MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON February 18, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Shawn Staples, Police Chief; Mr. Bryant Krizik, representing Mr. Brian Kolosh, Fire Chief; Mr. Frank Knittle, Director Community Development; Mr. Ed Stewart, Director Recreational Services; Mr. George Gunkel, 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. John Watson, Director of Economic Development; Ms. Beth Herman, Village Treasurer

Absent: Mr. Brian Kolosh, Fire Chief

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

Present: Trustees: Cindy Nylen, John Russell and Andrew Johnson

Absent with Notice: Trustees Larry De Young, Vickie Perkins and Prince Reed

Pastor James Oord of First Reformed Church opened our meeting with prayer. President De Graff thanked Pastor Oord.

Special Presentation

President De Graff presented a Proclamation honoring retiring Public Works Director, George Gunkel.

Minutes

Trustee Nylen moved that the reading of the Minutes of the February 3, 2020 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, Russell and President De Graff

Nays: None

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

Resident Comments

Mr. Mike Szromba, 746 E. 157th Place, expressed concerns regarding the rental moratorium being extended. He shared that he was aware of issues regarding rental properties however as a property owner who chooses to rent rather than sell at this time, he believes that extending the moratorium is not the answer and that we need another approach. After assuring Mr. Szromba that he appreciates his position, President De Graff explained that we took this action a number of months ago and there has been a tremendous amount of work done by village administrators and others to come up with a solution, but the reason we are looking to extend the moratorium is because the work is not done. At the point that it’s done, we want to be able to have a conversation with all stakeholders, to make sure everyone understands what we did and why we did it. We were so close to having it finished by the deadline, but there was additional information that was required. The intention of the 45-day additional moratorium is to make sure we complete everything so that everyone who is a stakeholder can understand what possible actions could or could not be taken. This will be discussed in detail at a public hearing.

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Hilsen had three items this evening. Prior to presenting his items, Mr. Hilsen shared that CMAP has reported that there is a budget shortfall for the Surface Transportation Program for 2020, which will cause some projects to be pushed over to 2021. This could affect our Vincennes/Armory Drive Program however everyone has been advised by CMAP to just move forward.

The first item was an IDOT Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation – Phase III for Vincennes Rd, Armory Dr & Westview Ave Resurfacing. This is an agreement between IDOT and the Village to jointly participate in cost sharing at 80% Federal Funds and 20% Local Funds for the Construction and Construction Engineering. This agreement is required by IDOT in order for the Village to participate in the Federal Aid Program. Trustee Johnson moved to adopt the Agreement as presented. Trustee Russell seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Russell, Nylen and President De Graff

Nays: None

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

The second item was an IDOT Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation – Phase III for Vincennes Rd, Armory Dr & Westview Ave. Resurfacing. This agreement authorizes Robinson Engineering to perform Construction Engineering services. Trustee Johnson moved to adopt the Agreement as presented. Trustee Russell seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Russell, Nylen and President De Graff

Nays: None
The third item was a MFT Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code. Trustee Johnson moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. Trustee Russell seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes the use of up to $594,000 in Motor Fuel Tax Funds to cover the 20% local match of the cost of Construction and Construction Engineering for the Vincennes Road, Armory Drive and Westview Avenue Resurfacing Project.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Russell, Nylen and President De Graff
Nays: None

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

Attorney’s Report
Mr. Lapp had six items this evening. The first item was Ordinance 2020-12, Amending the Special Flood Hazard Areas/Soil Erosion. Trustee Russell moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Russell, Johnson, Nylen and President De Graff
Nays: None

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

The second item was a Class 8 Tax Incentive Resolution – Aarohi Petroleum, Inc. – 17011 South Park Ave. Trustee Nylen moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. Trustee Russell seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Nylen, Russell, Johnson and President De Graff
Nays: None

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

The third item was a Class 8 Tax Renewal Resolution – Nurturing Developmental Learning Academy II – 835 East Sibley Blvd. Trustee Nylen moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

As a matter of full disclosure, Trustee Russell shared that in the past, he served as the attorney for the Nurturing Development Learning Academy. He does not represent them currently, therefore he is not required to abstain from voting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Nylen, Johnson, Russell and President De Graff
Nays: None

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

The fourth item was a Class 8 Tax Renewal Resolution – Brian Tennis/TKO Holdings – 16525 Van Dam Road. Trustee Nylen moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. Trustee Russell seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Nylen, Russell, Johnson and President De Graff
Nays: None

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

The fifth item was a Class 8 Tax Renewal Resolution – Stevenson Crane – 16675 Van Dam Road. Trustee Nylen moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. Trustee Russell seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Nylen, Russell, Johnson and President De Graff
Nays: None

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

The sixth item was Ordinance 2020-11, Extending the residential rental license moratorium for a period of 45 days. Trustee Russell moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Trustee Nylen seconded the motion.

President De Graff shared his appreciation for the earlier comments regarding this issue. We take these comments very surely and we know that there are comments on both sides of the equation. This is a difficult issue. We will have a public hearing to talk about it in more detail once we have finished our research and come up with some solutions.
Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Russell, Nylen, Johnson and President De Graff
Nays: None

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

Community Development
In Trustee De Young’s absence, Trustee Nylen moved for approval of Building Permit No. 19-1300, representing a value of $12,498 and Building Permits Nos. between 20-0008 – 20-0064 representing a value of $89,733 in community investments. Trustee Russell seconded the motion.

Among the permits, Trustee Nylen highlighted three permits for repairs at $6,000 for Deluxe Motel.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Nylen, Russell, Johnson and President De Graff
Nays: None

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

Parks and Recreation
In Trustee Perkins’ absence, Trustee Nylen shared that South Holland Recreational Services will be hosting our Daddy Daughter Masquerade Ball on Friday, March 6th for children 3 to 12 years of age at 6:30 PM. The night will feature dinner, dancing, and games. Advanced registration is required; Tickets are $30 per couple and $10 for each additional child.

Community Coordination
Trustee Nylen shared that the New Resident Breakfast will take place on Saturday, April 4, 9:00 AM at the South Holland Community Center. Anyone who has moved to South Holland over the past year or so is invited to our New Resident Breakfast on April 4 at the Community Center. Attendees will be treated to breakfast, a brief presentation about what South Holland has to offer, and the chance to visit with South Holland clubs and organizations. We will also have a raffle for an Amazon Echo and other giveaways. If you are a new resident, please call or email Village Hall and we will send you more information.

Finance
Trustee Russell moved for Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Register No. 999 for $1,938,511.77 covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and payroll. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Trustees Russell, Johnson, Nylen and President De Graff
Nays: None

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

Public Safety
Trustee Johnson shared that the South Holland Police Department is pleased to announce that they have joined the Ring.Com Joint Law Enforcement and Neighbors Share App. This app is not monitored by law enforcement 24 hours a day. However, they can view, post and respond to crime and safety related information posted on the Neighbors app. They can also submit video requests to residents to help with active investigations in your area. By working together, we can all make South Holland a safer community.

President De Graff added that the Police Chief and the department have worked on the program with Ring and it’s going to be very beneficial for us going forward, from a security standpoint. This is a nice program and a nice addition to the Village.

Public Works
In Trustee Reed’s absence, Trustee Johnson reported that with the temperatures being mild this February, employees were able to install a new swing set at Vollbrecht Park.

President De Graff asked if there were any additional business.

President De Graff announced that immediately after tonight’s meeting, there is a cake reception to honor retiring Public Works Director, George Gunkel. Everyone in attendance is welcome to attend.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee Johnson moved that this meeting adjourn. Trustee Russell 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 Monday, March 2, 2020, at 8:00 PM, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, County of Cook, South Holland, Illinois.

Approved by:

Sallie D. Penman, Clerk

President