

**MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THORNTON TOWNSHIP HALL
333 E 162nd St SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473
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October 26, 2021

Thornton Township Clerk Wells called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 8:35 p.m. Clerk Wells called the roll.

PRESENT: Supervisor Frank M. Zuccarelli (via call from Thornton Township Boardroom) Trustees Joyce Washington, Gerald “Jerry” Jones, Christopher Gonzalez, and Darlene Gray-Everett.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner Geary Depue, Assessor Elston and Attorney Stanley T. Kuspier Jr.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS: **None**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Zuccarelli entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 12, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments Supervisor Zuccarelli asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett and Supervisor Zuccarelli
PASS: 1 Trustee Washington

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

OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Supervisor Zuccarelli 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 Zuccarelli asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Washington, Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Supervisor Zuccarelli
NO: 0 None

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

Supervisor Zuccarelli 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, Supervisor Zuccarelli asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Washington, Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Supervisor Zuccarelli
NO: 0 None

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

Supervisor Zuccarelli 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 Washington, seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Zuccarelli asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Washington, Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Supervisor Zuccarelli
NO: 0 None

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Zuccarelli entertained a motion to approve new Township Holiday on June 19th “Juneteenth” (new state holiday Effective June 16, 2021). The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, seconded by Trustee Washington. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Zuccarelli asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Washington, Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Supervisor Zuccarelli
NO: 0 None

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

Supervisor Zuccarelli entertained a motion to renew contract with Illinois Energy Aggregation LLC as consultant. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Trustee Jones asked if there will be a presentation on how money will be saved over the term of the contract and if they will provide cost saving measures. A representative from Illinois Energy Aggregation gave a brief overview of the contract. There being no further questions or comments, Supervisor Zuccarelli asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Washington, Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Supervisor Zuccarelli
NO: 0 None

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

Supervisor Zuccarelli entertained a motion to approve contract with Dynegy for the supply of electricity for the Township. The motion was made by Trustee Washington, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Trustee Jones inquired about the monthly renewal in the contract. The IEA representative explained that the 57-month contract proceeds the monthly renewal. There being no further questions or comments, Supervisor Zuccarelli asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Washington, Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Supervisor Zuccarelli
NO: 0 None

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

PERSONNEL:

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS: None

TRANSFER/PROMOTION/STATUS CHANGE:

Supervisor Zuccarelli entertained a motion to approve status change to Full-Time for Brittney Bibbs as Special Projects assistant in Special Projects Department effective October 18, 2021. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Zuccarelli asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Washington, Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Supervisor Zuccarelli

NO: 0 None

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

Supervisor Zuccarelli entertained a motion to approve Position upgrade to Executive Director of Transitional Operations for Dr. Jerry L. Weems, current Director of Y&F Services. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Jerry expressed gratitude and thanks to Supervisor Zuccarelli and the board. Trustee Jones mentioned that Dr. Weems has been one of the most Eloquent people he has met. There being no further questions or comments, Supervisor Zuccarelli asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Washington, Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Supervisor Zuccarelli

NO: 0 None

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

APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE: None

CLOSED SESSION: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Joyce Washington read the Birthday list for the month of October and wished everyone a Happy Birthday!

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Zuccarelli 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 Zuccarelli asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Washington, Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Supervisor Zuccarelli

NO: 0 None

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

X

Frank Zuccarelli
Supervisor

X

Joyce M. Washington
Trustee

X

Loretta Wells
Clerk

X

Darelene Gray-Everett
Trustee

X

Gerald "Jerry" Jones
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Trustee