

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

October 30, 2023

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:18pm. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

PRESENT: Trustees Gonzalez, Jones, Carlisle, and Supervisor Tiffany Henyard.

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

ABSENT: Darlene Gray- Everett and Assessor Cassandra Elston

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 October 10, 2023, at 6:00pm. 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 Carlisle, Gonzalez, Jones, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gray-Everett

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion for Trustee Gray-Everett to attend via phone call. The motion was made by Trustee Jones 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, Carlisle, Jones, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gray-Everett

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

Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett enters meeting via phone call @6:40pm

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 Jones 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 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: 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 Carlisle and seconded by Trustee Gray-Everett. There being no further 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: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

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

Supervisor Henyard explain that the reason for Supervisors report is to educate everyone with what goes on within the Township, the things that are offered and the new things that are being created.

Past Events:

- FEMA – October 11-12, 2023, 5pm-8pm (Lower level of main building)
- Christmas Toy Registration – October 10, 2023- October 12, 2023, 11am-1pm and 5pm-8pm
- Turkey and Ham Giveaway – October 11-12, 2023
- Township Talk - October 17, 2023

- Big Bingo – October 19,2023(Successful Event)
Supervisor Henyard thanks Trustees Carlisle, Jones, Gray-Everett, and Clerk Wells for coming out to events.
- Annual Cancer Walk – October 21,2023(Successful Event)
- Senior Services Masquerade Event – October 23,2023 1pm-5pm (Successful Event)
- Senior Tech Savvy Class – October 26, 2023, 11am-1pm (Successful Event)
- Cancer Banquet – October 28,2023, 4pm-6pm (Successful Event)
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Upcoming:

- Frank M. Zuccarelli’s Birthday – October 30th, Township CLOSED
Everyone took a moment of silence for Frank M. Zuccarelli
- Halloween Event – October 31, 2023 @Melanie Fitness
- Veterans Day – November 10, 2023 – Township CLOSED
- Soup and Salad Bar – (Stay Tuned)
- Working on expanding the food pantry
- Safe Haven @Doltons police station #2, 12pm-5pm

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.

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: Trustee Jones said a few words regarding other Trustees not voting on certain items on the agenda. He says the services we provide are due to everyone. No one is excluded and everyone is welcomed. He mentions that he has seen a lot of reception from the current Supervisor, and he appreciates it. We are here as a Social Service Agency to provide programs and resources for this Community. Programs that were done in the past, no one can say that programs that were being done with the past Administration are not being done currently. He mentions something he heard from the previous Supervisor, Frank M. Zuccarelli, and that is “Anyone that is not here to provides services for the community should not be here.” Trustee Jones also mentioned that Finances may be a little different than what they were before. Finances and mental health are things we need to be giving a lot of consideration to and stop looking the other way, it only takes one time for something to happen. We need to continue to look at what we do for our security, it is not just us, it is everyone that comes to Thornton Township for services. Residents need to come here and feel secure. He says he

supports the efforts of this Township because those efforts are for this Community and something that is for this community is something that he will always support. He gives appreciation to the board.

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: 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 was adjourned at 7:02pm.

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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