

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

April 22, 2025

Thornton Township Clerk Wells called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:12p.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 Zoom) Highway Commissioner Geary DePue, and Assessor Cassandra Elston

ABSENT: Supervisor Tiffany Henyard and Darlene Gray-Everett

Trustee Weideman entertained a motion to appoint Trustee Gonzalez as Supervisor Pro-Temp. 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 Gonzalez

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Supervisor Henyard and Trustee Gray-Everett

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was one resident who shared their comments with the Public, that Individual included:

- **Katherine Grandberry**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez entertained a motion to approve the regular minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 8, 2025, at 7:00pm. 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 Supervisor Henyard and Trustee Gary-Everett

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Trustee Carlisle entertained a motion to approve General Fund Bills, excluding items 129-134, 136-138, and 139. 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 Supervisor Henyard and Trustee Gray-Everett

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

Trustee Carlisle entertained a motion to approve General Assistance Fund Bills, excluding all six invoices for “Clicksend.” 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 Supervisor Henyard and Trustee Gray-Everett

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

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez entertained 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 Supervisor Henyard and Trustee Gray-Everett

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDINANCES: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor pro-Temp Gonzalez entertained a motion to approve EcoLawn Applicator for the maintenance department. 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 Supervisor Henyard and Trustee Gray-Everett

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

Supervisor pro-Temp Gonzalez entertained a motion to approve the rental deposit for Lansing Park (Fox Point) for Days in the Park. Trustee Weideman made a motion to table the approval of Rental deposit for Lansing Park (Fox Point) for Days IN The Park. 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 Supervisor Henyard and Trustee Gray-Everett

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

Supervisor pro-Temp Gonzalez entertained a motion to approve Employee Luncheon for \$3,000.00. **There was no motion to approve Employee Luncheon**

Supervisor pro-Temp Gonzalez entertained a motion to approve the Kids Spring Brak Event for \$4,000.00. **There was no motion to approve the Kids Spring Break event.**

Supervisor pro-Temp Gonzalez entertained a motion to discuss the Lawn care bid for the HAP Program and motion to award said bid to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Rodriguez Lawncare Landscaping, INC, and to authorize the Township and its Attorney to negotiate a contract consistent with the award. Trustee Weideman made a motion to award said bid to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Rodriguez Lawncare Landscaping, INC, and to authorize the Township and its Attorney to negotiate a contract consistent with the award. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle. Trustee Weideman questions if there is a contract or is it on demand? The maintenance Director, Tony Sherman says it will be on demand. She also questions if they need fillings during the summer, and whether they can be utilized for that and if there is a time limit. 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 Supervisor Henyard and Trustee Gray-Everett

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 entertained a motion to go into closed session at 6:41pm 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 Supervisor Henyard and Trustee Gray-Everett

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

Went into Closed Session: 6:41p.m.

Returned from closed session: 7:25p.m.

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez entertained a motion to return from the closed session at 7:25p.m. 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 Supervisor Henyard and Trustee Gray-Everett

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

ACTIONS FOLLOWING THE CLOSED SESSION:

Trustee Weideman entertained a motion to approve Odelson, Murphey, Frazier, and McGrath to represent the Township and other named defendants in the case related to 1:25-cv-01514(Jedidiah Brown v. Tiffany Henyard, et al.) 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 Supervisor Henyard and Trustee Gray-Everett

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

Trustee Weideman entertained a motion to approve Attorney Steve Laduzinsky to represent the Township and other named defendants in the case related to 1:25-cv-01515(Levell Redmond v. Tiffany Henyard, et al.) 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 Supervisor Henyard and Trustee Gray-Everett
There being three affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

TRUSTEES REPORT: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT: None

Supervisor Pro-Temp Gonzalez entertained 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 Supervisor Henyard and Trustee Gray-Everett
There being three affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

X

Loretta Wells
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