

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON June 9, 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. Michael Cramer, Director Public Works; Mr. Travis Bandstra, Director Community Development; 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; 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, Cindy Nylen, John Russell and Andrew Johnson

Absent with Notice: Trustees Vickie Perkins and Prince Reed

Pastor Pete Tassio of Kings Community Church opened our meeting with a prayer. President De Graff thanked Pastor Tassio.

Minutes

Trustee Nylen moved that the reading of the **Minutes of the May 12, 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 and Johnson

Nays: None

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

Special Presentations

President De Graff introduced the 2026 winners of the **Teacher Appreciation Red Tulip Award** and formally presented each with a proclamation and a monetary award. The award recipients were:

- Brianna Sublett, JoMarie Burns - Greenwood (District 150)
- Laura Carr, Robin Gutsch - Eisenhower (District 151)
- Dominique Mahone – Madison (District 151)
- Grace Vosburg - Calvary Academy

President De Graff presented a Proclamation honoring School District 151 Superintendent Dr. Teresa Hill.

Resident Comments

There were no residents with comments this evening.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Hilsen had no report this evening.

Attorney's Report

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

- a. Resolution Authorizing the acquisition of property at 16135 South Park Avenue
- b. Resolution Adopting IMRF ERI Program
- c. Resolution Authorizing the acquisition of property at 224 E 162nd Street
- d. Ordinance 2026-18: Amending Chapter 10 Motor Vehicle and Traffic

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

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

Nays: None

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

Community Development

Trustee DeYoung shared that we had 126 building permits last month, with a valuation of \$4,659,000. Trustee De Young provided an update on the Building Permit Holiday, sharing that in 2026, 72 permits were issued , with a total savings of \$16,000 for residents.

Included in the month's permits were two large permits for the South Suburban College Waste Facility.

Parks and Recreation

In Trustee Perkins' absence, Trustee Nylén shared that we are currently offering a Summer Fitness Center Special, three-month fitness center memberships for only \$50. This promotion is only valid for the months of June, July and August. Whether you are beginning a new fitness journey, getting back into a new routine, or looking for a convenient place to stay active, now is the perfect time to invest in your health.

All seniors are invited to join us on Thursday June 25th as we head back to Navy Pier for the lunch signature cruise. Participants will enjoy a buffet-style lunch and scenic Lake Michigan views of the Adler Planetarium, and Navy Pier. Registration is required.

We are looking for a well-rounded and energetic full-time Program Assistant. This employee will assist in planning programs and events, assist with social media, and help manage community activities for the Rec Services Department. All interested candidates are encouraged to fill out an application online at southholland.org or in person at the Community Center. As always please remember that you can register and pay for all classes online at southholland.org

Community Life

Trustee Nylén invited everyone to join the South Holland Ministerial Association and the Village of South Holland for Coming Together on **Juneteenth**, an event held on June 20 from noon-4pm at Veterans Park. This free event will be fun for the whole family, featuring inspirational speakers, prayer tents, vendors, food trucks, performers, and more.

Join us in celebrating Independence Day, with our annual **4th of July Celebration**. It will be held on Saturday, July 4, at Veterans Park. There will be a free Family Fun Festival from noon to 4pm, which will feature games, activities, and food trucks. Gates open for the fireworks show at 6pm, and close at 9pm sharp.

Like last year, there will be a non-resident fee for the fireworks show to better serve our residents. Tickets can be purchased at southholland.org or at the gate.

Finance

Trustee Russell moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers Nos. 244, 245 and 246 for a total of \$6,009,078.07** covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and payroll. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Public Safety

Trustee Johnson shared that the Police Department will be hosting the annual police Senior Bingo Event will take place this Friday at the Community Center. This event has become a highly anticipated tradition and continues to be one of our most popular community outreach programs.

Each year, senior residents enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition while interacting with our officers in a positive and welcoming environment. Participants have the opportunity to win prizes, socialize with fellow residents, and strengthen connections with members of the department.

I'm pleased to report that 50 residents have already registered for this year's event, demonstrating the continued popularity and success of the program. We look forward to another outstanding event that promotes community engagement and enhances our relationship with the senior community.

Public Works

In Trustee Reed's absence, Trustee Johnson shared that the landscaping clean-up at Village facilities has begun. All the landscape beds are being cleaned, weeded, trimmed, and mulched.

Two street resurfacing projects have now begun. First, is the resurfacing of 173rd St from Wausau to South Park. The project should be complete by the end of July. Second, is our major resurfacing project, which was awarded at the April board meeting, has begun. This is a \$2.2M project, being performed by D Construction. The preliminary work of sidewalks, curbs, and driveway aprons began back on May 1. Project completion is expected in September.

Finally, street sweeping, litter collection, branch chipping, yard waste collection, and other seasonal programs are now in full swing. For information on these programs, please contact Public Works at 339-2323 or visit SouthHolland.org.

On behalf of the Board, President De Graff shared a few words of appreciation for the work that our departments have been doing. The way that we are working with each other and the products and services that we are providing to residents is second to none. We are the crown jewel of the south suburbs.

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, July 14, 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