

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

May 10, 2022

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

PRESENT: Trustees Gerald “Jerry” Jones, Darlene Gray-Everett, and Supervisor Tiffany Henyard.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner Geary DePue, and Attorney James Vasselli

ABSENT: Trustees Christopher Gonzalez, Joyce Washington and Assessor Cassandra Elston

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **None**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to allow Trustee Joyce Washington to join the Board of Trustees Meeting Via phone conference. 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: 0 None

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

Trustee Joyce Washington joins meeting Via Conference Call @ 6:13pm

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS: **None**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting held April 26, 2022, at 7:00pm. 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 Jones, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

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 Jones and seconded by Trustee Washington. 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, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the General Assistant Fund as presented to the Board for payment. The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Washington. 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, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the Road and Bridge Fund as presented to the Board for payment. The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Washington. 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, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 22-R-06 Transfer of Appropriation for General Assistance Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Gray-Everett. Attorney Vasselli made clarification that Resolution 22-R-06 is a “Resolution” and not an “Ordinance”. 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 Jones, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gonzalez
There being four affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 22-R-07 Transfer of Appropriation for General 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: 4 Trustees Jones, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gonzalez
There being four affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 22-R-08 Transfer of Appropriation for the Road and Bridge 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: 4 Trustee Jones, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gonzalez
There being four affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Supervisor Henyard thanked all the mom's for coming out to the Mother's Day event on Sunday and expresses how she loved that everyone stood in unity.

Upcoming events that are free to all the residents:

- **Line Dancing – May 12, 2022, 5pm-7pm**
- **Cinco De Mayo - May 15, 2022, 11am-8pm**
- **Big Bingo Night - May 19, 2022, 4pm-7pm**
- **Family Game Night - May 26, 2022, 4pm-7pm**
- **House Music Workout - May 28, 2022, 2pm-3pm**

If anyone wants to join or register for any events call the Township at (708) 596-6040 ext. 3325.
To volunteer for any events please call (773) 771-1523.

PERSONNEL: “Supervisor Henyard mention that there was only one item to vote on “

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS: None

TRANSFER/PROMOTION/STATUS CHANGE:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to change Shunique Waddell from Part-time to Full-time in Senior Services. The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Washington. Trustee Gray-Everett asked why another full-time employee was needed in this department? Supervisor Henyard requested that Mrs. Brown, Dept Manager of Senior Services speak on this item. Mrs. Brown spoke before the Board to let them know that the Senior Services Dept is operating out of three buildings, Riverdale, the main building (South Holland) and Calumet City. She mentioned that Ms. Walden was interviewed and slated to be hired back in late November, early December of 2021, but because of the Holidays, the former Supervisor's passing and the reorganization of the board, Ms. Walden got loss in the process. She also mentioned that their department loss a part-time employee, so currently, if someone calls off or goes on vacation, they would be running at a deficient. Senior Service currently has 10 employees to manage 3 sites, Calumet City requires the bulk of the employees, based on the large number of lunches that must be prepared and distributed. Trustee Gray-Everett commented that we just laid off some people, and we just started coming back full-time so what are we doing now that cause us to hire this person. Mrs. Brown, reply that Senior Services is doing nothing different, they have been running at a deficient for several months and that Senior Services has never closed through-out the pandemic. Within the last 30 days, senior services have resumed several of their activities. Trustee Gray-Everett stated that she wanted to make sure that we are justified on what we're doing and why we are doing it.

A discussion continued, regarding the order of how the recommendations of hiring are handled and if we are dealing with the Directors that's how it should be done. Mrs. Brown stated that there was a request submitted and she has been one of the two managers of Senior Services for 7 years now. Supervisor Henyard indicate that although she is new, Mrs. Brown is the Manager, and she has met with her several times as the Senior Service Manager.

Trustee Jones made a statement on this situation, he first mentions how appreciative he was of Mrs. Brown for advocating for her employees for the needs of the township and residents we provide services to. Since COVID has wane somewhat we want to be in the position to continue to provide those services.

Supervisor Henyard announced Trustee Christopher Gonzalez entered the meeting @6:28pm

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to take a 5-minute recess. 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: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0 None
PASS: 1 Trustee Gray-Everett

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

The Board Recessed @ 6:29pm

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to come out of the 5-minute recess. 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 Trustee Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

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

The Board Recess Ended @ 6:39pm

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to change Shunique Waddell from Part-time to Full-time in Senior Services. The motion was made by Trustee Washington 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, Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

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

APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS:

Clerk Loretta Wells informed everyone that early Voting begins June 13, 2022, through June 27, 2022, and Regular voting is held on June 28, 2022. Voting will take place at the Townships main building.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, 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, Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:41pm.

X

Tiffany A. Henyard
Supervisor

X

Loretta Wells
Clerk

X

Joyce M. Washington
Trustee

X

Darelene Gray-Everett
Trustee

X

Gerald "Jerry" Jones
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Trustee
