

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK  
HELD ON December 17, 2018 7:00 P.M.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Shawn Staples, 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; Mr. John Hilsen, Village Engineer; Mr. J Wynsma, Village Administrator; Ms. Pat Mahon, Deputy Village Administrator; Mr. John Watson, Director of Economic; Ms. Beth Herman, Village Treasurer; Julia Huisman, Communication, Branding & Marketing Manager; Suzanne Turner, Executive Assistant/Administration; Will Neibert, Assistant to Village Administrator

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

Chaplain Hank Elgersma of Holland Home opened our meeting with prayer. President De Graff thanked Chaplain Elgersma.

#### **Minutes**

Trustee Nylen moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the December 3, 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

#### **Special Presentation**

President De Graff asked for a motion to appoint a new Deputy Director of Recreational Services. Trustee Perkins moved to appoint Wallace M. Widelski as Deputy Director. Trustee De Young seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

The Widelski family was in attendance. Mr. Widelski introduced his family.

#### **Resident Comments**

No residents had questions or comments this evening.

#### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Hilsen had no report this evening.

#### **Attorney's Report**

Mr. Lapp had ten items this evening. The first item was the **2018 – 2019 Levy Ordinance**. Trustee Russell moved to approve the **Ordinance** as presented. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

The second item was three **Tax Abatement Resolutions**. Trustee Russell moved to approve the **General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 A** as presented. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Trustee Russell moved to approve the **General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 B** as presented. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Trustee Russell moved to approve a portion of the **General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012** as presented. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

The third item was **Ordinance 2018-22 – Amending Chapter 21, Article IV, Water Rates**. Trustee Reed moved to approve the **Ordinance** as presented. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

The fourth item was **Ordinance 2018-23 – Amending Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverages**. Trustee Reed moved to approve the **Ordinance** as presented. Trustee Russell seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

The fifth item was a **Resolution authorizing the sale of property at 1500 E. 162<sup>nd</sup> Street**. Trustee De Young moved to approve the **Resolution** as presented. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

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

Trustee De Young acknowledged members of the Economic Development Commission who were in attendance.

The sixth item was a **Class 8 Renewal Resolution – 16880 State St.** Trustee De Young moved to approve the **Resolution** as presented. Trustee Nylen seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

The seventh item was a **Class 8 Renewal Resolution – 901 E. 162<sup>nd</sup> St.** Trustee De Young moved to approve the **Resolution** as presented. Trustee Nylen seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

The eighth item was a **Resolution authorizing land lease – 1455 Van Dam Rd.** Trustee De Young moved to approve the **Resolution** as presented. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

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

The ninth item was **two Ordinances regarding the establishment of the Parkside Estates Special Service Area**. Trustee Russell moved to approve **Ordinance 2018 -10** as presented. Trustee Nylen seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Trustee Nylen moved to approve **Ordinance 2018 -11** as presented. Trustee Russell seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

The tenth item was a **Resolution Authorizing Lobbying Services Agreement**. Trustee Reed moved to approve **Resolution** as presented. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

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

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. 18-0916, 18-1118, 18-1120, 18-1176, 18-1177, 18-1178 and 18-1189 through 18-1215 as presented, representing a value of approximately \$476,000 in community investments**. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

Among these permits, Trustee De Young highlighted the following: \$23,000 – exterior remodeling for Robinson Engineering; \$10,000 – additional BBQ pit for Kirk's BBQ.

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 shared that the Winter – Spring program information will be available on Monday December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center and online at Southholland.org. All programs begin on Monday January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Winter – Spring program registration will take place on Thursday, January 3 from 9am to 7pm for residents only; Friday, January 4 from 9am to 7pm; Saturday, January 5 from 9am to 2:30pm for open registration.

Please remember that you can register for all programs online at southholland.org beginning on Friday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

### **Community Coordination**

Trustee Nylen announced that our annual **Martin Luther King Tribute** will take place January 19 with a service at First Reformed Church. The event includes special music, speakers and multimedia commemorating Dr. King.

Trustee Nylen reminded everyone that we are now accepting nominations for the **Mayor's Leadership Awards**. These awards are presented to South Holland residents who reflect our values of Faith, Family and Future. Nomination forms are available at Village Hall and southholland.org. Winners will be announced at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in February. Everyone who submits a complete nomination will be entered into a drawing for a basket of goods and gift cards for South Holland shops and restaurants. The deadline for nominations is December 31, 2018.

### **Finance**

Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers No. 967 for \$1,480,080.48** 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 had no report this evening.

### **Public Works**

Trustee Reed thanked Public Works for the work they did with Winter Wonderland. Trustee Reed also shared that Com Ed has made the Village aware of a new Energy Efficiency Program, in which they incentivize municipalities to begin converting their old streetlight heads to LED. Staff is preparing the specs for this conversion, and will advertise for and solicit bids. The initial project would cover all of our lights on Rt.6, Sibley Blvd., & 170<sup>th</sup> St. This would cover the 331 streetlights on our major thoroughfares. We already have some LED lights. The Com Ed incentives reduces the cost of the project by about one third. We expect to recover the total cost of the project in less than three years, as we would be saving about \$30,000 a year in electric costs, and will reduce our maintenance costs. To qualify, the work has to be completed by May 30. We expect to have a bid award on our board agenda in January or February.

President De Graff took a moment to underscore Trustee Reed’s remarks regarding this year’s Winter Wonderland. It was a fantastic event. The work by all who took a leadership part in this project was outstanding. I commend everyone for their part in the event.

As this is our last meeting of the year, President De Graff shared some thoughts, stating that 2018 has been a marvelous year... an absolutely wonderful year for us in the Village. As we look forward to 2019 there is more great stuff to come. We have the addition of good people and great projects on the way... wonderful things in multiple departments. We have our volunteers in place, working the streets for Code Enforcement. We’re on the best track than we’ve ever been and I attribute that to the residents, the businesses and the people who have confidence in this community to move forward. When you have developers knocking on your door wanting to get in, when you have people commending the Village of South Holland for its public safety efforts and for its ability to take a leadership role, it’s something you need to take notice of and I’m very thankful for 2018, but I’m even more excited about 2019 and what we have in front of us.

President De Graff also shared that our first meeting in January will be cancelled, unless something comes up that we need to address. Due to the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday on Monday January 21, our next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22.

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 Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 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