

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

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Reconvened from February 22nd Meeting

March 1, 2022

Thornton Township Deputy Supervisor Washington called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Deputy Supervisor Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

PRESENT: Trustees Gerald “Jerry” Jones, Christopher Gonzalez, Darlene Gray-Everett and Deputy Supervisor Joyce Washington.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner Geary DePue, Assessor Cassandra Elston and Attorney Stanley T. Kuser Jr.

After Clerk Loretta took the roll call, Deputy Supervisor asked for a moment of silence in honor of Trustees Darlene Gray-Everett’s late husband Charles Everett. Following the moment of silence, Deputy Supervisor asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Deputy Supervisor Washington informed the board that two residents would like to make comments. Each took the podium to express their passion and the importance of appointing a successor to fill the vacancy of our Late Supervisor Frank M Zuccarelli. “The appointment must come from this board and be from among you, those who were hand-picked and currently sit in the seat of trustee, because Frank Zuccarelli saw something in you that you may not have even seen in yourself,” said the Pastor William Fleshman resident of Dolton. Donkor Parker, South Holland resident, in his moment of comment expressed “These four trustees owe it to all of us out here to go into the backroom and come out here with someone victorious no matter who it is, as long as it’s one of our family members that we need to get behind for reelection and support going forward,” “They want what we got. We worked hard for this.” “Us being divided is unacceptable,” Parker said.

Following public comments, the next item on the agenda was a Reports/Presentations.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Deputy Supervisor Washington asked Lloyd Betourney of Public Response Group to give his presentation. Lloyd Betourney presented a well-deserved award for public affairs/public service campaign that was asked to be created by the late Supervisor Frank M. Zuccarelli concerning

keeping township government. Lloyd Betourney thanked the Township and the board of trustees and for giving Public Response group the opportunity to flex a creative muscle on their behaves and for all the support and hard work over the years. The Township and Board Members were presented with an award. Trustee Jones, commended Lloyd and the Public Response Group for their outstanding help and work over the years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Deputy Supervisor Washington entertained a motion to approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held February 08, 2022, at 8:00pm. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments Deputy Supervisor Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Deputy Supervisor Washington

NO: 0 None

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

Deputy Supervisor Washington entertained a motion to approve Closed Session Minutes of the regular Board of Trustee Meeting held February 08, 2022, at 8:00pm. The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Washington. There being no questions or comments Deputy Supervisor Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Deputy Supervisor Washington

NO: 0 None

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

OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Deputy Supervisor Washington 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 Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Deputy Supervisor Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Deputy Supervisor Washington

NO: 0 None

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

Deputy Supervisor Washington entertained a motion to approve the General Assistance 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, Deputy Supervisor Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Deputy Supervisor Washington

NO: 0 None

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

Deputy Supervisor Washington entertained a motion to approve the Bills of the Road and Bridge Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Washington, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Deputy Supervisor Washington asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Deputy Supervisor Washington

NO: 0 None

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

Deputy Supervisor Washington entertained a motion at 7:30pm to go into Closed Session for the purpose to discuss the hiring, discipline, performance, compensation and the dismissal of certain personnel, acquisition of real property, matters pending, probable, or imminent litigation, and consider a person to fill a vacancy of a public office, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3). The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez, seconded by Trustee Gray-Everett. There being no questions or comments, Deputy Supervisor asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Deputy Supervisor Washington

NO: 0 None

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

The Board entered closed session at 7:36pm. Closed Session ended at 9:37pm.

Action to Follow Closed Session:

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk wells opened the floor for nominations to Fill the vacancy of Township Supervisor by appointment pursuant to 60 ILCS 1/60-5(a) and 60 ILCS 1/60-5(d) and approve the warrant of appointment. Trustee Gonzalez nominated Assessor Cassandra Elston, there was no second so the motion failed. Trustee Washington nominated Jerry Jones, seconded by Trustee Jones. Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 2 Trustees Jones, and Deputy Supervisor Washington

PASS: 2 Trustees Gonzalez and Gray-Everett

There being two affirmative votes, **the motion failed.**

Clerk Wells entertained a motion at 9:40pm to go into Closed Session for the purpose to discuss the hiring, discipline, performance, compensation and the dismissal of certain personnel, acquisition of real property, matters pending, probable, or imminent litigation, and consider a person to fill a vacancy of a public office, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3). The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Deputy Supervisor Washington

NO: 0 None

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

The Board entered closed session at 9:42p.m. Closed Session ended at 10:40p.m.

PERSONNEL:

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS: None

TRANSFER/PROMOTION/STATUS CHANGE: None

APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE: None

Action to Follow Closed Session:

Deputy Supervisor Washington informed the board that the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee will be in recessed until March 3, 2022, at 10:55pm. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, seconded by Trustee Washington. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Deputy Supervisor Washington

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees is in recess at 10:55pm.

X

Joyce M. Washington
Deputy Supervisor

X

Darelene Gray-Everett
Trustee

X

Gerald "Jerry" Jones
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Trustee

X

Loretta Wells
Clerk