

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON May 21, 2018 7:00 P.M.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Shawn Staples, Police Chief; Mr. Brian Kolosh, Fire Chief; Mr. Ed Stewart, Director Recreational Services; Mr. George Gunkel, Director Public Works; Mr. Tim Lapp, Village Attorney; Mr. John Hilsen, Village Engineer; Mr. J Wynsma, Village Administrator; Ms. Pat Mahon, Deputy Village Administrator; Ms. Mary Ann Thornton, Director Public Relations and Marketing

Absent: Mr. Frank Knittle, Director Community Development; Mr. John Watson, Director of Economic Development; Ms. Beth Herman, Village Treasurer

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

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

Pastor Richard Zekveld from Covenant Fellowship Church opened our meeting with prayer. President De Graff thanked Pastor Zekveld.

Special Presentation

Students representing local schools held a mock village board meeting. **Student Government Day** participants included students from Calvary Academy, Calvin Christian, Christ Our Savior and Coolidge Middle School. Each student was paired with a village official. They interviewed their village official to learn about the structure of local government and during their mock board meeting, the students shared their findings.

Minutes

Trustee Nysten moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the May 7, 2018** 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, Russell, Johnson and Reed

Nays: None

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

Resident Comments

There were no residents with questions or comments this evening.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Hilsen had no report this evening.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Lapp had one item this evening, a **Resolution accepting membership as a member of the Eastern Will Benefit Cooperative (EWBC) Sub-Pool**, which is a member of the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative. Trustee Russell moved to approve the **Resolution** as presented. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Russell, Johnson, De Young, Perkins, Nysten 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. 18-0309, 18-0325, 18-0327, 18-0328, 18-0335 through 18-0409 as presented, representing a value of approximately \$5,892,000 in community investments.** Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

Among these permits, Trustee De Young highlighted the following: \$5,000,000 – remodel and building addition for Thornton Township; \$3,700 - signage for Super 8 Motel – Halsted; \$7,700 – signage for Ralph Edgar Properties 161st & State St. Center.

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

Nays: None

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

Parks and Recreation

Trustee Perkins reported that our annual Memorial Day parade will take place on Monday May 28 promptly at 11am, immediately followed by our remembrance ceremony and tribute to our Veterans at 1pm at Veterans Park. The day will conclude with South Holland Little League baseball games beginning at 2pm.

Registration is available for our 2018 Summer Camps, spaces are limited. Sign up is available at the Community Center or online at southholland.org. Camps begin June 11th.

Summer program books are now available at the community center or you can view all program information online at southholland.org.

Summer program registration will take place on Thursday May 31 from 9am to 7pm for residents only, Friday June 1 from 9am to 7pm and Saturday June 2 from 9am to 2:30pm for open registration.

New program offerings for the summer include: Aqua Challenge, Cheerleading, Core and Kick Boxing, Gentle Yoga, Kid Millionaire, Step Aerobics, and Yoga Flow.

Community Coordination

Trustee Nylen reported the next Mayor's Coffee, Tuesday, June 12, has a new time, 7:00 p.m., and a special guest – CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning). CMAP has been working on the Village's Comprehensive Plan and will present the revised version to the public at the Mayor's Coffee. The meeting will be held at the South Holland Community Center, 501 East 170 Street.

Village Hall will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

Trustee Nylen also took the opportunity to thank Mary Ann Thornton who is leaving us after nearly fifteen years of dedicated service. MaryAnn will certainly be missed. Over the years, she has done a remarkable job ensuring the success of many of our events, including this one. She had always made Student Government Day special for all of the students.

Finance

Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers No. 950 and 951 for \$2,277,704.49** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and salaries. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Russell, Johnson, DeYoung, Perkins, Nylen and Reed

Nays: None

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

Public Safety

Trustee Johnson reported that the police department's "Foot Patrol" initiative will begin May 26, 2018 and end Labor Day September 3, 2018. The purpose of the Foot Patrol is to provide South Holland residents the ability to interact with their police officers in a more personalized setting. This initiative will also help to enhance public relations by encouraging a partnership between the law and the community. The focuses are Route 6 local businesses, block parties, local parks and various residential areas.

Public Works

Trustee Reed reported that employees have been busy keeping up with the grass mowing at all of our parks, public spaces, and right of ways due to the increased rainfall. Spraying for weeds was also a high priority in these areas.

The water main replacement and road resurfacing will begin the first week of June at 161st Place between South Park Ave. and School St. Construction completion date is August of 2018.

Looking months ahead, our new Christmas decorations have come in and will be installed on Route 6, Town Center, 170th Street and Cottage Grove before this year's holiday season.

Trustee De Young shared that Chipotle is coming to town and that there will be a groundbreaking Wednesday, May 30, at 549 East 162nd Street. President De Graff added that Vintage Script will soon open. He also acknowledged the Education Commission and the six teachers who were awarded the Red Tulip Award. These teachers and their families have been invited to our June 4 meeting where they will be honored.

President De Graff thanked everyone for their participation tonight, particularly the parents and educators who helped the students prepare for Student Government Day. The students were presented with plaques and the evening ended with a reception for the students and their families. Everyone in attendance was invited.

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 Nylan 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, June 4, 2018, at 8:00 PM, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, County of Cook, South Holland, Illinois.

Approved by:

Sallie D. Penman, Clerk

President