

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

**December 20, 2022**

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:25p.m. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Loretta Wells to call the roll.

**PRESENT:** Trustees Christopher Gonzalez, Joyce Washington, and Supervisor Tiffany Henyard.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner Geary DePue, Assessor Cassandra Elston and Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski

**ABSENT:** Trustees Gerald “Jerry” Jones and Darlene Gray-Everett

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve minutes of Regular Board of Trustees Meeting held September 27, 2022, at 6:00pm. 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:** 3 Trustees Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

**ABSENT:** 2 Trustees Jones and Gray-Everett

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve minutes of Regular Board of Trustees Meeting held November 9, 2022, at 6:00pm. 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:** 3 Trustees Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

**ABSENT:** 2 Trustees Jones and Gray-Everett

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

## 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 Washington and seconded by Supervisor Henyard. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**     2   Trustee Washington, and Supervisor Henyard  
**PASS:**    1   Trustee Gonzalez  
**ABSENT:** 2   Trustees Jones and Gray-Everett

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

**Note:** *(Per Attorney Jaworski, under Robert's Rules since there is no "No" votes, generally the extension goes with the minority)*

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the General Assistant 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:**       3   Trustees Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard  
**ABSENT:** 2   Trustees Jones and Gray-Everett

There being three 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 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:**       3   Trustees Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard  
**ABSENT:** 2   Trustees Jones and Gray-Everett

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

## NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the 2023 Holiday and Board Meetings Calendar. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez 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:**       3 Trustees Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

**ABSENT:** 2 Trustees Jones and Gray-Everett

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve acceptance of Enterprise Fleet Management Agreement. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Washington. Trustee Gonzalez asks for an overview of this agreement. Supervisor Henyard gave a brief overview of the reason for this agreement. The Township's fleet is down as it relates to our buses. New equipment is needed for the transportation department to pick up our seniors. We usually purchase our vehicles, the Supervisor is now suggesting that we lease our vehicles, because they do get old, and just in case something happens, we can rotate our fleet.

Keith Freeman, Senior Advisor to Supervisor Henyard was asked to speak on the Enterprise Fleet Agreement. Mr. Freeman shared that the lease agreement was a yearly renewal; free maintenance is included in the agreement (oil change; tire rotation, etc.), we are in the lease agreement for the term of the vehicle. The good thing about the Enterprise Fleet Agreement is, at the end of the agreement term you can pay off the balance of the vehicle or trade the vehicle in. There being no further questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**       3 Trustees Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

**ABSENT:** 2 Trustees Jones and Gray-Everett

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve acceptance of Great line Communications Proposal – ZAP Camera. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez 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:**       3 Trustees Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

**ABSENT:** 2 Trustees Jones and Gray-Everett

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

**RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 22-R-020 a Resolution Property Tax Limitation Act (PTELA) for the General Assistance Fund. 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:**     3    Trustees Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

**ABSENT:** 2   Trustees Jones and Gray-Everett

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 22-R-021 a Resolution Property Tax Limitation Act (PTELA) for the Road and Bridge Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez 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:**     3    Trustees Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

**ABSENT:** 2   Trustees Jones and Gray-Everett

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Ordinance 22-007 General Fund and General Assistance Fund Tax Levy Ordinance. 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:**     3    Trustees Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

**ABSENT:** 2   Trustees Jones and Gray-Everett

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Ordinance 22-008 Road and Bridge Fund Tax Levy Ordinance. 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:**     3    Trustees Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

**ABSENT:** 2   Trustees Jones and Gray-Everett

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

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Supervisor allowed Nathaniel Fields to speak, (15475 Merrill Ave, South Holland, IL 60473). Mr. Fields commended the Supervisor for her success, so far, as being the Supervisor. He spoke on behalf of co-workers regarding Holiday Bonuses and Assistance for Employees to get back and forward to work if needed. Supervisor Henyard explained that the Township is in a deficit and they're working on something in the New Year (Cost of living Increase).

Supervisor Henyard encourages everyone to love on family and friends this holiday season because tomorrow is not promised, forgive and love everyone. Find some Holiday cheer and reach out to your loved ones.

Supervisor Henyard also gave an overview of the past/upcoming events. Such as our Steppers event that was held on December 1, the Tree lightening ceremony that was held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Senior Ugly Sweater Luncheon on December 10<sup>th</sup>, and Thornton Township's Toy Drive that was held on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Township will be closed Monday December 26<sup>th</sup>. The Township will host its last Township talk of the 2022 year, which will take place December 28<sup>th</sup> 5pm-7pm at Thornton Township on the lower level of the building. The supervisor also informed everyone about the Mental Health Facility located in Dolton at the old village hall. It is open to anyone in need of help, and you can give them a call at (708)297-6859.

Please Join us! If anyone wants to join or register for any events call the Township at (773) 596-6040 ext. 3325. To volunteer for any events please call (773) 771-1523.

**PERSONNEL: None**

**RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS: None**

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

**APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE: None**

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Trustee Joyce Washington inquired about the snow blizzard that was talked about in the news, she asked if there were any arrangements in place, about staying home, just in case the weather gets bad. Supervisor Henyard stated that the parking lot and sidewalks will be plowed, and everyone should show up to work. But she assumes each department has spoken to their staff about at least having one or two people be there to cover the department since we will be open for business as usual.

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: 3** Trustee Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

**ABSENT: 2** Trustee Jones and Gray-Everett

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:55pm.

X

Joyce M. Washington  
Trustee

X

Darelene Gray-Everett  
Trustee

X

Gerald "Jerry" Jones  
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez  
Trustee

X

Loretta Wells  
Clerk

X

Tiffany A. Henyard  
Supervisor

