

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

April 23, 2024

Thornton Township Clerk Wells called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Clerk Wells called the roll.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Loretta Wells and Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski

ABSENT: Trustee Gerald “Jerry” Jones, Highway Commissioner Geary DePue, and Assessor Cassandra Elston

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Smith, Riverdale, IL – Michael expressed several questions that he had for Trustee Christopher Gonzalez.

“Are you planning to run for Alderman in Calumet City? Is that why you vote no on the bills?”

“Why do you talk against Supervisor Henyard.”

“Why do you vote no on the bills.”

Michael expresses how he feels as though Trustee Gonzalez should not be getting paid because when he votes “no” he stops services within departments, such as the Seniors Services and the youth department. He questions if our Townships Assessor office is currently still in Calumet City, he believes it is illegal and that she should be located at the Township. He mentions the Annual town meeting and how the news did not get the chance to hear about the Surplus within the Township. He gives kudos to the Supervisor and the Trustees that do support the things that are going on for putting the Township in a Surplus.

Keith Price, Harvey, IL - Compliments Supervisor Henyard and the Board for having a Surplus for 2 years in a row. He speaks about the Supervisor taking over a 4.1-million-dollar budget and how he’s read that from 2017 to current the Township has been in a deficit and it has never been mentioned. He then compliments the staff on holding their composure during the 2024 Annual Town Hall meeting. He explains how he has never seen a meeting be disrupted intentionally.

REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS:

Finance Director, Robert Hunt presents and gives an overview of the Tentative Annual Budget for the General Fund, General Assistance Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund. The report sits for 30 days. This is a 52-page detailed Document that will be available in the Clerk’s Office. Robert also indicated that they are trying download the report on-line.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. 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 Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

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

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

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 Carlisle 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: 3 Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlise and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the General Assistance 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: 3 Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlise and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

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, seconded by Trustee Carlisle. 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 Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlise and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 24-R-003 Transfer of Appropriation for The General Fund. 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: 3 Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlise and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 1 Trustees Gonzalez
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 24-R-004 Transfer of Appropriation for The General Assistance Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, 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: 3 Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlise and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 1 Trustees Gonzalez
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 24-R-005 Transfer of Appropriation for The General Assistance Fund. 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: 4 Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlise and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 1 Trustee Jones

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

NEW BUSINESS: None

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Upcoming Events:

- Tech Savvy - April 25, 2024, 11am-1pm
- Cinco De mayo – May 4, 2024, 1pm-5pm (Outside Main Building)
- Mother’s Day Celebration – May 11, 2024, 4pm-7pm (Lower level of Main Building)

Supervisor Henyard expresses her love for the Township and her love for the people.

CLOSED SESSION: None
ACTION TO FOLLOW CLOSED SESSION None

PERSONNEL: None
RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS: None
TRANSFER/PROMOTION/STATUS CHANGE: None
APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE: None

MISCELLANEOUS: None

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, 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:	<u>4</u>	Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard
NO:	<u>0</u>	None
ABSENT:	<u>1</u>	Trustee Jones

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

X

Loretta Wells
Clerk

X

Gerald "Jerry" Jones
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Trustee

X

Darelene Gray-Everett
Trustee

X

Carmen Carlisle
Trustee

X

Tiffany A. Henyard
Supervisor