

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

September 13, 2022

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:23p.m. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Loretta Wells to call the roll.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner DePue, and Attorney James G. Ciesil

Following the Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer (William Moore), the first item on the agenda was Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ruby Donahue, Human Relations Commission Member of 23yrs- made brief comments concerning the transition of power here at the township within the past nine months, she feels the image of Thornton Township has diminished. She expresses residents aren't satisfied with the diversification status. Mrs. Donahue would like to see an improvement on diversity, equality, and edification throughout the township.

Stephanie Weideman asked about the status of “The statue and renaming of the building for Frank?” Supervisor Henyard replied, “one of my administrators will reach out to you”.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

John Kasperek managing partner of John Kasperek Co Inc. A CPA firm located in Calumet City and Mokena IL. They have been involved with Thornton Township since early 2000's and been doing check exam even earlier than the 2000's. Mr. Kasperek gave an overview of the Semi-Annual Check Examination and Tax Refund Check Examination: March 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021.

John Kasperek gave an overview of the Semi-Annual Check Examination and Tax Refund Check Examination: September 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022, Trustee Jones asked a few questions, one being about the time frame of the tax refund checks becoming void or “stale checks”. John Kasperek explained the process of voiding and reissuing checks. Mr. Kasperek made sure to thank the Director of Finance Robert Hunt and his staff and the Township for their faith, confidence, help and support, over the years, they can't do it alone.

John Kasperek gave an overview of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year February 28, 2022. He made mention that this report falls under the prior administration. Trustee Jones expressed that in the 9 years he's been here the “professionalism and the manner in which you've made sure they were financially responsible is greatly appreciated”. Trustee Washington also thanked John Kasperek.

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 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 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, General Assistant Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund as presented to the Board for payment. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everette and there was not a second. There being no second **the motion failed.** Supervisor Henyard commented that they will later go into closed session about this.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ ORDINANCE: **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Henyard mentions she is big on repairing infrastructure within our 17 municipalities. She advocated for funds when she became supervisor for our roads. The “Invest in Cook Grant” got awarded to the Township Highway Commissioner, the supervisor asked everyone to join in on giving congratulations. Highway Commissioner Geary DePue expressed his appreciation for the supervisor going after this grant for him and all that helped. Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 22-R-014 Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County – \$200,000 award to repair Thornton Township’s Roads. 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: 5 Trustee Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

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

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Supervisor Henyard gave thanks to God, asked for everyone to stay prayed up, she gave out words of encouragement and thanked everyone, especially the Youth. She thanked the Board of Trustees for their Support. Supervisor Henyard mentioned upcoming events on every Thursday you will be able to enjoy an array of family, fun, filled game nights or dance classes. She mentions the Food Pantry and food boxes that are being distributed to the residents will always include a fresh produce. They will also start implementing “featured meal of the Month” the box will include everything you need for a Home Cooked meal. The Supervisor is only interested in all things positive and wants to see positivity expressed, she is not willing to listen to anything opposite. She expressed that all races and ethnicities are free come and join us here at the township. We are one band, one sound, please be open to change, change can be hard, but change is needed. Having Great people around will keep you grounded. Supervisor Henyard vow from this day forward, she will give it her all. Supervisor asked for all to “Focus on Self”, not what others think or say of you.

CLOSED SESSION:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to go into Closed session regarding personnel at 7:39pm. 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 8:28pm. 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.**

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: 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 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:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve status change from fulltime to Lay-off for Sandra Tracy, Manager of Human Resources. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, 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.**

APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve fulltime hire of Char Perez, in Senior Services Department. 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.**

MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Joyce Washington mentioned that she will not read the Birthday list at this meeting, but she is looking into combining November's board meetings so that we only have one due to the Holidays.

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 8:32pm.

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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