

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

**June 17, 2025**

Thornton Township Supervisor Harris called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:03p.m., Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

**PRESENT:** Trustees Christopher Gonzalez, Byron D. Stanley, Valeria Stubbs and Mary C. Avent

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk Casey A. Nesbit, Assessor Cassandra Holbert-Elston, Highway Commissioner Antwon T. Russell, and Attorney Steve Laduzinsky

**ABSENT:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRAYER By Pastor Nathaniel Bowman**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were 4 Residents that signed up to make Public Comments. Those Individuals included:

**Amir Shakur**

**Angela Russell**

**Janelle Taylor**

**Adolfo AL Kindle**

*Assessor Cassandra Holbert-Elston entered the meeting at 6:18pm.*

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

Supervisor Harris presented the Tentative FY 2025-2026 Budget for the General Fund, the Tentative FY 2025-2026 Budget for the General Assistance Fund and the Tentative FY 2025-2026 Budget for the Road and Bridge Fund.

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to accept the Tentative FY 2025-2026 Budget for the General Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Avent and seconded by Trustee Stubbs. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**        5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs and Supervisor Harris

**NO:**         0 None

**ABSENT:** 0 Trustee Stubbs

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

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to accept the Tentative FY 2025-2026 Budget for the General Assistance Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**        5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs and Supervisor Harris

**NO:**           0 None

**ABSENT:** 0 Trustee Stubbs

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

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to accept the Tentative FY 2025-2026 Budget for the Road and Bridge Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley and seconded by Trustee Stubbs. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**        5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs and Supervisor Harris

**NO:**           0 None

**ABSENT:** 0 Trustee Stubbs

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2025, Board Meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Avent and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**        5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

**NO:**           0 None

**ABSENT:** 0 Trustee Stubbs

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

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the bills lists for the General Fund, the General Assistance Fund and Road and Bridge Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Avent. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**        5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

**NO:**           0 None

**ABSENT:** 0 Trustee Stubbs

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

## NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve to post and publish notice of the Tentative, FY 2025-2026 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the General Fund of Thornton Township and to direct the Township Clerk to schedule and publish notice of the Public Hearing to be held July 22, 2025 . The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Stanley. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:** 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

**NO:** 0 None

**ABSENT:** 0 Trustee Stubbs

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

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve to post and publish notice of the Tentative, FY 2025-2026 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the General Assistance Fund of Thornton Township and to direct the Township Clerk to schedule and publish notice of the Public Hearing to be held July 22, 2025 . The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Stanley. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:** 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

**NO:** 0 None

**ABSENT:** 0 Trustee Stubbs

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

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve to post and publish notice of the Tentative, FY 2025-2026 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the Road & Bridge Fund of Thornton Township and to direct the Township Clerk to schedule and publish notice of the Public Hearing to be held July 22, 2025 . The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:** 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

**NO:** 0 None

**ABSENT:** 0 Trustee Stubbs

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

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the Township Officials of Cook County Annual Sprint Conference, June 26, 2025, Oak Brook, IL. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Avent. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:** 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

**NO:** 0 None

**ABSENT:** 0 Trustee Stubbs

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

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the Township Officials of Illinois 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference, November 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Springfield, IL . The motion was made by Trustee Stanley and seconded by Trustee Stubbs. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:** 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

**NO:** 0 None

**ABSENT:** 0 Trustee Stubbs

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

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve Township Events through August 2025: Bingo, Senior Ice Cream Social, Senior Day on the Water, Senior Day at the State Fair, Community Parades, Senior Day with the Assessor, Back to School Cookout and The Taste of Thornton. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Stubbs. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:** 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

**NO:** 0 None

**ABSENT:** 0 Trustee Stubbs

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

### **Personnel**

Supervisor Harris spoke about the Summer Enrichment program where 13 new employees were hired, and the program runs until July 31<sup>st</sup> and the TAP Program (Thornton Assistance Program) with 17 new hires and 10 more coming aboard.

### **Supervisor Report**

Supervisor Harris provided information on the upcoming Township events in the month of June and the Township's participation in local parades. He also stated Board members have been participating in training courses, some voluntary, some required by the State, to better serve their roles as newly elected officials. Supervisor Harris recognized Thornton Township employees for working diligently to make sure the Township services continued for residents during the transition to the new Administration. He also addressed the second food pantry, the status of the previously Board approved audit, improving the Township website, previous request from residents to open the doors on the west side of the building, reasoning behind the Board's vote to rescind Ordinance 24-007 and the next meeting will be July 22, 2025, to allow for the required 30 days posting of the Tentative Budgets.

**Adjournment**

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Stanley. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

**YES:**        5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

**NO:**         0 None

**ABSENT:** 0 Trustee Stubbs

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

*The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.*

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Casey A. Nesbit  
Clerk

**X**

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Mary Avent  
Trustee

**X**

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Christopher Gonzalez  
Trustee

**X**

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Byron Stanley  
Trustee

**X**

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Valeria Stubbs  
Trustee

**X**

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Napoleon B. Harris III  
Supervisor