms. Jackie Franklin, 265 E. 173rd Place, asked what the Village and other governing bodies were doing regarding stagnant water in the deep tunnel. President De Graff explained that we and the other surrounding communities are working with MWRD to make sure we get the highest attention and we will be happy to provide her with an update after we have more information.

Vivian Tracey, 170th Greenwood, expressed concern regarding a section of her street that is sinking and her sidewalk which is buckling. Director Gunkel shared that there was a water main break on her street and that a section of the street was cut out to make the repair. The street was repaired and it is settling. President De Graff informed her the Public Works will come out and do an evaluation the area.

A Resident expressed concerns about groceries stores that have closed in neighboring communities. She wanted to know whether new stores would be replacing those closed stores. President De Graff explained neighboring communities done share such information, therefore we cannot account for the business plans of other communities however we do have excellent grocery stores here in town with no plans for closing. Trustee De Young, highlighting the stability of our stores by sharing that Jewel had just invested in the repaving of their parking lot and Aldi has also had work done.

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 2017-6, amending Chapter 9, 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 a **Resolution authorizing agreement with Property Registration Champions, Corp.** Trustee De Young moved to adopt 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

The third item was a **Resolution authorizing the short term extension of the firefighter new hire list.** Trustee Johnson moved to adopt the **Resolution** as presented. Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

The fourth item was a **Resolution authorizing the sale of Northwest corner of U.S. Route 6 and Wausau Ave.** Trustee De Young moved to adopt the **Resolution** as presented. 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

Community Development

Trustee De Young moved for approval of **Building Permits Nos. 17-0423, 0503, 0702, 0763, 0771, 0798, 0839, 17-0821 to 17-0890 as presented, representing a value of over \$1,000,000 in community investments.** Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

Among these permits, Trustee DeYoung highlighted the following: \$30,000 – fire sprinkler and installation of fuel tanks for USA Truck; \$45,000 – paving for Walgreen’s; \$320,000 – foundation for Chicago Heights Glass; \$15,000 – fire sprinkler for Thornton’s Gas Station; \$75,000 – roof for Pet Supply Imports, Inc.; \$3,500 – signs for Esquire Petroleum Mobil.

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 shared that the Fall program books are now available at the Community Center or you can view all program information on line at www.southholland.org.

Fall program registration will take place on Thursday August 31 from 9am to 7pm for residents only, Friday September 1 from 9am to 7pm and Saturday Sept 2 from 9am to 2:30pm for open registration. As always, please remember, you can register and pay for all programs on line at www.southholland.org

New program offerings for the fall include: Adult Sewing, Delta Force Zone Core Kickboxing, Step Aerobics, and Zumba Gold Seated.

Community Coordination

Trustee Nylen shared that this Saturday, August 26, is the final Town Center Commons Social event for the season, 3 to 8 p.m., at 161st and South Park Ave. Following the social is the Movie in Veterans Park. The featured film is “Beauty and the Beast,” which will be shown at dusk.

Mark your calendar for the Historical Society’s annual Paarlberg Festival, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Labor Day, September 4, at Paarlberg Park, 173rd and Paxton Avenue. The South Holland Municipal Band, joined by members of the South Holland Master Chorale, will close out the festival with their final concert of the season, beginning at 3 p.m.

Register online for the Heritage Haul race, scheduled for September 16th, at www.southholland.org. Registrants will receive a long sleeve race shirt and gift bag filled with race swag (gifts), as well as, a finisher medal as they cross the finish line.

Finance

Trustee De Young moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Register No. 928 for \$1,801,408.36** 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, but he took the opportunity to thank Ralph Turner for his many years of service. He also thanked the members of ESDA who came out tonight to help honor Ralph.

Public Works

Trustee Reed reported that Public Works crews are on schedule repairing catch basins, tree removal, and root cutting of sanitary sewer lines, due to the dry weather we have been having.

With the grass becoming dormant, employees are off their mowers and installing bollards at Town Center Commons, removing and installing playground equipment and lastly, striping our parking lots at various parks.

President De Graff asked if there were any additional business.

President De Graff invited all in attendance to join us for cake and coffee, in honor of Ralph Turner.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee Nysten 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 Tuesday, September 5, 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