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

March 25, 2024

Thornton Township Clerk Wells called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Clerk Wells called the roll.

PRESENT: Trustees Christopher Gonzalez, Darlene Gray-Everett, Carmen Carlisle, and Supervisor

Tiffany Henyard

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner DePue, Assessor Elston and

Attorney Eric Stach

ABSENT: Trustee Gerald Jones

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gardin Watts, South Holland Resident - Congratulates Residents once again on voting down referendum

for increase on property tax for the Mental Health Facility. He says "what happened to the Mental Health program that was at the Riverdale location? The Township has had a mental health program for 30 years, staffed with Mental Health professionals.

Where is the money the Township has allocated for that

program since last year? If you're really concerned about mental health start with restaffing the mental health program the Township already has." This Township does not need

incompetent trustees.

Paul Roberts, Lansing Resident Thanks the Township Clerk's office for posting notices on

Friday about the meeting held today. He says he hopes the Annual Town meeting will be more than just a Township Talk. He mentions that he also hopes the upcoming meeting will allow the public to ask spontaneous respectful questions.

Keith Price, Township Employee Commands the Supervisor, he expresses how it saddens his

heart to see so many people attack Supervisor Henyard for things that have also been done in the past. He mentions he has seen Supervisor, give Highway Commissioner department funds

for the streets in unincorporated areas, the numbers have

skyrocketed at this Township and says he also notice the people that come up with so much anger and hate are people who use to

be Employees at Thornton Township.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. 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: 4 Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

ABSENT: $\underline{1}$ Trustee Jones

There being four 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: 3 Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlise and Supervisor Henyard

NO: <u>1</u> Trustee Gonzalez ABSENT: <u>1</u> Trustee Jones

There being three affirmative votes, the motion carried.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the General Assistance Fund as presented to the Board for payment. 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: <u>3</u> Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlise and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 1 Trustee Gonzalez
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

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 Gray-Everett, seconded by Trustee Carlisle. 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, Carlise and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the 2024 Annual Town Hall meeting Agenda. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, 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: 4 Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlise and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: $\underline{1}$ Trustee Jones

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor Henyard announces all the great things we do here in Thornton Township. Gives an update and announces all past successful events and the great things that we do at Thornton Township. She mentions a lot of residents didn't know about township programs and various services we offer. i.e. help with medication for the seniors. She mentions the previous administration was stealing and she wants to tell her story. She mentions her Podcast. Supervisor Henyard also mentions having over 15 million dollars allocated which she worked to get, and no is talking about it. She mentions the importance of needing mental health. She's still helping the community with mental health services like therapy which was given to several students following a shooting at a school. Most townships have a 708 board, except the black and brown communities. Supervisor Henyard mentions that since she's been Supervisor there has been a Surplus, unlike when she came there was a deficit. We got awarded 5 million dollars. She wants the people to benefit first. She thanks all that came out for the Women's History Award Ceremony

Upcoming Events:

- Township Talk March 27, 2024, 5pm-7pm
- Tech Savvy March 28, 2024, 11am-1pm

CLOSED SESSION:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to go into closed session – To discuss the hiring, discipline, performance, compensation and the dismissal of certain personnel, acquisition of real property, matters pending, probable, or imminent litigation; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation - Possible action coming out of closed session - possible action to approve settlement agreement. 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: 4 Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlise and Supervisor Henyard

NO: $\underline{0}$ None

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried.

The Board entered closed session at 6:32pm and Closed Session ended at 6:40pm.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting at 7:40 p.m. Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

PRESENT: 4 Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard

ACTION TO FOLLOW CLOSED SESSION:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation – possible action coming out of closed session – to approve settlement agreement. 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: <u>3</u> Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlise and Supervisor Henyard

NO: $\underline{1}$ Trustee Gonzalez ABSENT: $\underline{1}$ Trustee Jones

There being three affirmative votes, the motion carried.

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

NO: $\underline{0}$ None

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried.

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

X	X
Loretta Wells Clerk	Gerald "Jerry" Jones Trustee
CICIK	Trustee
X	X
Christopher Gonzalez	Darelene Gray-Everett
Trustee	Trustee
X	X
Carmen Carlisle	Tiffany A. Henyard
Trustee	Supervisor