

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

May 9, 2023

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order 6:05pm. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Loretta Wells to call the roll.

PRESENT: Trustees Christopher Gonzalez, Jerry Jones, Joyce Washington, and Supervisor Tiffany Henyard

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Loretta Wells, Assessor Elston and Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski

ABSENT: Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion for Trustee Gray-Everett to attend via phone call. The motion was made by Trustee Jones 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: 4 Trustees Gonzalez, Jones, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gray-Everett

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

Trustee Gray-Everett joined the meeting via phone at 6:10pm

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the first items on the agenda were Reports and 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 April 10, 2023, at 6:00pm. The motion was made by Trustee Washington 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 Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Jones, Washington and Supervisor Henyard

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 Jones and seconded by Trustee Gray-Everett. Trustee Washington mentions that this is the first time she has seen the bills and she'd like to pass because she couldn't open the email, so she didn't get a chance to view them. Trustee Gonzalez mentions that his was the same, as well, just the front page was there but nothing else. Supervisor Henyard tells the Trustees that they can call and let someone know if they're having any issues so that they can get it sorted out before the Board Meetings. 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 Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

PASS: 1 Trustee Washington

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the bills of 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: 3 Trustees Gray-Everett, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

PASS: 1 Trustee Washington

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

Supervisor Henyard 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 Jones 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: 4 Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

PASS: 1 Trustee Washington

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-003 Transfer of Appropriation for the General Assistance Fund. 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: 3 Trustees Gray-Everett, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

PASS: 2 Trustees Gonzalez and Washington

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-004 Transfer of Appropriation for the General Fund. 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: 3 Trustees Gray-Everett, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

PASS: 2 Trustees Gonzalez and Washington

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-005 Transfer of Appropriation for the Road and Bridge Fund. 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: 3 Trustees Gray-Everett, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

PASS: 2 Trustees Gonzalez and Washington

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-006 Authorizing Participation in the State of Illinois Treasurer's Local Government Investment Pool ('The Illinois Funds') for Thornton Township. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and Seconded by Trustee Jones. Trustee Jones asks for an explanation of The Illinois Fund. Attorney Tiffany Jaworski and Finance Director, Robert Hunt, gave a brief overview of the Illinois Funds. 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 Gray-Everett, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

PASS: 2 Trustees Gonzalez and Washington

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to Ratify the phone poll conducted on April 25, 2023 for approval of Bills. The motion was made by Trustee Washington 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 Gonzales, Gray-Everett, Jones, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

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

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Supervisor Henyard expressed the disappointment with different Elected Officials that told people not to vote for the Mental Health Resolution, when it's really needed. She states that every time something is needed there's a barrier put up against it. The kids love it when Thornton Township visit their schools and talk to them about Mental Health. Despite all the controversy and negative things, Thornton Township is putting the effort out there to do some good with Mental health throughout our 17 Communities. Supervisor Henyard Thanks her team for all their help.

- Fine dining class – May 12. 4pm-6pm, 2023
Trustee Jones states that it is important to have classes like the Fine dining because a lot of people do not know the importance of it.
- Mother's Day Celebration May 14, 2023, 4pm-6pm (Sunday)
- Big Bingo – May 18, 2023, 4pm-6pm (Thursday)
- Township Talk – May 24, 2023, 5pm-7pm

Please Join us! If anyone wants to join or register for any events or has questions call the Township at (773) 596-6040 ext. 3325. If you have questions about any events please call Executive Assistant, Joslyn King (773) 771-1523.

PERSONNEL:

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS: **None**

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

APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE: **None**

MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett mentions the 5yrs old that was shot and killed after the election and other children that also lived there was removed from the home in Calumet city and that they may need assistance. Trustee Jones says that the Cinco de mayo celebration was a great celebration and it seemed like everyone had a great time. Supervisor Henyard says that she tries to make everything an opportunity for all. The Hispanic community likes that the flyers are being made in both English and Spanish. Supervisor Henyard thanks Maria for making all the flyers. Attorney Tiffany Jaworski wishes all moms a Happy Mother's Day! Joslyn King gave brief details on the accident that happened with the five-year-old boy that was killed. She stated she would reach out to the family on behalf of Thornton Township to give condolences and support. Supervisor Henyard added to what Joslyn said and says one thing she loves about Trustee Andrew Holmes is that he's big on outreach and situations relating to that and locking down weapons. Supervisor Henyard states that any youth that needs employment can see Stan Brown to work at the ZAP Building.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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 Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Jones, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:27pm.

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