

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

**May 14, 2024**

Thornton Township Clerk Wells called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Clerk Wells called the roll.

**PRESENT:** Trustees Gerald “Jerry” Jones, Christopher Gonzalez, Carmen Carlisle, and Supervisor Tiffany Henyard

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk Loretta Wells and Attorney Eric Stach

**ABSENT:** Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Paul Roberts, Lansing Resident

States that he would love to ask questions of the Supervisors, but she refuses to answer, even during the Town Hall meeting. The Township’s Assessor, Deputy Clerk, Highway Commissioner and Trustee Gonzalez have all answered questions, but he says he believes Supervisor Henyard will not be elected as Supervisor in the next election, unless she does the same. He says his comment tonight focuses more on thriving throughout Thornton Township in the next year. We must take the Supervisor’s advice and do research to get the facts to know the truth. He says that proof is much more than fingerprint and embarrassment.

Gardin Watts, South Holland Resident – He mentions how he keeps hearing about the Township being in a “Surplus” and under the previous Administration that we were in a deficit. “According to the report in 2021, where Frank’s last year as a supervisor, apparently the Townships unrestricted net position which may be used to meet the Governments ongoing obligations was at a surplus of \$19,747.899 on page 11 of the 2021 audit”. He mentions 2023 audit and that he seen a 5-million-dollar loan and that on page 24 he seen a budget cut salary of \$330,526. He questions why did we need to take out a 5mil dollar loan when the salary was already cut”?

Keith Price, Township Employee

Compliments the Supervisor, and the board of trustees for winning the 2024 award of best performing portal agency. He mentions that when he pulled up an audit there had been a deficit since 2017. In 2022 there was a deficit of 4.6million in the red, after Supervisor Henyard came it came out of the red into the black. He then compliments Supervisor Henyard again

for winning awards two years in a row. He tells her and the board to keep pushing and keep making the township better and advertising services to everyone instead of a selective few.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The motion was made by Trustee Carlisle 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:**            4           Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard

**NO:**             0

**ABSENT:**       1           Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett

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 Jones and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Trustee Gonzalez says that he hasn't just received them so "no" There being no further questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**            3           Trustees Jones, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard

**NO:**             1           Trustee Gonzalez

**ABSENT:**       1           Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett

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 Carlisle and seconded by Trustee Jones. Trustee Gonzalez says that he hasn't just received them so "no" There being no further questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**            3           Trustees Jones, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard

**NO:**             1           Trustee Gonzalez

**ABSENT:**       1           Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett

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 Carlisle, seconded by Trustee Jones. 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 Jones, Gonzalez, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 1 Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett  
There being four affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

**RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 24-R-006 A Resolution approving an agreement with Justfoia for Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Trustee Gonzalez mentions that there's not a copy in his folder and questions if it's unavailable. Supervisor Henyard says she doesn't know why there would not be a copy in his folder. He explains that he was able to read through the email, but he doesn't have a copy in front of him. He questions how this would go; do they have our information already as far as fulfilling the foias. Finance Director Robert Hunt gives a brief explanation. There being no further questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:** 3 Trustees Jones, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:** 1 Trustee Gonzalez  
**ABSENT:** 1 Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett  
There being three affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:**

Supervisor Henyard announces all the great things we do here in Thornton Township. Gives an update and announces all past successful events and the great things that we do at Thornton Township and the Surplus.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Big Bingo – May 16, 2024, 4pm-7pm
- Township Talk – May 22, 2024, 5pm-7pm
- Tech Savvy – May 23, 2024, 11am-1pm
- Show Time Apollo, May 25, 2024, 4pm-7pm – Just-Ice Rin in Dolton, IL

**CLOSED SESSION: None**

**ACTION TO FOLLOW CLOSED SESSION:**

**PERSONNEL:**

**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 Carlisle, 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:**            4       Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**             0       None  
**ABSENT:**      1       Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett

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

*The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.*

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Loretta Wells  
Clerk

X

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Gerald "Jerry" Jones  
Trustee

X

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Christopher Gonzalez  
Trustee

X

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Darelene Gray-Everett  
Trustee

X

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Carmen Carlisle  
Trustee

X

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Tiffany A. Henyard  
Supervisor