

**MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THORNTON TOWNSHIP HALL  
333 E 162<sup>nd</sup> St SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473**

**April 26, 2022**

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to allow Trustee Joyce Washington to join the Board of Trustees Meeting Via phone conference. The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Gray-Everett. There being no questions or comments Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**            4           Trustee Jones, Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**             0           None

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

**Trustee Joyce Washington joined meeting @7:06pm**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner Geary DePue, Assessor Cassandra Elston, and Attorney James Vasselli

**ABSENT:**                               None

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the first item on the agenda was Reports/Presentations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**           None

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**   None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting held April 12, 2022, at 7:00pm. The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Gray-Everett. There being no questions or comments Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**            5           Trustee Jones, Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**             0           None

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to pay the bill for Eagle Wood Spa. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Supervisor Henyard reminded everyone about the issue with the spa bill and indicated for the record that she is not in agreement with paying anything that utilizes taxpayer dollars for personal use, taxpayer dollars should be used to benefit the people of the township, which is why she voted no. She also stated, as it relates to the Board of Trustees, the majority agreed to pay the bill because the services were utilized, and the township is responsible for the bill. For the record Trustee Gray-Everett indicated that was exactly why she voted to pay it because the township is responsible.

There being no further questions or comments Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:** 4 Trustee Jones, Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, and Washington  
**NO:** 1 Supervisor Henyard

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

**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 Jones and seconded by Trustee Gray-Everett. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:** 5 Trustee Jones, Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:** 0 None

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

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

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:** 5 Trustee Jones, Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:** 0 None

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the Road and Bridge Fund as presented to the Board for payment. The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by

Trustee Gray-Everett. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

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

**NO:** 0 None

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

**RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 22-R-005 IMRF Authorized Agent. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Trustee Jones. Trustee Jones asked why this is being voted on again. Attorney Vasselli, indicated that at the last meeting this was not a line item when it was approved, we are using caution because the Supervisor wants to be transparent

There being no further questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

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

**NO:** 0 None

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Vanessa Marshall, Temika Henyard, and Joslyn King as FOIA Officers for the Township. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett 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 Trustee Jones, Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

**NO:** 0 None

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

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Supervisor Henyard announced that it was imperative that everyone was updated on what was going on in the Township. The Supervisor and the Board of Trustees have been working together to improve the quality of the food pantry, she introduced the new Assistant Manager of the food pantry Keith Price, who will be working with Tannika Hughes. The Supervisor and the Board of Trustees have also been working on improving the food boxes, making sure there are fresh vegetables in each box, their will also be a meal of the week/month. Labels on the boxes have been changed, all boxes currently have Supervisor Tiffany Henyard's name on them.

Upcoming events:

- Bingo night – April 28th at 4pm
- Lansing Day Parade - May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Mother's Day Dinner - May 8<sup>th</sup>

The Supervisor ended her report but asked if any of the trustees had anything to say. Trustee Washington asked if there could be a tour of the food pantry, since everything is new, and get an explanation of what has been changed, Trustee Washington suggested that the entire board go together.

**PERSONNEL:**

**RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS:**       None

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

**APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE:**

**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, legal counsel acquisition of real property, matters pending, probable, or imminent litigation. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, seconded by Trustee Washington. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

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

**NO:**     0       None

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

**The Board entered closed session at 7:18pm.**

**Closed Session ended at 7:56pm.**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting at 7:59p.m. Clerk Wells called the roll. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

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

**ABSENT:**    0

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

**Action to Follow Closed Session:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Lakiesha Baker from part-time to full-time. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Gray-Everett. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

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

**NO:**             0             None

**PASS:**          0             None

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Farid Washington to full-time. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, 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:**            4            Trustee Jones, Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, and Supervisor Henyard

**NO:**             0             None

**PASS:**          1            Trustee Washington

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to acknowledge or accept the resignation of India Blakey and Eugene Gaydon. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzales, 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:**            4            Trustee Jones, Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, and Supervisor Henyard

**NO:**             0             None

**PASS:**          1            Trustee Washington

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to abolish the Covid Team and to lay-off full-time employee Fernon Williams. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. The Supervisor expressed her gratitude to the Covid Team for providing essential service to the Township and indicated that they can apply for other positions available at the Township by going to the website. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**            4            Trustee Jones, Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, and Supervisor Henyard

**NO:**             0             None

**PASS:**          1            Trustee Washington

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve from part-time to full-time, the following Transportation Drivers: Jacquelynn Deboer, Deuane Williams, Charles Klimek, Lynette Brown, Conswalo James. 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 Trustee Jones, Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

**NO:** 0 None

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

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Supervisor Henyard informed everyone that the Township will be hosting a Cinco de mayo event on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the Township's main Building.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, 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, Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 8:06pm.

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Tiffany A. Henyard  
Supervisor

X

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Loretta Wells  
Clerk

X

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Joyce M. Washington  
Trustee

X

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Darelene Gray-Everett  
Trustee

X

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Gerald "Jerry" Jones  
Trustee

X

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Christopher Gonzalez  
Trustee