

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK  
HELD ON June 4, 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; Mr. John Watson, Director of Economic

Absent: Mr. Frank Knittle, Director Community Development; 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 Nylen, John Russell, Andrew Johnson and Prince Reed

Mr. Samuel Morgan from Eagles Nest Worship Center opened our meeting with prayer. President De Graff thanked Mr. Morgan.

### **Special Presentation**

After acknowledging members of the Education Commission, President De Graff presented proclamations and monetary awards to the first annual Teacher Appreciation Red Tulip Award recipients. The six teachers awarded were Danny Gray – School Dist. 205/Thornwood; Benita Ingram – School Dist. 150/Greenwood; Lisa Johnston -ECHO/MacArthur; Jennifer Medlen -South Suburban College; Bryon Ritzema - Calvary Academy; and Jolanda Washington –School Dist. 151/Madison.

Deputy Administrator Pat Mahon shared that during teacher appreciation week, members of the Education Commission presented a crystal award to each of the winners, at their schools. President De Graff explained that when we formed the Education Commission, it was in the minds and hearts of those who participated, they we do everything we can to help support and improve education in South Holland. We have some great school boards and great school administrations, but we, as a village wanted to make sure that we do all that we can to support those boards and administrations. We are all in this business together, as a community. We are at your disposal in any way we can help the educational process.

### **Minutes**

Trustee Nylen moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the May 21, 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 Nylen, Perkins, De Young, Russell, Johnson and Reed

Nays: None

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

### **Resident Comments**

Ms. Jackie Franklin asked for an update regarding the unpleasant smell that has returned to the quarry. She shared that she was aware that the quarry had been drained to recovery the remains of a suicide victim, but she said that no one notified residents that the smell which had previously been taken care of was coming back. She wanted to know what else was being done. President De Graff shared that as far as we know, the investigation had been completed and that all of the information that had been shared with us, was included in the letters sent to residents within a one-mile radius of the quarry. Letters were mailed out the week before Memorial Day. Trustee Nylen added that the letters were sent in a Village of South Holland envelope and that they were addressed to *Resident*. Ms. Franklin said that she did not get a letter, therefore she would like to get a copy. A copy will be provided to her.

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Hilsen had no report this evening.

### **Attorney's Report**

Mr. Lapp had no report this evening.

### **Community Development**

Trustee De Young moved for approval of **Building Permits Nos. 18-0390, 18-0398, 18-0404, 18-0405, 18-0407, 18-0410 through 18-0465 as presented, representing a value of approximately \$5,500,000 in community investments.** Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

Among these permits, Trustee De Young highlighted the following: \$250,000 – remodel interior for Spirit of God Fellowship; \$154,000 – windows for Calvin Christian School.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees De Young, Perkins, Nylen, 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 this year's Memorial Day Parade was held on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Each year, awards are given out in five different categories for parade entries. This year's award winners are Marching Band- Coolidge Middle School; Professional Float- MB Financial; Amateur Float- South Holland Garden Club; Walking Unit- Harvey Blue Angels; Motor Unit- Wess' Towing.

### **Community Coordination**

Trustee Nylen reported the next Mayor's Coffee will be held on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the South Holland Community Center with CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning) as our special guest. CMAP has been working on the Village's Comprehensive Plan, and will present the revised version at the Mayor's Coffee. Please note the time has changed from 7:30 am to 7:00 pm.

Village 2018-19 Vehicle Stickers are on sale at the Village Hall in the Clerk's Office. Stickers must be displayed on your vehicle by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The next South Holland Municipal Band Concert will take place on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Holland Home, located at 163<sup>rd</sup> and Wausau Avenue.

Trustee Nylen also acknowledged the many programs that are available through the South Holland Library, as highlighted in the recent Library Newsletter. A calendar of activities is included and there is something for all ages. President De Graff added that he was glad Trustee Nylen emphasized the activities that the library is doing. Their educational activities are very impressive and it is important for the teachers here tonight to know that the South Holland library is also helping to support our schools with the process of educating our children.

### **Finance**

Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers No. 952 and 953 for \$1,237,888.59** 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 South Holland police department is currently accepting applications for the position of police officer. They are looking for qualified candidates that exemplify high moral standards, personal integrity and habits that demonstrate a servant's heart. Applications are available at [Recruitment.IOSolutions.com](http://Recruitment.IOSolutions.com). The deadline for applications is June 10, 2018. For more information, please view our marketing website at, [The Blue Line.com](http://The Blue Line.com).

### **Public Works**

Trustee Reed reported that concrete restoration is happening around town, due to tripping hazards, broken water mains repairs and catch basin repairs. Also this summer, crews are painting the curbs in front of fire hydrants yellow. This enables the Fire Department to easily see and operate hydrant in an emergency.

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 Reed moved that this meeting adjourn. Trustee Johnson 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 18, 2018, at 8:00 PM, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, County of Cook, South Holland, Illinois.

Approved by:

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Sallie D. Penman, Clerk

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President