

**MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THORNTON TOWNSHIP HALL
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January 11, 2022

Thornton Township Clerk Wells called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. Clerk Wells called the roll.

PRESENT: Trustee Gerald “Jerry” Jones, Christopher Gonzalez and Trustee Joyce Washington (via call from Thornton Township Boardroom)

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

ABSENT: Darlene Gray-Everett

Clerk Loretta Wells entertained a motion to nominate Trustee Washington as Supervisor Pro Temp. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, Seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES:	<u>3</u>	Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, and Pro-temp Washington
NO:	<u>0</u>	None
ABSENT:	<u>1</u>	Trustee Gray-Everett

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the first item on the agenda was public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Supervisor Pro-Temp Washington ask for a moment of silence in honor of the Late Supervisor Frank M. Zuccarelli.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Pro-Temp Washington entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on December 22, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments Supervisor Pro Temp Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, and Pro-temp Washington
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gray-Everett

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

**OLD BUSINESS:
APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, and Pro-temp Washington
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gray-Everett

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

Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett enters meeting @ 8:07pm

Supervisor Zuccarelli entertained a motion to approve the General Assistance 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 Pro-Temp Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Pro-temp Washington
NO: 0 None

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

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

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Pro-temp Washington
NO: 0 None

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Pro-Temp Washington entertained a motion to amend and ratify the Phone Poll conducted on Friday January 7, 2022, to Approve the donation of Funds for Supervisor Frank M Zuccarelli’s Memorial Service. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Pro-Temp Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Pro-temp Washington
NO: 0 None

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Washington entertained a motion to bypass New Business - item X; B on the agenda to Appoint a Deputy Supervisor pursuant to 60ILCSI/60-5(B-5); to perform the ministerial functions of the office of Supervisor until the vacancy is filled pursuant to law. The Board will revisit the item following a Closed Session. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez, seconded by Trustee Gray-Everett. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Pro-Temp Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Pro-temp Washington
NO: 0 None

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

PERSONNEL:

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS: **None**

TRANSFER/PROMOTION/STATUS CHANGE: **None**

APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE:

Supervisor Pro-Temp Washington entertained a motion to bypass item XII; 1 on the agenda to approve hiring of Full-Time Human Resources Generalist Anthony Butler. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, seconded by Trustee Jones. The Board will revisit the item following a Closed Session. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Pro-Temp Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Pro-temp Washington
NO: 0 None

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Washington entertained a motion to bypass item XII; 2 on the agenda to approve hiring of Full-Time Special Projects Assistant. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, seconded by Trustee Jones. The Board will revisit the item following a Closed Session There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Pro-Temp Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Pro-temp Washington
NO: 0 None

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Supervisor Pro-Temp Washington 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 Gray-Everett, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Pro-temp Washington
NO: 0 None

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

The Board entered closed session at 8:20 p.m.

Closed Session ended at 9:19 p.m.

Action to Follow Closed Session:

Deputy Supervisor Washington reconvene the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Deputy Supervisor Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Pro-temp Washington
NO: 0 None

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Washington entertained a motion to Appoint a Deputy Supervisor pursuant to 60ILCSI/60-5(B-5); to perform the ministerial functions of the office of Supervisor until the vacancy is filled pursuant to law. Trustee Jones make the motion to appoint Pro-Temp Washington as Deputy Supervisor with a stipend of 5% of salary, the motion was seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Pro-Temp Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Pro-temp Washington
NO: 0 None

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

Deputy Supervisor Washington entertained a to approve the hiring of Full-Time Human Resources Generalist, Anthony Butler, effective 01/05/2022. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez, seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Deputy Supervisor Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Pro-temp Washington
NO: 0 None

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

Deputy Supervisor Washington entertained a motion to approve hiring of Full-Time Special Projects Assistant, Julian Wilson, effective 12/08/2021. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Deputy Supervisor Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Pro-temp Washington
NO: 0 None

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Board of Trustee's expresses their collective sincere sympathy and condolences to Carmen, Frank's Long-time companion, she is presented with flowers and Frank's Board Book with inserted memories and photos of the Late, GREAT Supervisor Zuccarelli. Brunu Sheppard also Presented Deputy Supervisor Washington with a bouquet of flowers, as a sign of respect and love.

Trustee's Jones expressed that Supervisor Zuccarelli's heart was so big, that I couldn't fit in anyone else's body, Frank meant a lot to us, and so does Carmen.

Carmen thanks everyone for their love and support, she prays that everyone can continue to work together, uphold and honor Frank's wishes. Deputy Supervisor Washington wishes Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett a Happy Birthday!

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

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES:	<u>4</u>	Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Pro-temp Washington
NO:	<u>0</u>	None

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

X

Joyce M. Washington
Trustee

X

Darelene Gray-Everett
Trustee

X

Gerald "Jerry" Jones
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Trustee

X

Loretta Wells
Clerk