

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON May 12, 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; Mr. Will Neibert, Assistant to Village Administrator

Absent: Mr. Dillion Herman, Village Treasurer; 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, and Andrew Johnson

Absent with Notice: Trustees John Russell and Prince Reed

Pastor Mabel Talabi Chapel of Praise CHEC opened our meeting with a prayer. President De Graff thanked Pastor Talabi

Special Presentations

As this is the first meeting of the fiscal year, President De Graff asked for a motion to approve the **Appointment of Village Board Standing Committees**. Trustee Johnson moved to approve the appointments as listed. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

President De Graff asked for a motion to approve the **Appointment of Officers**. Trustee De Young moved to approve the appointments as listed. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

President De Graff asked for a motion to approve the **Appointment of Volunteer Commissions, Boards and Committees**. Trustee De Young moved to approve the appointments as listed. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

President De Graff acknowledged the new Volunteer Commission and Committee member (Brett Trettin, Glennita Williams, Meloney Eddmonds-Brewer and Clint Ver Hagen), as well as the returning members and expressed appreciation for their willingness to serve.

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

Nays: None

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

President De Graff acknowledged Village of South Holland Proclamations for both the National Public Works Week and the National EMS Week. He remarked on the dedicated service of our public works professionals whose focus on infrastructure, facilities, emergency management, and services are of vital importance to our community. He also acknowledged our dedicated emergency services personnel and their vital and indispensable public services, that are fundamental to protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our community.

The first Village of South Holland Proclamation designates the week May 17-23, 2026, as National Public Works Week and urges all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protect our national health, safety, and quality of life.

The second Village of South Holland Proclamation designates the Week May 17 -23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week and urges all residents to recognize and support the dedicated professionals who provide emergency medical services and to join in honoring their commitment to safeguarding the health, safety, and well-being of our community.

Both Proclamations are available for review.

Minutes

Trustee Johnson moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the April 24, 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 Johnson, De Young, Perkins and Nylen

Nays: None

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

Resident Comments

A new homeowner took a moment to introduce himself. He expressed his appreciation for the welcoming atmosphere that he and his family have found here, and shared that he looks forward to getting involved with the community. President De Graff noted how conscientious it was for him to attend a board meeting and shared that he looked forward to meeting his family.

A resident, representing a neighborhood group, noted a couple of incidences in his neighborhood, one in particular was a car stolen from in front of the owner’s home. He encouraged other neighborhoods to organize and share information to keep their neighborhoods safe. President De Graff reinforced his message regarding the importance of neighbors getting to know and look out for each other.

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Hilsen had one item this evening, a **Resolution** for a Contract Award – 2025 CDBG Street Resurfacing Program, to be constructed with CDBG Funds (\$254,000 Grant and Bond Funds). Four Bids were received. The recommendation is to award the lowest responsive bidder, D. Construction, Inc in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$295,230.45). Trustee Johnson moved to approve the **Resolution** as presented. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

Bidder	Bid Price
D. Construction, Inc (Coal City, IL)	\$295,230.45
Gallagher Asphalt Corp (Thornton, IL)	\$308,777.77
K-Five Construction Corp (Westmont, IL)	\$309,317.90
Wirkus Paving Company (Steger, IL)	\$343,832.90
Engineer’s Estimate:	\$316,937.50

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

Nays: None

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

Attorney’s Report

- Mr. Lapp presented a **Consent Agenda** containing six items:
- a. Ordinance 2026-16: Conditional Use – Bauer Built – 555 East 162nd St
 - b. Sale of Property – 210 W 155th Street
 - c. Resolution Authorizing Class 8 Renewal – 210 W 155th Street
 - d. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Property – 16249 Van Dam Road
 - e. Resolution Authorizing Tax Abatement
 - f. Ordinance 2026-17: Annual Salary Ordinance

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 De Young moved to approve the **Consent Agenda** as presented. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Community Development

Trustee DeYoung shared that we had 186 building permits last month, with a valuation of approximately \$2,259,000. Permits included \$575,000 – South Suburban College for the Medical Center.

Parks and Recreation

Trustee Perkins shared that Summer program books are available at the Community Center. You can also view all program information online at southholland.org.

Summer program registration will begin on Monday May 18th at 9am for South Holland residents. Online and non-resident registration will begin on Tuesday May 26th at 7am. Proof of residency is required for all resident registration.

New programs for the Summer include Aqua Fitness, Aqua Cardio and Strength, Summer Craft Club, Senior Paint Party, Canvas and Community, and Zumbini. As always please remember that you can register and pay for all classes online at southholland.org

Community Life

Trustee Nylen shared that the **SoHo Shops**, our new retail incubator and shopping destination on South Park Avenue, is opening on Memorial Day weekend. All are invited to the special grand opening ceremony on Friday, May 22, at noon. Visit southhollandshops.com for more information.

Our annual **Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony** will be held on Monday, May 25 at 11am on South Park Avenue. A special Remembrance Ceremony will follow the parade at Veterans Memorial Park.

The next **Mayor’s Coffee** will be held on June 2, 7pm, at the Community Center. Residents are invited to hear from and speak with Mayor De Graff. Coffee and refreshments are provided.

Finance

In Trustee Russell’s absence, Trustee De Young moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Register #243 for a total of \$738,418.96** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and payroll. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Public Safety

Trustee Johnson shared, on behalf of the South Holland Police Department, we proudly recognize and honor all law enforcement officers during National Police Week. This year’s observance will take place May 11–17, honoring the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty while serving and protecting their communities.

National Police Week is both a time of solemn remembrance and an opportunity to acknowledge the unwavering commitment of those who continue to serve with integrity, courage, professionalism, and compassion each day. It reminds us that behind every badge is a story of dedication, sacrifice, resilience, and family support.

During this week, we pause to remember the fallen heroes whose service and sacrifice will never be forgotten. We also extend our deepest appreciation to the officers currently serving, as well as to the families who stand beside them and share in the burdens and sacrifices that come with the profession.

The South Holland Police Department remains committed to honoring the legacy of those we have lost while continuing to support and recognize the dedicated individuals who faithfully serve our communities each and every day.

Public Works

No report was given in Trustee Reed absence.

President De Graff commented on some of the key topics covered this evening and thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee De Young moved that this meeting adjourn. Trustee Perkins 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, June 9, 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