

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON July 14, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Shawn Staples, Police Chief; Mr. Brian Kolosh, Fire Chief ; Mr. Ed Stewart, Director Recreational Services; Mr. Michael Cramer, 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. Dillion Herman, Village Treasurer and Mr. Will Neibert, Assistant to Village Administrator

Absent: Mr. Travis Bandstra, Director Community Development; Ms. Julia Huisman, Director of Communications

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

Pastor Corey Buchanan of First Reformed Church opened our meeting with a prayer. President De Graff thanked Pastor Buchanan.

Public Hearing

President De Graff opened the public hearing of the **Annual Appropriation Ordinance**. Mr. Lapp provided an overview and asked for questions. No one had questions or comments. President De Graff closed the public hearing.

Minutes

Trustee Nylen moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the June 9, 2026**, 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 Nylen, De Young, Perkins, 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 comments this evening.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Hilsen had one item this evening, a MFT Resolution for Local Agency Maintenance 2027. This is a housekeeping item to reflect the use of MFT funds for maintenance expenses, such as electrical expenses, maintenance for traffic signals, salt & snow/ice control, concrete repair, asphalt pathing, pavement markings, and crack seal treatment. The budget is not to exceed \$305,000. Trustee Reed moved to approve the Resolution 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

Attorney's Report

Mr. Lapp presented a **Consent Agenda** containing seven items:

- a. Annual Appropriations Ordinance
- b. Ordinance #2026-19: Conditional Use – RPG Diesel Repair – 17066 Westview
- c. Ordinance #2026-20: Conditional Use – Pet Meadow – 17045 Wallace Street
- d. Ordinance #2026-22: – Text Amendment Request – R&D Galindo's
- e. Ordinance #2026-23: Vacating portion of Terrace View Park to School District 150
- f. Resolution to transfer portion of Terrace View Park to School District 150
- g. Resolution Authorizing Class 8 Renewal – Shell Gas Station– 47 E 162nd St

President De Graff asked the Trustees if there were any items, they wish to have removed from the Consent Agenda, if not, is there a motion to approve. Trustee Johnson moved to approve the **Consent Agenda** as presented. Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Community Development

Trustee DeYoung had no report this evening, however he took a moment to acknowledge two large permits for improvements to municipal property, along with one permit from Quik Trip for \$70,000.

Parks and Recreation

Trustee Perkins shared that our **6th annual MLB Pitch, Hit and Run** will take place on Saturday July 25th at Veterans Park from 10am to 2pm. There will be a baseball and softball division for players 7 to 14 years of age. Pitch, Hit and Run provides kids with an opportunity to participate in competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball and softball skills.

On Saturday August 8th we will be hosting our **5th annual Steppin' and Line Dancing Event** at Veterans Park from 12pm to 7pm, The day will feature various Chicagoland DJ's playing the latest songs and line dances for participants to show off their dance moves. Steppin' and line dancing instruction will also be provided.

Community Life

Trustee Nylen shared that our first **Concert in the Park** of 2026 is this Friday, July 17, 7-9pm at Veterans Park, featuring the band Chicago Blues Lifters. This Ravinia-style concert is free for all attendees. The August 14 Concert features House Music. Tickets for that concert are \$10 and can be purchased at southholland.org.

Our **Cruise Night** is back on July 25 and August 22 from 4-8pm. Stroll South Park Avenue to view classic, custom and antique vehicles. There will also be live music, food vendors, and gas card giveaways. This event is free for all car owners and spectators.

Families are invited to the **10th Education Fair** on August 1 at the Community Center. This event provides helpful resources for the back-to-school season. There will be raffle prizes, food, free dental exams and more. Visit southholland.org for more details.

In light of the intense weather over the last few weeks, we would like to say thanks you to Public Works for being there regardless of the weather and we are grateful for the great leadership of Director Cramer.

Finance

Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers Nos. 247, 248, 249 and 250 for a total of \$7,297,602.47** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and payroll. 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

Public Safety

Trustee Johnson shared that we would like to congratulate Detectives Bultema, Haynes, and McGeever on being recognized by the Illinois State Police - Division of Criminal Investigation.

On July 7, 2026, these detectives were presented with commendations recognizing their unwavering commitment to justice, exemplary investigative skills, and steadfast dedication to serving the residents of South Holland and the surrounding communities. Their professionalism, integrity, and pursuit of excellence embody the highest standards of law enforcement and bring great credit to the Village and particularly to the South Holland Police Department.

Congratulations to Detectives Bultema, Haynes, and McGeever on this well-deserved and distinguished honor!

Public Works

Trustee Reed reported on the four areas: **Street Resurfacing** - All resurfacing projects are progressing well. Asphalt is 90% complete. The Resurfacing project on 173rd between Wausau and South Park Ave is fully complete, and grass restoration is planned for September. **FAC Construction** – The Family Athletic Center construction is going well. Underground construction, walls, steel trusses, and approximately 50% of the site work is complete. The project is on target for completion before years end. **Town Center Parking Lots** – The new parking lots are substantially complete and open for visitors.

This project has added 165 free, public, parking spaces to the Town Center area. Final dirt, seed, and landscaping installation should be complete by the end of July. **Storm Cleanup** – During the past 30 days, the village has been hit by two very powerful storms, which brought down many trees and limbs and caused extensive flooding to streets and private property. With the exception of some remaining large trees in several parks, the public works crews have completed our special storm-damage collection and will return to the regular chipping schedule.

President DeGraff added kudos to all departments for their efforts in restoring everything as quickly as possible after the recent storms.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee Nylen 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 Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 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