

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

September 26, 2023

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:34pm. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Loretta Wells to call the roll.

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

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

ABSENT: Trustee Carmen Carlisle and Highway Commissioner Geary DePue

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion for Trustee Carlisle to participate in the meeting via teleconference. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. 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, Gonzalez, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Carlisle

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

Trustee Carlisle entered the meeting, via teleconference, at 6:35pm.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held August 15, 2023, at 6:00pm. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett 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: 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 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 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 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 Road and Bridge Fund as presented to the Board for payment. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett 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: 5 Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-008 awarding the contract for the invest in Cook resurfacing project to Gallagher Asphalt after competitive bidding for Thornton Township. 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: 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 ratify phone poll conducted on August 24, 2023, for approval of Bills. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett 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: 5 Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve ratify phone poll conducted on September 18, 2023, for approval of Bills. 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: 5 Trustees Gray-Everett, Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

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

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Supervisor Henyard gives an overview of all past events from the month of August 2023.

Past Events:

- 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
 - 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

Upcoming Events:

- Friends of Tiffany Henyard Picnic, September 3, 2023
- Breast Cancer Walk - September 15,2023
- Declare Thornton Township a National Disaster – September 17, 2023
- Big Bingo, September 21, 2023, 4pm-7pm
- Gospel Fest– September 23, 2023
- Senior Tech Class – September 25, 2023. 11am -2pm
- JB Skate-A-Thon – September 30, 2023, 5pm-10pm

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

For the Record:

Supervisor Henyard Declared Thornton Township a National Disaster due to major flooding September 15, 2023.

PERSONNEL:

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS: None

TRANSFER/PROMOTION/STATUS CHANGE: None

APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

Supervisor Henyard mentions the At-Risk Youth Program initiative has been such a success, she expresses her encouraging words to the students and congratulated them on their success and Thanked the Board of Trustees for their Support with this initiative.

Chief McCain, Village of Dolton Fire Department, Fire liaison for the Village of Dixmoor, in charge of recruiting in the public safety for Thornton Township, as well as coordinator for basic operations fire academy for Prairie State College give an overview of the program. In addition to the students of Public Safety initiative, 429 Student throughout District 205 got certified in CPR, AED, and Stop the Bleed training with this initiative.

Chief McCain called for the 12 Thornton Township public safety initiative program students and asked them to line up by the flags, each student will be presented with an Award Plaque. These students finished EMT school and have their first certification under their belt and are now they are in for Fire Academy. Chief

McCain introduced a few Different Speakers:

-Devonte Stewart, Public Safety Coordinator for the Village of Dolton, President of Fire Commission and involved with ENA ESDA and a Student of Black Fire. He Also Give the Students his best encouraging words.

-Curtis Hudson and Rich Wood of Chicago South EMS who gives a small presentation and overview of the Training they provided for the 429 students.

-Deputy Chief Don Calhoun Founder and Chief of Black Fire Academy and Terri Woodson from the Black Fire Academy. They Thanked Supervisor Henyard, Terri expressed those 12 students went in and all 12 came out, Terri expressed how first responders are the game changers within your community. Deputy Chief Calhoun retired from the City of Harvey, he gave an overview of the work he has done throughout his Fire Career, He expressed how proud he is of the Students and also brings up that his Son has down syndrome and goes to a Farm in Frankfort called Navarro Farm where the theme is "A place where you can grow up" this place give these kids a new perspective he states it's a great program.

Presented to District 205, Thornridge and Thornton Highschool. An appreciation for your participation in the 2023 Thornton Township Public Safety, Career Initiative Program and to the student who were trained in the AED, CPR Stop the Bleed program. School Board Member Stanley Brown Accepts the Awards and thanks the Board for Supporting this initiative.

The 12 Students were then presented with their awards, followed by Kamal Woods presenting Supervisor Henyard with an Appreciation Award for all she does. Everyone gathered for Celebratory Comments and photos following the Award Presentation.

Supervisor Henyard made mention that they received 2 million dollars to continue this program in the upcoming years.

Trustee Jones gives an Honor to God while highlighting that We are here to Serve, the programs are magnificent and to keep getting the word out about the things Thornton Township has going on for the community. He gives his Kudos to Supervisor Henyard.

Supervisor Henyard also expresses her sympathy and deepest condolences to one student, Kyle Johnson who loss his father during the program, but he stayed the course despite the loss he endured during that time. Kyle thanked everyone who reached out during that difficult time.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett, 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: 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 7:55pm.

X

Carmen Carlsile
Trustee

X

Darelene Gray-Everett
Trustee

X

Gerald "Jerry" Jones
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Trustee

X

Loretta Wells
Clerk

X

Tiffany A. Henyard
Supervisor