MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON October 13, 2026, 8:00 P.M.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Shawn Staples, Police Chief; Mr. Ed Stewart, Director Recreational Services; Mr. Tim Lapp, Village Attorney; Mr. John Hilsen, Village Engineer; Ms. Pat Mahon, Deputy Village Administrator; and Mr. Will Neibert, Assistant to Village Administrator

Absent: Mr. Brian Kolosh, Fire Chief; Mr. Travis Bandstra, Director Community Development; Mr. Michael Cramer, Director Public Works; Mr. J Wynsma, Village Administrator; 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, Vickie Perkins, Cindy Nylen, John Russell and Andrew Johnson

Absent with Notice: Trustee Prince Reed

Pastor Phil Tarver of United Faith Center Ministries opened our meeting with a prayer. President De Graff thanked Pastor Tarver.

Minutes
Trustee Nylen moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the September 8, 2026,** 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 and Johnson

Nays: None

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

Resident Comments
A business owner expressed concerns regarding being shut down for the second time. He said that he believes he has met all that he was required to do. President De Graff asked him to meet with Mr. Lapp and Ms. Mahon after this evening's meeting, for clarification.

A resident and her son expressed concerns regarding pressure from inspectors to replace a sidewalk that is not broken, as well as notices to move the garbage toters to the rear of the home. The son explained that his mother is not physically able to bring the garbage toters from her backyard to the curb. President De Graff asked them to meet with the Village Administrator after the meeting. We will arrange for Public Works to visit the property.

A resident on 160th and Woodlawn shared that the streetlights on her block have been off since July. President De Graff assured her that Public Works will address the lights right away and asked her to leave her phone number with Ms. Mahon for a follow up.

A resident on 168th and Luella asked for clarity regarding a code enforcement inspection what states that there is a problem with where his garbage toters are stored. According to the resident, his toters are behind a partial wall on the side of his home and that there is no direct sight from the street. We will schedule a visit.

Resident expressed concerns with a public safety issue at 165th and Cottage Grove, as well as at Woodlawn and Rte. 6. He was also concerned with the issue of semi- trucks hitting the round-about. He realizes the issues are a result of the road construction. He asked whether cameras could be placed in those locations. Chief Staples shared that discussion are ongoing with IDOT regarding available options.

A resident expressed concerns regarding drivers who are blowing through the stop sign at 161th and Woodlawn, the Village's authority to restrict businesses from coming to South Holland, specifically Quik Trip , as well as the lack of cleanliness of Jewel and Walgreens. Chief Staples spoke to the public safety issue. President De Graff and Ms. Mahon addressed her concerns regarding the businesses in the Village. They shared what measures have been taken in the past and assure her that we will continue to address these issues will both companies.

Resident expressed concern with the homeless individuals who frequent the Elite Hotel. She has seen them dropping trash on the street as well as drinking beer while walking down the street. President De Graff assured her that we can speak with the hotel owner if the littering is shown to be a continuing issue and asked her to please call the police department if she witnesses any disturbances near the hotel.

A resident asked whether there were any plans for the Seton property. President De Graff shared that the owners have put their plans on hold, but that we are still in communication with them.

President DeGraff thanked everyone for their participation in this evening's meeting and assured them that their concerns will be addressed.

Engineer's Report
Mr. Hilsen had no report this evening.

Attorney's Report
Mr. Lapp presented a **Consent Agenda** containing three items:

a. Acceptance of Dedication for right-of-way and cul-de-sac on Suntone Drive
b. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of property at 16341 South Park Avenue
c. Ordinance #2026-34: Declaring Certain Property as Surplus

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 Perkins seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Trustee De Young acknowledged the donation of three surplus cars to the Harvey Police Department.

Community Development
Trustee DeYoung shared that we had 134 building permits last month, with a valuation of approximately $3,538,000. This brings us to just under $25,000,000 for 2026. Permits included $400,000 – structure demolition - Walt's property; $1,500,000 – three roofs

Parks and Recreation
Trustee Perkins invited residents to join us on Thursday October 29th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm for our annual **Harvest Fest** celebration. The evening will feature a costume judging contest, candy bags, games, pumpkin decorating and more! The Harvest Fest is for residents 3 to 12 years of age. Registration is required.

Community Life
Trustee Nylen shared that Veterans are invited to the S**outh Holland's Military Tribute,** which takes place November 4 at 10:30am at the Community Center. This is a special luncheon and ceremony honoring the brave men and women who have served our country. Veterans can register for the event at southholland.org or at the Community Center. Registration closes October 22.

Finance
Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers Nos. 258, 259 and 260 for a total of $5,705,226.28** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and payroll. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Public Safety
Trustee Johnson shared that the Fire Department would like to thank everyone who attended the Lunch with Firefighters event last week. More than 500 participants toured our newly renovated fire station and saw our new training tower. Guests also enjoyed good food and ice cream. We appreciate the community's support and are already looking forward to next year's event.

Following the lunch, we honored firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their communities, during our 31st Annual Parade of Lights. Most importantly, we gathered to honor Doug and Dylan and recognize their families, who have given so much to our department and community.

This past Friday, we held a swearing-in ceremony for seven firefighters and promoted three firefighters to the rank of lieutenant: Ryan Cahoon, Jay Wiley, and Michael Lampkin. These promotions will strengthen our department by ensuring consistent supervision across all shifts every day of the year, as we seek to consistently provide the highest level of service to the South Holland community.

During October, the Police Department is promoting Halloween safety through community outreach and public safety awareness. The Department will participate in ECHO School's Trunk-or-Treat on Wednesday, October 28, from 4 - 5:30 pm, distributing candy and engaging with families. The Department will also welcome trick-or-treaters to the police station on Saturday, October 31, from 4 - 7 pm. Residents are encouraged to carry flashlights, wear reflective clothing, use sidewalks and crosswalks, supervise young children, inspect treats, and remain alert to traffic. These efforts reflect the Department's continued commitment to public safety and positive community relationships.

Public Works
No report was given in Trustee Reed's absence.

Reflecting back to a concern voiced by one of the residents, Trustee Nylen shared that the neighborhood behind the new Ouik Trip will have a new exit via State Street, as a result of the new construction.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee Johnson 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, November 10, 2026, 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