

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

February 21, 2023

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:15pm. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Loretta Wells to call the roll.

PRESENT: Trustees Christopher Gonzalez, Darlene Gray- Everett, Joyce Washington, and Supervisor Tiffany Henyard.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner Geary DePue, Assessor Cassandra Elston and Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski

ABSENT: Trustee Gerald “Jerry” Jones

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Trustee Gerald “Jerry” Jones to participate via teleconference. The motion was made by Trustee Washington, Seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Trustee

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

Trustee Gerald “Jerry” Jones joins @6:16pm

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joyce Washington states that the Special Services Dance was extremely nice, and she hopes the Board of Trustees and Supervisor would find it within their schedule to attend in the near future to show their support.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS: **None**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve minutes of Regular Board of Trustees Meeting held January 10, 2023, at 6:00pm. The motion was made by Trustee Washington 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 Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Trustee Gonzalez entertained a motion to separate payroll. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Washington. Trustee Gonzales states that he'd prefer to see the invoices beforehand because they're not aware of some things that being voted on. There being no further questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 2 Trustee Gonzalez and Trustee Washington

NO: 3 Trustees Gray-Everett, Jones, and Supervisor Washington

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

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 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: 3 Trustees Gray-Everett, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee Washington

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the bills of the General Assistant Fund as presented to the Board for payment. 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: 3 Trustees Gray-Everett, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

ABSTAIN: 1 Trustee Washington

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 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 Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Jones, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-002. A Resolution Determining that the position of Trustee is eligible for Membership in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois. The motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Jones. Trustee Gonzalez asks if there's a criterion. Supervisor Henyard states that there's a criterion of 1,000 hours. Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski gives a brief overview and states as well that the criteria is 1,000 hours and it's stated in the Resolution. Finance Director Robert Hunt explains that if the Board passes this then there's a IMRF form that the Trustees must sign themselves certifying that they are working 1,000 hours a year. Each Trustee can elect to do it or not. The pension rate would take 4.5% from the trustee's part and 18.7% from the Township. 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 Gray-Everett, Jones, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Supervisor Tiffany Henyard states that the Township does things differently than they've been done in the past. She says that she wants to continue to show unity especially throughout the Township.

- Township Talk – February 22, 2023, 5pm-7pm
- Dolton's Just Ice Rink – Saturday February 25, 2023, 12pm-4pm
14312 Green wood, Dolton IL

Please Join us! If anyone wants to join or register for any events or have any questions call the Township at (773) 596-6040 ext. 3325. If you have any questions about any events please call Executive Assistant, Joslyn King (773) 771-1523.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to go into closed session at 6:42pm. The motion was made by Trustee Washington 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 Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 1 Trustee Jones

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to reconvene from closed session at 7:24pm. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Supervisor Henyard. 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, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

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

PERSONNEL:

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS: **None**

TRANSFER/PROMOTION/STATUS CHANGE: **None**

APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE: **None**

MISCELLANEOUS:

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

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:25pm.

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