

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

December 19, 2023

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:03pm. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

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

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

ABSENT: Trustee Carlisle

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion for Trustee Carlisle to attend the meeting via teleconference. 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: 4 Trustees Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Carlisle

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried.

-Trustee Carmen Carlisle enters the meeting @6:06pm

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held November 28, 2023, at 6:00pm. 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: 5 Trustees Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones, Gray-Everett 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 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 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 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 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 Jones. 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 Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-011 a Resolution Tax Limitation Act (PTELA) For the General Fund and General Assistance Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Trustee Gonzalez asks for more Information. Attorney Tiffany and Finance Director, Robert Hunt gave an overview. 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 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 Resolution 23-R-012 a Resolution Tax Limitation Act (PTELA) For the Road and Bridge Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Trustee Jones asks if this is the same thing that's done every year. 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 an Ordinance 23-005 General Fund and General Assistance Fund Tax Levy Ordinance. 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: 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 an Ordinance 23-006 Road and Bridge Fund Tax Levy Ordinance. 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 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 a Resolution 23-R-013 to place an advisory referendum question on March 19, 2024, ballot regarding whether Thornton Township should charge two dollars (\$2.00) and open a Soup and Salad kitchen in Thornton Township and to be increases yearly by the cost of living , Cook County, Illinois. The motion was made by Trustee Carlisle and seconded by Trustee Jones. Trustee Gonzalez asks for more information. 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 a Resolution 23-R-014 certifying the submission of the Electors of Thornton Township a binding referendum question at the March 14, 2024, primary election regarding the Levy of an annual Tax not to exceed 0.15% for the purpose of providing community Mental Health facilities and services, including facilities and services for persons with a developmental disability or substance use disorder for the 2024 Tax Levy year. The approximate amount for the additional tax dependable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$4.55. The motion was made by

Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Supervisor Henyard gave an overview of the Referendum. Trustee Jones tells a story about his childhood and the Mental health crisis he has seen and experienced. Trustee Gray-Everett made a statement about supporting Mental Health. 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, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard
PASS: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve a Resolution 23-R-015 to place an advisory referendum question on March 19, 2024, ballot regarding whether Thornton Township should open a second food pantry in Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois. The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Gray-Everett. Trustee Jones asks a question regarding the reason(s) behind needing a second Food Pantry. He also expressed the importance of serving our community. Trustee Gonzalez asks what's the reason(s) for adding this to the ballot. Senior Advisor, Keith Freeman spoke and gave an overview of the referendum, expressing why it's better to get taxpayers/residents' opinion on this matter. 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, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve 2024 Holiday and Board Meeting Calendar. The motion was made by Trustee Carlisle 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 Gray-Everett, Gonzalez, Carlisle, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0

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

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Supervisor Henyard gives an overview of all past events from the month of December 2023. Supervisor Henyard explain that the reason for Supervisors report is to educate everyone about what goes on within the Township, the things that are offered and the new things that are being created.

A few of the Department managers gave overviews of how their departments are growing.

-Stan Brown thanks the Supervisor, Trustees and Residents. He expresses his families' difficulties and Mental Health and that he stands 10 toes behind it. He Gave an overview of his department and the outreach they've been doing with the youth.

-Kay gave an overview of his department and how the numbers have increased.

-Robert Hunt mentioned for the last 5 years we've been getting a financial award and this year they're aiming to submit for the Budget award.

-Trustee Jones speaks about the billboard and the phone line being cut and how it's difficult to see what people do to one another.

-Marcia Brown from Senior Services mentions that over the last year her department has grown exponentially. They've Outgrown the Senior center as far as when having events. The food pantry number request and calls received has grown, senior lunch serves anywhere from 850-1000 lunches at \$1.50 every week. It shows how many of the Seniors needs this help. They are issuing on average, 20-30 senior ID's a week.

Supervisor Henyard

Upcoming:

- Showtime at the Apollo for the youth – December 9, 2023
- Christmas Toy and Food Giveaway – December 16, 2023 (Residents loved this)
- Holiday Bingo – December 21, 2023
- Color Purple Trip – December 22, 2023
- Senior Services Holiday Party – December 29, 2023
- Township closed on Christmas and New Year's Day

Supervisor Henyard Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and says to reach out to someone if needed and love on one another.

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.

For the Record:

Supervisor Henyard Declared Thornton Township a National Disaster due to major flooding September 15, 2023.

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 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 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 7:19pm.

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