MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK
HELD ON March 2, 2020 8:00 P.M.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Shawn Staples, Police Chief; Mr. Brian Kolosh, Fire Chief; Mr. Bryant Krzilk, Deputy Fire Chief; Mr. Frank Knitlle, Director Community Development; Mr. Ed Stewart, Director Recreational Services; Mr. Tim Lapp, Village Attorney; Mr. John Hilsen, Village Engineer; Ms. Pat Mahon, Deputy Village Administrator; Mr. John Watson, Director of Economic Development; Ms. Beth Herman, Village

Absent: Mr. J Wyznsma, Village Administrator

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

Present: Trustees Larry De Young, Vickie Perkins, Cindy Nylen, John Russell and Prince Reed

Absent with Notice: Trustee Andrew Johnson

Pastor Phillip Tarver of United Faith Center Ministries International opened our meeting with prayer.

President De Graff thanked Pastor Tarver.

Minutes

Trustee Nylen moved that the reading of the Minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting be dispensed with, copies thereof having been distributed to each trustee, and the Minutes as presented be approved.

Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Resident Comments

Ms. Judith Clark, 152nd and State, expressed concerns regarding ongoing activity at a rental property on her block. She believes that the renters have moved out, but she has witnessed some suspicious activity going on at the property. She wanted clarity on the rental moratorium, as well as what actions can be taken against the landlord. President De Graff explained that the suspicious activity she described is different from the rental moratorium. This is a police matter and asked her to share any new information with Chief Staples. As a point of clarity, Pat Mahon shared that actions have been taken against that address.

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Hilsen had one report this evening, the Resolution of support for submission of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds Application for program year 2020. This resolution supports an Application for Grant Funding from Cook County for Street improvements to portions of Court Terrace (including all 6 courts, 164th Street, Prairie Ave and Woodlawn West Ave) which are located within areas of the Village designated by the County as low to moderate income. The Grant provides funding for construction costs associated with street patching and resurfacing, curb repair, sidewalk repair and ADA improvements. A total of $400,000 in funding is being requested from the County. Trustee Nylen moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Attorney’s Report

Mr. Lapp had two items this evening. The first item was a Resolution authorizing the sale of personal property. This resolution authorizes the Police Department to sell the 2007 Ford Winnebago Mobile Command Unit to the Third District Fire Chiefs Association MABAS 24, Inc. in consideration of three years of membership dues forgiveness ($7,257.00 annually), $21,771.00, plus agreement for use of the unit on Memorial Day and 4th of July each year, and priority use of the command van as needed. Trustee Reed moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. Trustee Russell seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

The second item was a Resolution authorizing agreement to form a Multi-jurisdictional CRSPN Task Force. This resolution authorizes the Village of South Holland, in participation with Dolton, Thornton, and Riverdale, to form the CRSPN Task Force. This task force will be a specialized unit of police officers whose collaborative efforts aim to decrease criminal activity and ultimately enhance the safety of its participating communities through the exchange and maintenance of intelligence in a uniform manner.
Trustee Reed moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. Trustee Russell seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Community Development
Trustee De Young moved for approval of building permits between Nos. 20-0049 – 20-0099, representing a value of $189,000 in community investments. Trustee Perkins seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Parks and Recreation
Trustee Perkins reported that South Holland Recreational Services will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 11:00 AM, for children 1 to 10 years of age. The hunt will take place at Veterans Park and will be held rain or shine. The Easter Egg Hunt is for South Holland residents only and pre-registration is required.

Community Coordination
Trustee Nylen reported that the next Mayor’s Coffee will take place on Thursday, March 12, 2020, 7:00 PM at the South Holland Community Center.

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. 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.

Mark your calendars. Our Education Fair will be held on Saturday, August 8, 10:00 – 2:00 PM at the Community Center. Additional details will be provided at a later date.

Finance
Trustee Russell moved for Approval of payments of vouchers as listed on Register No. 0 for $1,270,735.72 covering day-to-day operations, vendor payments and payroll. Trustee Reed seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

Public Safety
No report was given in Trustee Johnson’s absence.

Public Works
Trustee Reed had no report this evening.

President De Graff asked if there were any additional business.

President De Graff noted that we are all encouraged by the Public Safety report presented earlier this evening. We continue to be the premiere community of public safety in the south suburbs. As we approach the spring season and begin to get into more activities, it is good to know we have the public safety departments that we do. Also in regards to the recent fire, it’s good to know that everybody is safe.

There being no additional business to come before the President and Board of Trustees, Trustee De Young moved that this meeting adjourn. Trustee Nylen 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 16, 2020, at 8:00 PM, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, County of Cook, South Holland, Illinois.

Approved by:   

President

Sallie D. Penman, Clerk