

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

**October 30, 2024**

Thornton Township Clerk Wells called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Clerk Wells called the roll.

**PRESENT:** Trustees Christopher Gonzalez, Darlene Gray-Everett and Supervisor Tiffany Henyard

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner Geary DePue and Attorney Eric Stach

**ABSENT:** Trustee Carmen Carlisle and Assessor Cassandra Elston.

Following the pledge of allegiance, there were no reports or presentations. The clerk stated that a motion is needed to allow Trustee Carlisle to participate in the board meeting via teleconference.

Trustee Gonzalez made a motion for Trustee Carlisle to join/participate in the board meeting via teleconference. The motion was not seconded, the motion failed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes held on September 24, 2024. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Supervisor Henyard. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Well to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**           3           Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, and Supervisor Henyard

**NO:**            0           None

**ABSENT:**      1           Trustee Carlisle

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to adopt 2024/2025 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 24-009 for Thornton Township General Assistance Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Supervisor Henyard. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**           2           Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

**NO:**            1           Trustee Gonzalez

**ABSENT:**      1           Trustee Carlisle

There being two affirmative votes, **the motion failed.**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to adopt 2024/2025 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 24-010 for Thornton Township General Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Supervisor Henyard. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**            2            Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**             1             Trustee Gonzalez  
**ABSENT:**       1             Trustee Carlisle

There being two affirmative votes, **the motion failed.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the General Fund as presented to the Board for payment. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Supervisor Henyard. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**            3            Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**             0             None  
**ABSENT:**       1             Trustee Carlisle

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 Gray-Everett and seconded by Supervisor Henyard. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**            3            Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**             0             None  
**ABSENT:**       1             Trustee Carlisle

There being three 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 Gray-Everett and seconded by Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**            3            Trustees Gonzalez, Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**             0             None  
**ABSENT:**       1             Trustee Carlisle

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion for Thornton Township to adopt "Robert Rules of Order". The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Supervisor Henyard. Trustee Gonzalez stated the township already follows this; he questioned why it is being presented. Supervisor Henyard stated Thornton Township has some things to get in order and this is included. There being no further questions or comments Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**            2            Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**             1             Trustee Gonzalez  
**ABSENT:**       1             Trustee Carlisle

There being two affirmative votes, **the motion failed.**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion for approval of 2024/2025 Health Insurance Plan, Dental Insurance Plan and Life Insurance Plan. Presented by Vista National a division of Brown and Brown of Illinois, Inc. 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:**           3            Trustees Gonzalez. Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**            0            None  
**ABSENT:**      1            Trustee Carlisle

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion for approval of new structure for employee deductions for Insurance Premiums for 2024-2025 plans. Presented by Vista National a division of Brown and Brown of Illinois, Inc. 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:**           3            Trustees Gonzalez. Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**            0            None  
**ABSENT:**      1            Trustee Carlisle

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

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion for approval of the employee Assistance Program by Cural.inc. Presented by Vista National a division of Brown and Brown of Illinois, Inc. The motion was made by Trustee Gray-Everett and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Trustee Gonzalez asked if this will only be available virtually to employees and if there is a hard deadline? A rep from Vista National replied stating that it isn't only virtual and in person, she also started its no hard deadline, and it will hopefully be rolled out by December 1. She also stated it will be an annual cost of \$2.07 per employee/month. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**           3            Trustees Gonzalez. Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**            0            None  
**ABSENT:**      1            Trustee Carlisle

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

Trustee Gonzalez asked to make a motion to adjourn the meeting having done all the necessary business. There being no seconded motion failed.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Tax Refund. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gray-Everette. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**           2            Trustees Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard  
**NO:**            0            None  
**ABSENT:**      2            Trustees Carlisle and Gonzalez.

There being two affirmative votes, **the motion failed**

Trustee Gonzalez left the meeting @ 6:48pm

*The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was not adjourned, due to lack of quorum.*

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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