

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON April 14, 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; Mr. Dillion Herman, Village Treasurer; Ms. Julia Huisman, Director of Communications

Absent: Mr. Travis Bandstra, Director Community Development

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

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

Absent with Notice: Trustee Vickie Perkins

Pastor Renee Allison of New Life House of God was scheduled to open our meeting with a prayer. In her absence, President De Graff offered a prayer.

Public Hearing

President De Graff opened the public hearing for the **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System** (NPDES). Mr. Hilsen provided an overview sharing that the goal of NPDES is to eliminate pollutants from entering storm sewer system/detention ponds and depositing into rivers, lakes, creeks. The ultimate outlet points within the Village are Thorn Creek, the Little Calumet River, and the Cal-Union Drainage Ditch. The six required Minimum Control Measures (MCM's) are Public Education and Outreach, Public Involvement and Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Control of Construction Site Storm Water Runoff, Post-Construction Storm Water Management, and Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping. No one had questions or comments. President De Graff closed the public hearing.

Minutes

Trustee Nysten moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the March 10, 2026**, meeting be dispensed with, copies thereof having been distributed to each trustee, and the **Minutes** as presented be approved. Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Resident Comments

A resident, representing a newly forming neighborhood group, expressed concerns regarding construction that's causing corrosion of a fence, as well as what they believe to be gunshots in their area. A second resident in the same area also expressed concerns regarding gunshots. Chief Staples will speak with them after the meeting, Director Cramer will follow up on their concerns regarding the ground around the fence and Deputy Administrator Mahon will assist them with the formation of their neighborhood group.

A resident asked for an explanation regarding why it was illegal to turn left, onto Woodlawn, after exiting the Bishop Ford. President De Graff explained that this is a safety issue. Making that turn required the driver to cross three lanes of traffic.

A resident expressed concerns regarding drains that have not been clean leading to water in basements. She also shared that she was concerned with loose garbage and a television that was left on the side of the street. Director Cramer will follow up on her concern regarding the debris and the street sweeping.

Two residents spoke of debris in various places, but particularly on the frontage roads. They were also concerned with teen activity near businesses, particularly the teenagers congregating outside the barbershop near Cunnis candies. They also expressed concerns regarding the increase in property taxes. President De Graff shared that we are aware of such activities with teenagers in various communities but assured him that we have implemented a variety of programs and will continue to do so, to address teen activity in South Holland. President De Graff also spoke briefly about the concerns we all have regarding high property taxes, as property taxes continue to be the main source of funding for public education.

President De Graff thanked everyone for their participation this evening.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Hilsen presented a **Consent Agenda** containing three items:

1. Contract Award – 2026 Roadway Resurfacing Program
2. Contract Award – Sanitary Sewer Lining Contract
3. Contract Award – Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehab Contract

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 Reed moved to approve the **Consent Agenda** as presented. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Reed, Johnson, De Young, 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 eight items:

- a. Ordinance 2026-14: Disposal of Surplus Property
- b. Ordinance 2026-15: Waste Container Text Amendment
- c. Annual Funds Transfer Resolution
- d. Resolution Authorizing the Use of IDOT Right-a-way
- e. Resolution Authorizing the acquisition of property at 16126 South Park Avenue
- f. Resolution Authorizing a License Agreement regarding Shawn Michelle's Home-Made Ice Cream, INC.
- g. Resolution Authorizing Class 8 Renewal – 130 E 168th Street
- h. Resolution Authorizing Class 8 Renewal – 16010-20 Suntone Drive

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 Russell seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Community Development

Trustee DeYoung shared that we had 93 building permits last month, with a valuation of approximately \$2,440,000. Permits included \$250,000 – paving for Sam Express; \$227,000 – paving for 155th and Woodlawn; Signage permits for 5 new businesses.

Parks and Recreation

In Trustee Perkins's absence, Trustee Reed shared that Seniors, join us for our next **Senior Luncheon** which will take place on Friday April 17 at 12pm. Invite your friends and get ready for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. Registration is required.

Registration is still available for our **Summer Day Camp and Sports Academy** programs. Spaces are limited. Registration is available at the Community Center or online at southholland.org

Community Life

Trustee Nylen shared that the Village is giving away free flowerpots to South Holland residents to encourage everyone to add a touch of color to their porches this spring and summer. We will also give away a small South Holland flag to place in each pot. Visit Veterans Park pavilion on April 25 at 9am to receive your flowers, while supplies last. This giveaway is for verified South Holland residents.

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. If you would like to participate in this year's parade, please fill out an application at southholland.org.

In observance of the National Day of Prayer, the annual **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on Thursday, May 7, 7:30am, at Spirit of God Fellowship. Join Mayor De Graff and South Holland pastors as they pray for our Village, State, and Nation. Breakfast is provided. Admission is \$10 at the door.

Finance

Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers #238, 239, 240, 241 and 242 for a total of \$11,274,882.32** 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, however he took a moment to acknowledge a very informative Public Safety Committee meeting that was held earlier this evening. We are pleased to see that there has been a steady decrease in crime.

Public Works

Trustee Reed shared Yard Waste Collection has begun and will continue through **October 31**. Yard waste is collected in two ways: **a) Homewood Disposal** - The Village contracts with Homewood Disposal to collect all yard waste, as well as residential garbage and recycling material. Republic provides each home with a Yard Waste can and collects them weekly on your regular garbage service day. **b) Public Works Department** - Public Works will provide a branch collection for non-bundled bulk branches, limbs, logs, and stumps that residents have cut. If a tree service is used, they must haul them away. Crews will begin collecting branches the first business day after your regular garbage service. Due to weather, infrastructure emergencies, or other potential service issues, please allow Public Works 7 days to collect your branches. The public restrooms at Veterans Park, Gouwen’s Park, Maicach Park, and Paarlberg Park are now open daily from 6:30 am to 8:30 pm.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee Nylen moved that this meeting adjourn. Trustee De Young 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, May 12, 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