

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

**May 31, 2023**

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:27pm. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Loretta Wells to call the roll.

**PRESENT:** Trustees Christopher Gonzalez, Darlene Gray- Everett, Jerry Jones, and Supervisor Tiffany Henyard.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk Loretta Wells and Attorney Michael Delgado

**ABSENT:** Assessor Cassandra Elston and Highway Commissioner Geary DePue

Supervisor Henyard began the meeting with giving her appreciation and condolences for the Late Trustee Joyce Washington. She appreciated her for being the pillar of the community for as long as she could. She grew up with Trustee Washington's kids. She will miss her and appreciates all the wisdom she instilled in her and the encouragement she gave her when she came into the seats that she holds. She will be missed.

Trustee Jones expressed how Trustee Washington was well known within the community, he explained Trustee Washington as a Kind Soul, Very Giving of herself usually putting herself before others, she was always in his corner. Joyce Washington had love for him, as he did for her! They were tight knit. Trustee Jones read the Resolution in Memoriam of Joyce M. Washington as we all extend and convey our most sincere sympathy for her children, and their families during this difficult time.

Trustee Gonzalez says he's known Joyce for as long as her can remember, she was a dear friend but furthermore she was family! She was somebody who you often hear about doing things within the community and truly cares. She truly cared about the community and the people. She was older than him but would be the one out working him. She would often ask about his family even in the time of chaos. He says, thank you my friend to Joyce, she meant a lot to him.

Trustee Gray-Everett also admired her elders, such as Trustee Washington, she sends her most sincere sympathy to the family.

Clerk Wells Loretta wells explains that she and Joyce worked on the HRC committee for years, Joyce loved HRC, Women's Day, The Taste and MLK event. Those were her favorite events. She loved working in the community, she will be truly missed, she was a friend and another mother to her. On behave of herself and Mayor Wells she extends her condolences to the family.

Supervisor Henyard had the room express their love for each other in unity by saying "I love you and there isn't nothing you can do about it" and everyone put Hearts up for Trustee Joyce M. Washington.

Attorney Michael Delgado gives an overview of the legal process of appointment to fill the vacancy of Trustee Washington by warrant of appointment.

Trustee Jones entertained a motion to nominate Carmine Carlisle to Appointment of Trustee to fill Vacancy pursuant to 60 ILCS 1/60-5. 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 Jones, Gray-Everett, and Supervisor Henyard

**NO:**             1       Trustees Gonzalez

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

**Clerk Wells administers Oath.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Trustee Jones congratulates Carmen Carlisle.

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**       None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve minutes of Regular Board of Trustees Meeting held May 9, 2023, at 6:00pm. 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       Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlisle and Supervisor Henyard

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**       None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**       None

**RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to adopt 2023/2024 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 23-001 for Thornton Township 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:**            5       Trustees Jones, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard

**NO:**             1       Trustee Gonzalez

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to adopt 2023/2024 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 23-002 for Thornton Township General Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Carlisle 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           Trustees Jones, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**             1           Trustee Gonzalez

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to adopt 2023/2024 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 23-003 for Thornton Township Road and Bridge Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett 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, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**             0

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-007 Creating a Local Government Efficiency Committee for Thornton 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           Trustees Jones, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**             0

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to ratify the phone poll conducted on May 25<sup>th</sup> for Approval of Bills. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. 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, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**             0

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

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Supervisor Henyard gives advice tell newly elected officials to learn Government. Go to classes so you'll know your rights, talk to Attorneys, understand how to govern, and position when you come. She acknowledges several past events and says that The Cinco De Mayo event was awesome. A lot of people love that we are doing things to reach every ethnic background.

- D.I.P - Lions Park Hazel Crest – June 2, 2023, 4pm-7pm
- Family Reunion Sundays – June 4, 2023
- Big Bingo – June 15, 2023, 4pm-7pm (Just-Ice Rink)
- Special Services Prom – June 16, 2023, 5pm-10pm

- Tech Salvi Class – June 22, 2023, 11am-1pm
- Youth Summit – June 24, 2023,
- Township Talk – June 28, 2023, 5pm-7pm (333 building)

Trustee Jones talks about the Senior Services Prom for the Special needs Community. Tickets are \$35.00 for anyone that wants to come out and support. If anyone has any clothing or shoes to donate to them, they can contact him.

Please Join us! If anyone wants to join or register for any events or have any questions call the Township at (773) 596-6040 ext. 3325. If you have any 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:**

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

**NO:**                0

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:26pm.

X

Carmen Carlisle  
Trustee

X

Darelene Gray-Everett  
Trustee

X

Gerald "Jerry" Jones  
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez  
Trustee

X

Loretta Wells  
Clerk

X

Tiffany A. Henyard  
Supervisor