

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

August 16, 2022

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Loretta Wells to call the roll.

PRESENT: Trustee's Joyce M. Washington, Gerald "Jerry" Jones, Christopher Gonzalez, and Supervisor Tiffany Henyard.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner DePue, Assessor Cassandra Elston and Attorney Michael Delgado

ABSENT: Darlene Gray-Everett

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the first item on the agenda was a motion for Trustee to participate via teleconference.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Trustee Darlene Gray Everett, to participate in the meeting via teleconference. The Motion was made by Trustee Washington, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Trustee Jones asked why is it that, Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett need to vote for herself or why was she asked to vote, Supervisor Henyard stated that she can vote for herself in this matter. Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett joins meeting via teleconference. 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 Trustee Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christine Allen, as a Resident of over 25 years, I have really enjoyed attending the events since the new administration and the New Supervisor. She says, "I like the past Supervisor, but I really like the New Supervisor". Mrs. Allen also mentions our Township websites shows "not secured" so if it could be secure.

Christian Demar: Is a vendor that supplied services back in April but has yet to receive payment for the services. He inquired what it is that he needs to do or who to contact to get his payment. Supervisor Henyard suggest Mr. Demar should talk to finance dept/Robert Hunt and they will work it out.

Stephanie Wiedeman: Addressed the Board Members, in April she filed a Opens Meetings Act Violation about a meeting that took place back in March. She received a determination letter about this matter and supplied copies for the Boards review. The letter intel's, that no actions should take place at a board meeting without it being listed on the agenda, moving forward.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held July 19, 2022, at 6:00pm. 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: 5 Trustee Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

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 Washington and seconded by Trustee Grey-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 Trustee Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

There being five 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 Deputy Clerk Lewis to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustee Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

There being five 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 Washington and seconded by Jones. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Deputy Clerk Lewis to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustee Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

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

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ ORDINANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to ratify phone poll for approval of two contracts for the Taste of Thornton’s entertainers, conducted on July 27, 2022. The motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Jones.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustee Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to discussion and possible action to approve a resolution approving an agreement with Vista National Regarding Insurance Brokerage Services for Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Khalil Hogen with partner Mitch Matthews, gave a brief overview of the company and the agreement. Our United Health Care plan is due for renewal November 1st, they will provide an offer prior, to the township (in addition to help cut cost and any overpayments) and assist with choosing the best health insurance and benefit plans. 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 Trustee Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

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

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Joslyn King, Administrative Assistant gives the report.

Upcoming events:

- **South Hollands 5k Run/Walk – September 10, 2022**
- **Village of Riverdale back to school – August 20, 2022, Riverdale Village Lot**
- **Village of Homewood Farmers Market – Every Saturdays 8am @ Village Hall**
- **Village of Dolton House Head workout - August 17th @ Melanie Fitness 7pm-9pm**
- **Village of Dolton Back to School -Aug 19th 4-8pm – 14416 Greenwood Ave**
- **Dolton Clean up AUG 20th 9-2pm- @ the westside.**
- **Steppers Night- Sep 1st 4-6pm**

Supervisor Henyard gave an overview of the past events and topics concerning residents and gave thanks to all who participates and helped. This Thursday Aug 18th the Food Giveaway in Phoenix with Mayor Terry Wells. We plan to do various other Cities/Villages. “We will come and help the people because we are for the People.” Taste of Thornton Township Aug 27th 11-7pm.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to go into Closed session regarding Personnel and Hiring at 6:41pm. The motion was made by Trustee Washington, 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 Trustee Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

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

Clerk Wells entertained a motion to reconvene from Closed session at 7:51pm. The motion was made by Trustee Washington, 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

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

PERSONNEL:

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS: None

TRANSFER/PROMOTION/STATUS CHANGE: None

APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve fulltime hire of Rosie Charles, Darrien Davis, Pamela Airhart, and Cheryl Schranz. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, 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 Trustee Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Jones read the birthday list for the month of August and wished everyone a Happy Birthday, especially Trustee Joyce Washington! Trustee Jones also mentions insurance and gave kudos to those who make sure we have passive insurance here at the Township. Clerk Wells reads a nice thank you letter received from Retiree Paula Laven.

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

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:57pm.

X

Joyce M. Washington
Trustee

X

Darelene Gray-Everett
Trustee

X

Gerald "Jerry" Jones
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Trustee

X

Loretta Wells
Clerk

X

Tiffany A. Henyard
Supervisor