

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON August 18, 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. Scott Dillner, for 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: Mr. Michael Cramer, Director Public Works; Mr. Tim Lapp, Village Attorney; 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 and Andrew Johnson

Absent with Notice: Trustees John Russell and 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 July 14, 2026**, meeting be dispensed with, copies thereof having been distributed to each trustee, and the **Minutes** as presented be approved. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Resident Comments

A resident shared concerns about the police officers who responded to a gunshot that enter her home. She believed the officers were insensitive to her needs and she felt as though her family was being treated with suspicion rather than as the ones who called for help. She was also concerned with the lack of communication when she tried to follow up on the incident. She stated that she was not here to attack the Police Department, but she wanted the way her family was treated to be reviewed. Chief Staples will meet with her to gather more details.

Two residents whose homes border Maicach and Pioneer parks expressed concerns regarding the incomplete projects which has left a breeding ground for mosquitoes as well as a safety concern for children. Mr. Hilsen explained that the severity of the weather has been a hindrance to the project completion. They asked for an estimated date of completion. Mr. Hilsen shared some details regarding the work yet to be done and stated that this should happen by September. Mr. Wynsma added that in the meantime, there were some things that will be done to address the mosquitoes and safety issues.

A resident expressed concerns with her inability to purchase the building where her business is located. She believes that she has been blocked by recent property purchases made by the Village. She stated that she would be asking for a FOIA. President De Graff assured her that we were unaware of her situation and that the Village has acted only in the best interest of the Village. He encouraged her to ask for the FOIA.

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Hilsen had two items this evening. The first was a **Contract Award – 2026 Sanitary Sewer CCTV Contract**, to be covered with Sewer Funds. Four bids were received and reviewed.

Bidder	Bid Price
Pipe View, LLC (Azle, TX)	\$114,431.00
Visu-Sewer of Illinois, LLC (Bedford Park, IL)	\$118,760.00
Hoerr Construction Company, Inc (Goodfield, IL)	\$140,850.00
National Power Rodding Corp. (Chicago, IL)	\$223,450.00
<i>Engineer’s Estimate</i>	<i>\$178,450.00</i>

The recommendation is that the contract be awarded to the lower responsive bidder Pipe View, LLC of Azle, TX (local office in Chicago, IL) in the amount of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Zero Cents (\$114,431.00). Trustee Johnson moved to approve the MFT **Resolution** as presented. Trustee Perkins second 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

The second item was a **Contact Award – 2026 MFT Pavement Marking Program**, to be constructed with MFT General Maintenance Funds. Three bids were received and reviewed.

Bidder	Bid Price
Precision Pavement Markings, Inc. (Pingree Grove, IL)	\$16,810.50
America’s Parking Remarketing, LLC (South Chicago Heights, IL)	\$25,906.25
Marking Specialists Corporation (Arlington Heights, IL)	\$42,992.25
<i>Engineer’s Estimate</i>	<i>\$32,037.50</i>

The recommendation is that the contract be awarded to the lower responsive bidder Precision Markings, Inc of Pingree Grove, IL in the amount of Sixteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Ten Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$16,810.50). Trustee Johnson moved to approve the MFT **Resolution** as presented. Trustee Nylen second the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Attorney’s Report

Mr. Dillner presented a **Consent Agenda** containing five items:

- a. Ordinance #2026-25: Planned Unit Development Permit – 7-Brew – 240 E. 162nd Street
- b. Ordinance #2026-26: Conditional Use – Thryve of South Holland – 2145 E. 170th Street
- c. Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Property – 16100 Prairie – QuikTrip Road
- d. Resolution Authorizing 6B SER Incentive – Ability Engineering – 16140 Vincennes Avenue
- e. Resolution to Authorize the Sale of Property to Coventry Square POA – 16284 Prince 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 Nylen moved to approve the **Consent Agenda** as presented. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Community Development

Trustee DeYoung shared that we had 169 building permits last month, with a valuation of approximately \$3,800,500. This brings us to just under \$19,000,000 for 2026. Permits included \$611,000 – HVAC for Accurate Dispersion; \$295,000 – Fire Suppression for Calumet Carton; \$100,000 – Fencing for Meekhof.

Parks and Recreation

Trustee Perkins asked Seniors to reserve their spot for our September 15th trip to Michigan City for our **Winery Lunch and Tour**. Attendees will meet at the Community Center at 11:30am and expect to return around 5pm. Spaces are limited, sign up today.

Registration for Fall programs began on Monday August 17th at 9am for South Holland residents. On line and non-resident registration will begin on Monday August 24th at 7am. Proof of residency is required for all resident registration.

Community Life

Trustee Nylen shared that our postponed **America250 fireworks** celebration has been rescheduled for August 28 at South Suburban College. This is a drive-in event, and there will be food vendors and live entertainment in the main lot before the show begins. The lot opens at 6pm and the fireworks will light off just after 8pm.

The South Holland Historical Society is hosting its **annual Heritage Fest** on Labor Day, September 7, at Paarlberg Park. The event celebrates local history and heritage, with crafters, line dancing, food vendors, and a performance by the South Holland Municipal Band.

Finance

In Trustee Russell’s absence, Trustee De Young moved for **Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Registers Nos. 251, 252 and 253 for a total of \$7,820,513.94** 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 that the Fire Department once again hosted “**Christmas in July**”. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we received a large amount of food donations that will help maintain the food pantry at Restoration Ministries.

A special thank you to all South Holland residents, schools and businesses who donated and supported this wonderful effort. Your generosity continues to make a difference in the lives of people beyond our community.

As we begin the school year, the Police Department would like to remind our community that the safety of our children, families, teachers, and school staff must remain a priority.

- Slowdown in school zones and remain alert for children crossing streets.
- Obey school bus laws.
- Watch for children walking and riding bicycles to and from school.
- Avoid distracted driving, especially in and around school zones.
- Any suspicious activity or safety concern should be reported immediately. Call 911 for emergencies.

School safety is everyone's responsibility, and we wish all of our students, teachers, staff, and families a safe and productive school year.

Public Works

In Trustee Reed's absence, Trustee Johnson provided an update on three items. **Street Resurfacing** – Our 2026 resurfacing projects are wrapping up. The work is slated to be completed in September, with the exception of the resurfacing of 160th Place, Parkside Ave, School Street, and Riverview Drive, which will begin this month and should be completed by November.

170th Bridge Replacement – Along with the replacement of the bridge over Thorn Creek, Cook County will be reconstructing the approaches to the bridge over I-94. Additional traffic control will be installed on August 24th and 25th; construction is expected to take only one week. Travel lanes in each direction will remain open, but closures and restrictions are anticipated.

159th St (Route 6) Bridge - IDOT began daytime lane closures on 162nd St over the Bishop Ford. On weekdays from 9am-3pm, traffic approaching the expressway will be reduced to one lane in each direction through September 1. Heavy congestion is expected. Consider using alternate routes such as 170th St or Sibley Boulevard to avoid the 162nd St/I-94 interchange area. Thank you for your patience as IDOT continues its much-needed improvements to the Bishop Ford Expressway

President DeGraff thanked everyone for their participation this evening and assured the residents that their concerns would be addressed.

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, September 8, 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