

**THORNTON TOWNSHIP AGENDA
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING HELD IN THE TOWNSHIP HALL
333 E 162nd STREET, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473
DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.**

- I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held September 10, 2024, at 6:00pm
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Bingo
 - B. Gospel fest
- VII. APPROVAL OF BILLS
 - A. General Fund
 - B. General Assistance Fund
 - C. Road and Bridge Fund
- VIII. BUDGET APPROVAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025:
 - A. Adopt 2024/2025 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 24-009 for Thornton Township General Assistance Fund
 - B. Adopt 2024/2025 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 24-010 for Thornton Township General Fund
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Motion to approve the retainer agreement with Leinenweber Daffada & Sansonetti, LLC (LDS) to represent the Township and the Township officials in the cases of:
 - 1. Jerrel Jones vs. Thornton Township et al, 24 L 5398
 - B. Approval of Upcoming Events (Senior Services)
 - 1. Event: Harvest Roundup/ Location: Calumet City Senior Center
Date/ Time: Monday October 21, 2024/ Budget: \$3625
 - 2. Event: Holiday Senior Event/ Location: Calumet City Senior Center
Date/ Time: Monday December 30, 2024/ Budget: \$5730
 - C. Motion to conduct forensic audit/investigation of Keith Freeman's Credit Card & Carmen Carlisle use of said card.

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- D. Motion to conduct forensic audit/investigations on all 11 departments, all audits dating back 10 years.
- E. Approval of "An Ordinance Related to Establishing a Whistleblower Protection Policy For Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois."
- F. Motion to Direct the Township Attorneys to send Naitonbuilder a cancellation/void ab initio notice.
- G. Discussion and possible action related to the creation of an Accountability Department.
- H. Discussion and possible action related to the establishment of a new salary ordinance for elected officials of the Township.
- I. Motion to approve the TIF extension support letter for the Village of Lansing and to direct the Supervisor to execute said letter and any and all related documentation.
- J. Motion to request that the Supervisor retain separate counsel within the next ninety (90) days for the following cases:
 - a. Thrash v. Thornton Township, et al.
 - b. Jones v. Thornton Township, et al.
 - c. Lawrence v. Thornton Township, et al.
 - d. Dukes v. Thornton Township, et al.

X. SUPERVISOR REPORT

XI. CLOSED SESSION

XII. ACTION TO FOLLOW CLOSED SESSION

- A. Discussion and possible action to retain an independent investigator to investigate the Township's Outreach department to include investigations related to the Outreach Department's funding, expenditures, contracts (independent contractors), contracts for other goods and services, staff/employees, and management of the Outreach Department and its finances.
- B. Discussion and possible action to retain an independent investigator and/or a forensic auditor to audit and investigate the use of certain grant money and possible Township Funds related to the Township's At-Risk Youth program, including but not limited to how, where and by whom the grant funds and Township funds were used to support this and other similar programs.
- C. Discussion and possible action to retain an independent investigator to investigate Employee A and allegations of misconduct and improper pay.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

XIV. AJOURNEMENT