

**THORNTON TOWNSHIP
2025/2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING
FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND
333 E. 162ND STREET, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS**

JULY 22, 2025

Thornton Township's Supervisor Harris called the Budget Hearing to order at 5:33p.m. Clerk Nesbit called the roll, Trustees Stubbs, Stanley, Avent, Gonzalez, Commissioner Russell, Assessor Elston and Supervisor Harris are present.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the first thing on the agenda was public comments. Clerk Nesbit explained the stipulations and time limits in accordance with the approved ordinance and called up the first person to sign in for public comments. There were 7 Residents that signed up to make Public Comments. Those individuals included: Gardis Watts, Alicia Nichole, Trina Stomp, Rosetta Davis, Anthony Williams, Ryan Sowinski and Nina Graham.

Following public comments, Clerk Nesbit gave clarification information about the FOIA requests, how to properly submit FOIA requests and explained that we are working diligently to respond to each request in a timely manner.

Supervisor Harris asked Finance Director Hunt to present the General Assistance Fund Budget. Finance Director Hunt gave an overview of the General Assistance Fund Budget, following the overview of the budget. Supervisor Harris opened the floor to the Board Members for comments; there were none. Supervisor Harris made general comments.

Supervisor Harris asked Finance Director Hunt to present the General Fund Budget. Finance Director Hunt gave an overview of the General Fund Budget, following the overview of the budget. Supervisor Harris gave some highlights regarding the budget such as Senior Lunch Program, Senior Transportation, TAP Senior Lawn Service, Home Modification Program, Ramp Installation Program, exercise program, Summer Enrichment Program, and Afterschool Program. Supervisor Harris explained that this is just a small portion of the important services that are included in the budget.

Trustee Gonzalez commented on the budget and the increases within the budget; he mentioned importance of these services and expressed that the residents are the main

focus when deciding the numbers of the presented budget as these services are essential to the residents and seniors.

Trustee Stubbs mentioned that in 2025 the cost of living and materials have gone up, when you look at the budget just take that into account. Everything costs and is constantly going up there for the budget has to be increased, keep in mind that this is the year 2025.

Trustee Avent asked everything in the room to think about how much postage stamps cost now, the cost of eggs has gone up. She asked the residents to give the board a chance to make it right, the talk and agree on things that are important for the residents. So, the next time you have to mail a letter, think about how that price has increased.

Trustee Stanley, mentioned as it relates to the GF and GA Fund the board has made some very strategic investments for the township, including transportation services to keep rides accessible for the seniors and the youth, and expanded funding for community outreach and engagement. He asked for support and a little bit of time to continue to do big things for Thornton Township. The board gets along and communicates to make sure things get done for our residents.

Supervisor Harris asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley and seconded by Trustee Stubbs. Supervisor Harris asked Clerk Nesbit to take the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

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

NO: 0 None

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

The Budget Hearing adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

X

Casey A. Nesbit
Township Clerk

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Township Trustee

X

Valeria Stubbs
Township Trustee

X

Mary C. Avent
Township Trustee

X

Byron D. Stanley
Township Trustee

X

Napoleon B Harris, III
Township Supervisor