

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

June 20, 2023

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:26pm. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Loretta Wells to call the roll.

PRESENT: Trustees Darlene Gray- Everett, Gonzalez, Carlisle, and Supervisor Tiffany Henyard.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner Geary DePue, Assessor Cassandra Elston and Attorney Eric Stach

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion for Trustee Jones to participate in the meeting via teleconference. 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 Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

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

Trustee Jones entered the meeting, via teleconference, at 6:28pm.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the first item on the agenda was Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Theresa Thomas from Dolton, IL explains that she needs assistance from CEDA from the Township and asks where she can go for a little help.

S. Griffin Gray from Calumet City, IL, expressed her concerns about taxes and no Assessor office anymore because it was abolished/closed, and she wants to know where she can go.

Valerie Stubbs from Dolton- had questions about item under New Business: *“Townships Assessor absent from her duties and to order her to return to the Assessors designated office located at the South Holland Building.”* Ms. Stubbs questions how someone can order an elected official to return. She says she was able to talk and show paperwork to the Assessor. She says she has never heard of anyone other than a judge ordering an Elected Official to do anything.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve minutes of the 2023/2024 Tentative Budget Public Hearing for the GF and GAF held May 24, 2023, at 6:00pm. 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 Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve minutes of the 2023/2024 Tentative Budget Public Hearing for the R&BF held May 24, 2023, at 6:15pm. 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 Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve minutes of the Special Board Meeting held May 31, 2023, at 6:00pm. 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: 5 Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0

There being five 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 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 Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

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 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 Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

There being four 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 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: 5 Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to Declare the Thornton Township Assessor Absent from his/her Duties and to order him/her to return to the Assessors Designated Office located at South Holland Thornton Township Office Building located at 333 E. 162nd Street, South Holland, IL 60473. The motion was made by Trustee Carlisle and seconded by Trustee Gray-Everett. Trustee Gonzalez questions the reason behind this. Trustee Gray-Everett asks has the Assessor been missing from her office, Supervisor Henyard confirms that she has. Supervisor gives an overview of the situation; Keith Freeman explains that Supervisor Henyard in no way removed Assessor Cassandra Elston from her office at the South Holland building. Her office was relocated within the building so that her original office can be used for other business. Assessor Elston did not call to ask for any information about what was going on. He says that there were no files left out, everything was locked up. He says that it has been brought to his attention that there has been an office set up in the Calumet city building for the Assessor and he informed the Supervisor and the Attorneys and that is why this motion is placed on today's Agenda and it is up to the Board to decide rather or not the Assessor or any other body of the Government can operate outside of its normal Facilities. 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 Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Supervisor Henyard gives an overview of all the awesome current and past events.

- D.I.P Hazel Crest – June 2, 2023, 4pm-7pm
- Family Reunion Dinner – June 4, 2023
- D.I.P Markham June 7, 2023, 4pm-7pm
- D.I.P Dix moor June 9, 2023, 4pm-7pm
- All Birthday Celebration – June 12, 2023
- D.I.P Burnhams – June 21, 2023, 4pm-7pm
- Senior Tech Savvy Class- June 22, 2023
- Big Bingo – June 22, 2023, Just Ice Rink in Dolton
- D.I.P Dolton – June 23, 2023, 4pm-7pm
- Youth Summit – Dolton @ Dorchester, June 24th 12pm-7pm
 - Mental Health Awareness
 - Entertainment (G Herbo, Tink, Cal Boy, etc.)
 - 70 youth with Scholarships
 - Paying bills up to \$500.00 for the Youth
- Township TALK – June 28, 2023, 5pm-7pm
- D.I.P Blue Island – June 30,2023, 4pm-7pm
- Food Pantry- There will be food sent to homes.

Please Join us! If anyone wants to join or register for any events or has 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: None

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 Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

ABSENT: 0

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:57pm.

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