

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

June 20, 2024

Thornton Township Clerk Wells called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Clerk Wells called the roll.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Clerk Kiea Sawe and Attorney Eric Stach

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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| Beth, Township Resident - | Questions how money has been spent and how a lot of things have been managed throughout the Township. |
| Thelma, Township Resident - | Discusses the Zap program and how she does not trust the Delgado group negotiating the contract. She feels as though Trustees should not be siding with Supervisor Henyard and says that we are in the red. |
| Vivian Allen, Township Resident - | Explains that she does not understand how the recruitment was done to get children to work in the HAP Program. She mentions that a young boy was killed in Dolton, and no one has said anything about it. |
| Paul Roberts, Township Resident - | Mr. Roberts speaks on Trustees coming forward, Budget Hearing, Salary Increases, Grant money and 1-million-dollar giveaway. |
| Trina Downs, Township Resident – | Expressed her concerns with shutting the people out and say’s “stop shutting down the voice of the people.” |
| Janell Taylor, Township Resident – | Questions whether the Township has an Employee Handbook |
| Dan Lee, Township Resident – | Explains that this is a clear violation of the open meetings act. |
| Alicia, Township Resident – | Speaks on how the Attorney does not say anything, how Trustee Carlisle’s speaking up at the meetings, Supervisor Henyard should have issued an apology for the meeting cancellation. |

Michael Smith, Township Resident – Explains how residents come to the Townships Board meetings speaking on things happening in the Village of Dolton and how they should leave it in Dolton. He commends the Trustees for the work they are doing to better the Township.

Keith Price, Township Employee – Appreciates seeing everyone and hopes that the topic can stay on the Township. He mentions the Lawn Care Program and how most of the children that get tested do not pass their drug tests. Mr. Price says that we should handle the Township’s business and not bring the Village of Dolton’s business to the Township meetings. He says they try to get in touch with the Trustees to get their opinions on what should be done.

REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS: Trustee Jerry Jones expresses how something difficult happened to him the day before and mentions it was a violation. He says to the Supervisor and Board he gives his apologies for what happened. Trustee Jones brought up a report that was made during a trip they took and says restitution should be made and says to the Finance Director, Robert Hunt, that if anything he has done that was wrong, he wants to make restitution as well. He states that there are some things that he is ashamed of and as the Trustees and Supervisor they need to get things in order and “do the right thing.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the 2024/2025 Tentative Budget Public Hearing for the GF and GAF held on May 31, 2024, at 1:29 p.m. The motion was made by Trustee Jones 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 Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the 2024/2025 Tentative Budget Public Hearing for the R&BF held on May 31, 2024, at 3:19 p.m. The motion was made by Trustee Carlisle and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. 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 Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on May 31, 2024, at 3:34 p.m. The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. 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 Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Trustee Gonzalez entertained a motion to approve the Bills of the General Fund as presented to the Board for payment except for line items: 16, 25, 26, 99, 103, 114, 116, 127, 149, 175, 183, 190, 194, 202, 219, 228, 230, 240, 252, 280, 296, 308, 323, 334, 351, 357, 360, 369, 379, 406 and 407.

The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Discussion: Supervisor Henyard gave the staff and vendors who were pulled from the bill list an opportunity to speak. Several staff members got up and spoke about why their vendors should be put back on the bill list to be paid. Also, two representatives from Stay Focus Media Group spoke. Trustees Gonzalez and Carlisle expressed concerns and reasons for not paying the bills pulled from the list. Supervisor Henyard explained why bills should be paid, if the vendors did the work, they should be paid.

Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett exits the meeting @9:51

Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett enters the meeting @10:04pm

Trustees Gonzalez amended his motion to reinstate item #202 (Jeffrey Evers) on the bill list, Trustee Carlisle seconded it. A lengthy discussion occurred.

Supervisor Henyard superseded the prior motion and made a motion to place all the bills, which were removed, back on the list to be approved, Trustee Gray-Everett seconded the motion. There being no further questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Deputy Clerk Sawe to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett, Supervisor Henyard

NO: 3 Trustees Gonzalez, Carlisle, Jones

ABSENT: 0

The motion failed.

Trustee Gonzalez amended his motion to reinstate items #16,114,202,240 and 357 on the bill list to be approved, Trustee Carlisle seconded the motion. A discussion occurred. Trustee Jones asked what the remedy was for getting the other 26 bills paid. Attorney Stach indicated that the bills can be placed on the agenda at any board meeting. There being no further questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Deputy Clerk Sawe to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Gonzalez, Carlisle, Jones
NO: 2 Trustees Gray-Everett, Supervisor Henyard
ABSENT: 0

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 Gonzalez. 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 Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the Road and Bridge Fund as presented to the Board for payment. The motion was made by Trustee Carlisle and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. 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 Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 24-R-008 A Resolution approving the Execution of a certain settlement agreement with Erskine Tilman for Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, 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 Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Jones entertained a motion to award said bids to the lowest responsible and responsive bidders Rodriguez Lawn Care Landscaping Inc and Nicholas Fizer, Elite Lawn Enforcement and to authorize the Township and its attorney to negotiate a contract consistent with the award. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, 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 Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Carlisle, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor Henyard gives an update and announces all past successful events and the wonderful things that we do at Thornton Township and the Surplus.

Upcoming Events:

- JB Skating and ribbon cutting – June 22, 2024, 6pm-10 (Just-Ice Rink)
- Big Bingo - June 20, 2024, 4pm-7pm (Main Building)
- Township Talk

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 Deputy Clerk Sawe to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

X

Kierra Kiea Sawe
Deputy Clerk

X

Gerald "Jerry" Jones
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Trustee

X

Darelene Gray-Everett
Trustee

X

Carmen Carlisle
Trustee

X

Tiffany A. Henyard
Supervisor