

**MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THORNTON TOWNSHIP HALL
333 E 162nd St SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473
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March 8, 2022

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

PRESENT: Trustee's Gerald "Jerry" Jones, Christopher Gonzalez, Darlene Gray-Everett Joyce Washington, and Supervisor Tiffany Henyard.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner Geary DePue, Assessor Elston, Attorney Stanley T. Kuser Jr., and Attorney James Vasselli

ABSENT: **None**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor asks if we can continue to stand for prayer, Trustee Jones leads everyone in prayer.

Following Prayer, the first item on the agenda was Approval of Minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nate Fields mistakenly signed the incorrect sign-in book but expressed that "this must be a sign from God, that he should say something". Nate addressed the Board "This is the start of a fresh beginning, I have faith in our board, Tiffany I'm so happy for you, I'm Happy for all of us". "I think that we should move forward, I'm Humble to be here, in this moment, and look forward to continue working with you all in the future". Before we continue with regular business, Supervisor Henyard Expressed her Honor to be appointed as our New Supervisor. She thanked everyone for their Support, always uplifting her and she's aware that she has big shoes to fill. She will not let us down, so thank you for this Great Opportunity. "I pledge to the residents of Thornton Township, the elected officials, the board of Trustees and to the entire staff that I will work hard and have an honest, responsible, and fiscal year and I also pledge to remember that I am a public server. I will always keep the people first, so thank you again".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Minutes of the Reconvened Board of Trustees Meeting held March 1, 2022, at 7:00pm. The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Washington. There being no questions or comments Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the Bills of the General Fund as presented to the Board for payment. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the General Assistance Fund as presented to the Board for payment. The motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the Bills of the Road and Bridge Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Darlene, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried**

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PERSONNEL:

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS: None

TRANSFER/PROMOTION/STATUS CHANGE: None

APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a Motion to approve appointment of full-time counsel, Attorney James Vasselli, of Del Galdo Law Group, LLC. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Gray-Everette. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a Motion to approve hiring of Communications and Media Advisor, Nakita McGraw, Inter-Governmental Liaison, Marshaun Tolbert, and Senior Advisor, Keith Freeman. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Washington. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried**

CLOSED SESSION:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to go into closed session – To discuss the hiring, discipline, performance, compensation and the dismissal of certain personnel, acquisition of real property, matters pending, probable, or imminent litigation. The motion was made by Trustee Washington, seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried**

The Board entered closed session at 7:13pm.

Closed Session ended at 7:38pm.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting at 7:38 p.m. Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

PRESENT: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

Action to Follow Closed Session:

MISCELLANEOUS:

Attorney Kuser addressed the board and the crowd expressing his time working with Supervisor Zuccarelli, he gives his heartfelt thanks for all the years. Attorney Kuser wishes everyone good luck and submits his resignation. Trustee Jones honors Trustee Joyce Washington for 25 years of service as Trustee and then following Jan 3, being the First African American Deputy Supervisor and presented her with flowers. Trustee Washington thanked the Board and expressed her thanks and love to the audience. Trustee Gonzalez Thanked Joyce for her service and the rest of the Board and mentions that he looks forward to working with everyone.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Washington, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:46pm.

X

Tiffany A. Henyard
Supervisor

X

Loretta Wells
Clerk

X

Joyce M. Washington
Trustee

X

Darelene Gray-Everett
Trustee

X

Gerald "Jerry" Jones
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Trustee