

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

August 15, 2023

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:26pm. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Loretta Wells to call the roll.

PRESENT: Trustees Darlene Gray- Everett, Christopher Gonzalez, Jerry Jones, Carmen Carlisle, and Supervisor Tiffany Henyard.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Smith, Riverdale, IL - Mr. Smith, thanks the administration for all the good things that they do, such as the Scholarship giveaways to college students, reaching out to Seniors and having events, such as Big Bingo for them to participate in. Some things that are taking place in the community should be written about, because a lot of it does not get recognized. He says he came to encourage the Board to keep doing what they are doing despite the negativity and hopefully one day the good things will be in the articles. He explains that he supports Supervisor Henyard and is looking forward to continuing being supportive with everything she is doing in the Community and Congratulates her for the wonderful job that she is doing in the Township.

Valerie Stubbs from Dolton, IL- Ms. Stubbs stated that when you browse the Thornton Township website, under events, they have hosted eight Thornton Township events in the Village Dolton, IL. The Township and Dolton are two separate entities. Her question is does the Township apply for a permit to host the events in the Village of Dolton and how can she obtain an answer to her question.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS: **None**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held July 18, 2023, at 6:00pm. The motion was made by Trustee Jones 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: 5 Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

There being five 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 Gray-Everett and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. 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 Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Jones, 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 Jones 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 Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Jones, 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 Jones 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: 5 Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Thornton Township's Walk of Hope and authorization to expand Township Resources in furtherance of such support. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Trustee Jones. Trustee Gonzalez asks what the authorization part is. Supervisor Henyard explains that it means that we are going to participate in the Walk of Hope for Thornton Township through our communities and other communities as well. The goal is to get everyone on one band one sound, as it relates to movements to encourage everyone that it is okay. It is more of an uplifting motivational walk. Trustee Jones stated that hope is what everyone needs because we all go through things. He spoke on his hip replacement journey and thank God for his recovery. He went on to

say how hope is always something that we can do to uplift our residents and he is in support of the Walk of Hope event.

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, Carlisle, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

PASS: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Supervisor Henyard gives an overview of all past events from the month of July.

- Back to School Slime Fest – August 5, 2023, 12pm-7pm
- Youth Summit- Scholarship Banquet – August 10, 2023,
- House Head Fest – August 12, 2023, 12pm-9pm
- Comedy Show – August 13, 2023, 5pm-7pm
- Thornton Township Won Financial Responsibility for the year.
- Gospel Fest (Working on date for Sept/Oct)
- Big Bingo – August 17, 2023, 4pm-7pm (Lower level of Main Bldg.)
- Senior Edge Educational Series - August 24, 2023, 11am-1pm
- Taste of Thornton – August 26, 2023, 11am-7pm

Please Join us! If anyone wants to join or register for any events or has any questions call the Township at (773) 596-6040 ext. 3325.

PERSONNEL:

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS: None

TRANSFER/PROMOTION/STATUS CHANGE: None

APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Jones says Happy Birthday to everyone for the month of August. He expresses how he appreciation towards Judge Brooks. He mentioned the Scholarship Banquet and said this is something that the media should talk about.

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

ABSENT: 0

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:00pm.

X

Carmen Carlisle
Trustee

X

Darelene Gray-Everett
Trustee

X

Gerald "Jerry" Jones
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Trustee

X

Loretta Wells
Clerk

X

Tiffany A. Henyard
Supervisor