

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

July 22, 2025

Thornton Township Supervisor Harris called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:35p.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 Ca Sandra Holbert-Elston, Highway Commissioner Antwon T. Russell, and Attorney Steve Laduzinsky

ABSENT: NONE

PRAYER By Pastor Nathaniel Bowman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were 11 Residents that signed up to make Public Comments.

Those Individuals included: *Gardis Watts, Jennifer Robertz, Paul Robertz, Vivian Allen, C. Christmas, Alicia Nicole, Trina Stump, Angela Russell, Ryan Sinwelski, Dan Lee, Wendy Kelly-Coleman*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025, Board Meeting. 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.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the bills lists for the General 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.**

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the list of bills for the General Assistance 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.**

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the bills lists for the Road and Bridge Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs 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.**

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve all Township events through December 2025. Bingo, Township Holiday Luncheon, Township New Year Celebration, Boots on the Ground, Senior Tech Savvy, and Health & Informational Fair. 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 adopt the 2025/2026 Appropriation Ordinance 25-007 for Thornton Township 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.**

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to adopt the 2025/2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 25-008 for Thornton Township General Assistance Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley 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 adopt the 2025/2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 25-009 for Thornton Township General Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez 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 and renumber Ordinance 25-003, approved May 27, 2025, Establishing Rules Governing meeting of the Thornton Township Board for Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois as Ordinance 25-006. 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 amend Ordinance 24-006 to Establish a retail/credit card/net 30 Policy for Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Stanley. Supervisor Harris explains that this Ordinance is to limit the amount of Credit cards that were allocated when the New Administration came in and to have more control of spending costs. There being no further 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 American Public Works Association (AWPW) Public Works Expo (PWX), August 16-19, 2025, Chicago, Illinois. IRTBA Planning & Design Annual conference, July 24, 2025, Oak Brook, IL and the Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association Road Builders Pit Stop, June 26, 2025, Naperville, IL. 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's Report:

Supervisor Harris acknowledged residents who spoke during public comments and stated he and the Board receives them and try to respond in a respectful manner. Supervisor Harris also addressed unity in the Township. He informed the residents that the Trustees are not “rubber stamping” items on the agenda by giving their approval. Supervisor Harris explained he, along with the employees of Thornton Township, are working to address the needs of the residents but they must prioritize the issues and it takes time. Supervisor Harris pointed out the Board is carrying out their duties in a professional manner with the goal of having everyone’s approval but realize not everyone will approve. Supervisor Harris thanked residents for their public participation during the meeting but asked that they give courtesy and respect to everybody that’s trying to do the best job they could possibly do for the residents of Thornton Township. Supervisor Harris closed his report by asking everyone to stand for a moment of silence to recognize Gilbert Gonzalez, father of Trustee Christopher Gonzalez, who made his transition on July 9, 2025. He offered his condolences and thanked Trustee Gonzalez for sharing his dad with the Board and for his hard work on the Board. Supervisor Harris also informed the residents of changes to the website as well as commented on the status of FOIA requests in the Township.

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 7:30pm

X

Casey A. Nesbit
Clerk

X

Mary Avent
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Trustee

X

Byron D. Stanley
Trustee

X

Valeria Stubbs
Trustee

X

Napoleon B. Harris III
Supervisor