

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

April 10, 2023

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:20pm. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Loretta Wells to call the roll.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Clerk Kierra Sawe, Assessor Elston and Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski

ABSENT: Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner Geary DePue, and Trustee Gonzalez

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion for Trustee Gonzalez to attend via phone call. The motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Deputy Clerk Sawe to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

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

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

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

Trustee Gonzalez joined the meeting via phone.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the first items on the agenda were Reports and Approval of Minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Supervisor Henyard and Finance Director Robert Hunt gave an overview of the Tentative 2023/2024 Budget for General Fund, General Assistance Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund. Finance Director Robert Hunt gave an overview of the high numbers. Trustee Jones asked if the numbers that are being shown the actual budget that was presented two years the actual budget presented last year. Trustee Jones also asked if everyone must vote on the acceptance of these budgets, Supervisor Henyard states that they don't have to vote on it until May. There being no further questions and comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Deputy Clerk Sawe to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve minutes of Regular Board of Trustees Meeting held March 14, 2023, at 6:00pm. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Supervisor Henyard. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Deputy Clerk Sawe to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 1 Trustee Washington
PASS: 1 Trustee Jones

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

OLD BUSINESS:

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 Deputy Clerk Sawe 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.**

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 Washington and seconded by Trustee Gray-Everett. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Deputy Clerk Sawe 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.**

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 Washington and seconded by Trustee Gray-Everett. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Deputy Clerk Sawe to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Jones, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to Ratify phone poll conducted on March 28, 2023. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Deputy Clerk Sawe to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Supervisor Henyard gives an overview of all past events from the month of March. Tanika Henyards Birthday April 11

- Annual Town Meeting– April 11, 2023, 6pm-7pm
- Tax Preparation – April 11, 2023
- Last Day to file taxes - April 13, 2023
- Big Bingo – April 20, 2023, 4pm-7pm
- Senor Tech Class – April 27, 2023, 11am-1pm
- Township Talk – April 28, 2023, 5pm-7pm

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

PERSONNEL:

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS: None

TRANSFER/PROMOTION/STATUS CHANGE: None

APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Jones mentions that back in 2016 on the form for Mental Health the Township had overwhelming support for it and it was tremendous and now it's disappointing to see the numbers as it relates to how people felt about mental health. He says that he can't understand how no one understands how mental and emotional health of everyone in this complex world is and its looked at a lot differently. Ones mental health should be noted and its very important. Ones mental health means everyone. Everyone has something that comes into their life and affects them mentally and some people can't deal with it. People need help and we need to do everything we can to make sure they get it. Supervisor Henyard says she agrees with Trustee Jones and says people play politics with other people's lives. We

should be able to have the same things in our community as others and not have to travel somewhere else for services. It takes a village. Trustee Gray-Everett gives examples. A child was shot in the head and the siblings had to go somewhere else because the sibling was killed. She also mentions how we have people walking the streets with no place to go, talking to themselves, sleeping on any concrete or up against any wall they can. They must deal with that before dealing with learning anything.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Supervisor Henyard. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Deputy Clerk Sawe to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

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

ABSENT: 0

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:49pm.

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