

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD AT THORNTON TOWNSHIP HALL
333 E 162nd St SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473
September 9, 2025**

Thornton Township Supervisor Harris called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Participants: Pamela Murry, Jennifer Robertz, Ryan Sinwelski, Beth McBride, Nina Graham, Alician Nichole and Janell Taylor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 19, 2025 at 6pm. 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 None

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 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 None

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 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 None

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 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 None

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

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the new job description “Data Analyst”. 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 None

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

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve Township Event: Men’s Health Kickoff & Community BBQ. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Trustee Stanley explains what this initiative is designed for and what they’re aiming for. Trustee Stubbs asks if there’s a specific age group. Trustee Stanley states that they’re targeting young middle-aged men and seniors. 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 None

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

Closed Session

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to go into closed session to discuss the hiring, discipline, performance, compensation and dismissal of certain personnel, legal counsel, acquisition of real property, matters pending, probable, or imminent litigation, pursuant to section 2© (1) of the Open Meetings Act, related to the employment or discipline of specific employees. 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 None

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

The Board goes into Closed Session @ 6:32pm

Supervisor entertained a motion to come out of Closed Session. 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 None

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

The Board Comes out of Closed Session 6:59pm

Actions Following Closed Session: None

Presentations by:

Linda Terrell - Senior Transportation Department

Marilyn Jenkins – Senior Lawn Care Manager

Tannika Hughes – General Assistance Director (Township Hall: South Holland) and Food Pantry (South Holland)

Marcia Brown – Senior Services Director (Senior Services Center, Township Main Building

Senior Services and Youth and Family Senior Services in Riverdale)

Temika Henyard – Senior Services Manager (Calumet City)

Ebony Bryant – Youth and Family Services Site Coordinator (Riverdale)

Angela Grier – Township Hall Event Coordinator (South Holland)

Shawn Johnson – IT Project Manager (Township Hall: South Holland)

Emanuel Bansa – Media/Outreach (Township Hall: South Holland)

Kaci Bansa – Media/Outreach (Township Hall: South Holland)

Aquilla Willis – HR Manager (Township Hall: South Holland)

Casey A. Nesbit – Elected Official; Clerk

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Harris thanked the Township Employees, Vendors and Residents who all participated in the Taste of Thornton. Supervisor Harris recognizes Trustee Avent whose birthday passed and wishes her a Happy Birthday. He speaks about upcoming events such as Bingo 4pm-7pm (Township Hall), Tech Savvy on September 25, 2025, 11am-1pm (Township Hall) and the Senior Health Fair on September 22, 2025, 11am-2pm (Senior Center/Calumet City). Supervisor mentions the amount of help the Township is providing for the Youth's after school program.

Adjournment

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Trustee and seconded by Trustee. 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 None

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at: 7:38pm

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