

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON September 8, 2026, 8:00 P.M.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Shawn Staples, Police Chief; Mr. Brian Kolosh, Fire Chief; Mr. Ed Stewart, Director Recreational Services; Mr. Travis Bandstra, Director Community Development; 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; and Mr. Will Neibert, Assistant to Village Administrator

Absent: Ms. Julia Huisman, Director of Communications; Mr. Dillion Herman, Village Treasurer

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

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

Absent with Notice: Trustee Vickie Perkins

Pastor Richard Zekveld of Covenant Fellowship opened our meeting with a prayer. President De Graff thanked Pastor Zekveld.

Minutes

Trustee Nylen moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the August 18, 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, Russell, Johnson and Reed

Nays: None

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

Resident Comments

A resident on 165th and Woodlawn shared that she and her neighbors have been experiencing flooding in their back yards and they would like some guidance in addressing the problem. Director Cramer will meet with her after the meeting.

A resident expressed concerns with unsafe conditions caused by overgrown trees belonging to a trucking company in her area. She also expressed concerns with the condition a cable company left her parkway. Director Cramer shared that the cable company was given permission to install cable, with the understanding that they would be returning to restore the disturbed areas to their original state. The resident shared that she was told by one of the workers, that they were done and would not be returning. Director Cramer will follow up with the cable company. Director Bandstra will follow up with the trucking company regarding the overgrown trees.

A resident from last month's meeting, who had concerns regarding unfinished work in the park near her home, had additional concerns. In light of the additional work that has been done, she is disappointed with how it's looking. President De Graff assured her that it will look different when finished. She would like to see pictures of how the finish project is expected to look. She also expressed concerns with conditions left by the cable company, stating that she was not aware of the agreement that the Village had with the company. She asked if she could leave a document highlighting several other concerns that she and her neighbors would like to have addressed. President De Graff thanked her and stated that the list would be very helpful.

A resident took a moment to express gratitude for the presences of police officers in and around Veteran Park when she walks the trail.

A resident asked for an update regarding the former Walt's property. President De Graff shared that Quik Trip would be building on that location and provided a few details regarding what to expect. The resident asked for clarity regarding his ability to park on South Park, in front of his home and if this was not allowed why were there no signs stating this. Chief Staples explained that South Park is a County road and that the County had not installed signs. Nonetheless, there is no parking on that portion of South Park.

Two residents expressed concerns with speeding traffic in their areas and would like the Village to consider installing speed bumps. President De Graff explained what needed to be considered before installing speed bumps. Chief Staples will meet with them to discuss possible ways traffic can be slowed down.

President DeGraff thanked everyone for their comments this evening and assured them that their concerns would be addressed.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Hilsen had no report this evening.

Attorney's Report

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

- a. Ordinance #2026-27: Amending Village Code Chapter 10 Motor Vehicles and Traffic
- b. Ordinance #2026-29: Conditional Use – United Mex Tire Auto Repair Shop – 16030 Suntone Dr.
- c. Ordinance #2026-30: Conditional Use – Keep Fit Inc. – 254 West 162nd St.
- d. Ordinance #2026-31: Request for Plat of Resubdivision – Joseph Development (7Brew) – 240 E 162nd St.
- e. Ordinance #2026-32: Conditional Use – 10 Point Management LLC – 715 W 172nd St.
- f. Resolution Authorizing Class 8 Incentive – 10 Point Management LLC – 715 W 172nd 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 Nylen moved to approve the **Consent Agenda** as presented. Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

In reference to items that were included in Mr. Lapp's report, President De Graff expressed appreciation for the work of the Planning and Development Commission and the Department of Community Development.

Community Development

Trustee DeYoung shared that we had 158 building permits last month, with a valuation of approximately \$2,647,000. This brings us to just over \$20,751,000 for 2026. Permits included \$114,000 – Home Addition; \$15,000 – 2 Fire Suppression Systems; plus, several permits for roofs.

Parks and Recreation

In Trustee Perkins' absence, Trustee Nylen shared that our **9th Annual Breast Cancer Walk and Drive** will take place on Saturday October 10th at Veterans Park beginning at 9am. Come out and join us of for our annual walk and driving caravan as we recognize our breast cancer survivors! There will be raffles, giveaways and awards given for best costumes and best decorated vehicles.

All seniors are invited to join us for our next **Senior Luncheon** which will take place on Friday October 16th from 12pm to 2pm. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with your friends. There will be food, music and more! Registration is required.

Fall classes begin on Tuesday September 8th. Many of your favorite program offerings are still available. Registration is available at the Community Center or online at southholland.org.

Community Life

Trustee Nylen shared that there is still time to sign up for the annual **Fun Run 5K**, which is coming up on Saturday, September 19! At this fun and festive run/walk, participants are encouraged to wear costumes and accessories, and there will be entertaining surprises along the course. For more information and to register, visit southholland.org.

Finance

Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers Nos. 254, 255, 256 and 257 for a total of \$6,907,180.90** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and payroll. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Russell, Johnson, De Young, 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

Before his report, Trustee Reed acknowledged the Public Works meeting which was held earlier this evening. Trustee Reed reported on two items: **CBDG Resurfacing** – The concrete work and resurfacing has begun for resurfacing of 160th Place, Parkside Ave, School Street, and Riverview Drive. Asphalt milling will start this week, with the project expected to be complete by November. **170th Bridge Replacement** – In addition to the replacement of the bridge over Thorn Creek on 170th Street, Cook County will be reconstructing the approaches to the bridge over I-94. Additional traffic control was installed on August 24th and 25th. Construction has not begun yet, but is expected to take only a week once it commences. Travel lanes in each direction will remain open, but closures and restrictions are anticipated.

Referencing the recent storms that passed through the area, President De Graff noted the South Holland was spared, but neighboring communities were hit very hard. Our Public Works Department shared their resources with our neighbors in their time of need. Messages of appreciation were received from the mayors of both Lansing and Flossmoor for the assistance provided to them.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee De Young moved that this meeting adjourn. Trustee Nylen 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, October 13, 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