

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

March 20, 2025

Thornton Township Clerk Wells called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:15p.m., Clerk Wells called the roll.

PRESENT: Trustees Christopher Gonzalez, Carmen Carlisle, and Stephanie Weideman

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Wells, and Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski (via tele-conference)

ABSENT: Supervisor Tiffany Henyard, Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett, Highway Commissioner Geary DePue, and Assessor Cassandra Elston

Trustee Weideman entertained a motion to appoint Trustee Gonzalez as Supervisor Pro-Temp. Trustee Carlisle seconded the motion. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve the minutes held on January 14, 2025. Trustee Weideman made the motion to approve all the minutes listed on the agenda. 1. Board Meeting held on January 14, 2025, at 6:00pm, 2. the Special Board meeting minutes held on February 6, 2025, at 6:00pm and 3. the Regular Board Meeting minutes held on February 11, 2025, at 6:00pm. Trustee Carlisle seconded the motion. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve the General Fund Bills. Trustee Carlisle made the motion to approve the General Fund Bills, excluding items 186-189, 190-192 and 195-197. Trustee Weideman seconded the motion. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Trustee Weideman entertained a motion to permanently remove JM Sales (item#186) for \$46,450.00 and OKK Trading (item #194) for \$20,520.90. The motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve the General Assistance Fund Bills. Trustee Carlisle made a motion to approve the General Assistance Fund Bills, excluding items 8-13. Trustee Weideman seconded the motion. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve the Road and Bridge Fund Bills. The motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to adopt 2024/2025 Budget and APPROPRIATION Ordinance 25-001 for Thornton Township General Assistance Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Trustee Weideman explains which budget is being approved and explains that the numbers are accurate and that it is what has already been spent (no pre-audited numbers). There being no further questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to adopt the 2024/2025 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 25-002 for Thornton Township General Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. There being no questions or comments. Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to adopt Supervisor's 100% Property Tax Refund for all Homeowners of Thornton Township. No motion

Trustee Weideman made a motion to permanently remove Supervisor's 100% Property Tax Refund for all Homeowners of Thornton Township from the agenda, the motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve Bonuses for all Thornton Township Employees. Trustee Carlisle motion to discuss the Bonuses for all Thornton Township Employees. Trustee Weideman addresses the employees and gives her appreciation to all Employees and explains that the year ended in February, so, there is not much the Board can do about giving out bonuses, giving the fact that we are in a new year. Per attorney the bonuses relate to the 2024/2025 FY. Trustee Carlisle made a motion to permanently remove the Bonuses for all Thornton Township Employees for FY 2024/2025 from the agenda, Trustee Wiedeman seconded the motion.

There being no further questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDINANCES:

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve Resolution 25-R-001 Authorizing Thornton Township Participation in the 2025 Program Year, Cook County Community Development Block Program. The motion was made by Trustee Carlisle and seconded by Trustee Weideman. Trustee Weideman gives clarification to the public that these Grants are just for Road and Bridge. Aldophus Al Kindle, Special Assistant to Cook County Board President Preckwinkle, gives further information about this Grant. There being no further questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve Resolution 25-R-002 Authorizing Thornton Township Participation in the 2025 Program Year, Invest in Cook. The motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Mr. Aldophus Al Kindle, Special Assistant to Cook County Board President Preckwinkle, gives further information about this Grant. There being no further questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion approve Ordinance 25-003 Related to Establishing a Whistleblower Protection Policy for Thornton Township. The motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski explains the purpose of this Ordinance. Trustee Weideman encourages employees to read it. Trustee Carlisle says if you see something, say something. There being no further questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard
There being three affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 25-004 adopting an Ethics Ordinance and Policy for Thornton Township. The motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski explains how this Ordinance came about. There being no further questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard
There being three affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 25-005 Amending Thornton Township's paid leave Policy for Part-Time and Seasonal Employees of Thornton Township. The motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Trustee Weideman explains the purpose of this Ordinance. There being no further questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard
There being three affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve the EMERGENCY approval of this agreement with Constangy, Brooks, Smith and Prophete, LLP. The motion was made by Trustee Carlisle and seconded by Trustee Weideman. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard
There being three affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve the EMERGENCY approval of this agreement with Arete Advisors, LLC. The motion was made by Trustee Carlisle and seconded by Trustee Weideman. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve Upcoming Events. Trustee Weideman made a motion to permanently remove all upcoming events from the agenda, the motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve the HAP Senior Lawn Care Bid Packet 2025. The motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Trustee Weideman explains what this packet is and what it covers and explains what the Bid process is for the months of May, September and October, when the kids cannot cut. There being no further questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve the April 8, 2025, Annual Town Hall Agenda, to be held at Thornton Township building, 333 E. 162nd Street, South Holland, IL. The motion was made by Trustee Carlisle and seconded by Trustee Weideman. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for discussion and possible action to move “Public Comments” to the beginning of the agenda. Trustee Weideman made the motion to move “Public Comments” to the beginning of the agenda, Trustee Carlisle seconded the motion. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard
There being three affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve Township Lobby Day 2025 in Springfield, IL for attendance and expenses for the following Attendees: Supervisor, Trustees, Assessor, Deputy Assessor, General Assistance Director and Special Projects Director. The motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Trustee Weideman gets clarification on whether the Township only covers expenses for registration and one night stay at the hotel. There being no further questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard
There being three affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to Direct the HR Director and Accountant to Audit the Township's Comp Time Liabilities. The motion was made by Trustee Carlisle and seconded by Trustee Weideman. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard
There being three affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to approve the contract with Civic System/Caselle. The motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski explains that there were three different pricing options presented to the board and the board decided to go with option one. There being no further questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez
NO: 0 None
ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard
There being three affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Trustee Weideman entertained an amended motion to approve the agreement for the pricing for option one. The motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

CLOSED SESSION – To discuss the hiring, discipline, performance, compensation and the dismissal of certain personnel, legal counsel, acquisition of real property, matters pending probable, or imminent litigation. Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act related to the employment and discipline of specific employees.)

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to go into closed session at 6:47pm to discuss the hiring, discipline, performance, compensation and the dismissal of certain personnel, legal counsel, acquisition of real property, matters pending, probable, or imminent litigation. Pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act, related to the employment or discipline of specific employees. The Motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to return from the closed session at 7:42pm. The Motion was made by Trustee Weideman and seconded by Trustee Carlisle. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

ACTIONS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Weideman made a motion to remove item 1 from the Agenda, “Discussion and Possible action related to the termination of Employee A”. Trustee Carlisle seconded the Motion. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

Trustee Weideman made a motion to table item 2, “Possible action related to the Supervisor’s vehicle Stipend, which the Supervisor has received for the duration of her term” to the next scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Carlisle seconded the motion. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

TRUSTEES REPORT: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were 5 residents who shared their comments with the Public, those Individuals included:

Dan Lee

Alicia Nichole

Lasharron Carter

Vivian Allen

Thelma Price

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Carlisle seconded by Trustee Weideman. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Wells called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 3 Trustees Carlisle, Weideman and Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Trustee Gray-Everett and Supervisor Henyard

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

X

Kierra "Kiea" Sawe
Deputy Clerk

X

Stephanie Weideman
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Supervisor Pro-Temp

X

Darelene Gray-Everett
Trustee

X

Carmen Carlisle
Trustee

X

Tiffany A. Henyard
Supervisor