

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD AT THORNTON TOWNSHIP HALL
333 E 162nd St SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473
October 28, 2025**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Nesbit called the roll:

PRESENT: Supervisor Napoleon Harris (remote), Trustees Christopher Gonzalez, Byron D. Stanley, Valeria Stubbs and Mary C. Avent

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Casey A. Nesbit, Highway Commissioner Antwon T. Russell (arrived at 6:19pm), Assessor Ca Sandra Holbert-Elston (arrived while in closed session) and Attorney Steve Laduzinsky

ABSENT:

PRAYER: By Pastor Nathaniel Bowman

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Participants: Nate Fields, Jr., LaSharon Carter

PRESENTATION:

Diana Cole from John Kasperek Co. presented the Township Audit Summary from year-end February 28, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 14, 2025, at 6pm. 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 6:24pm

Supervisor entertained a motion to come out of Closed Session. 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.**

The Board Comes out of Closed Session 6:49pm

Actions Following Closed Session:

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Pamela Murray to Deputy Clerk. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley 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 None

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

Supervisor's Report:

Trustees Stanley and Gonzalez spoke on their upcoming event, Men's Health Initiative Event held on Nov. 7, 2025, at the Township. Supervisor Harris stated the Township is working on a plan to assist residents affected by the Government shutdown and non-renewal of SNAP benefits. He provided an update on the following programs : Client Choice Program at the Pantry starting Nov. 3; Youth & Family Services After School Program held its first monthly field trip on Oct. 16th, completed and installed IXL Learning Program to be implemented in November, after school program bus routes are active and Annual Trunk-O-Treat on Oct. 30th; Senior Services Chase Bank rep conducted presentation on how to avoid frauds and scams, "Boots on the Ground" at the Calumet City Building, "Tech Savvy" class held at the Township, community outreach event at Abundant Living Christian Center services and served over 3,630 lunches to Seniors through Oct. 28th; Assessor hosted property tax presentation at Riverdale Location as well as several presentations throughout the Township; Maintenance paved the parking lots at the Calumet, Annex, Garage and Main Building saving the Township approx. \$60K by doing it in house; provided updates on the Finance Department including submitting a RFP for audit of Township Foundation, Township received completed audits for the last 15 years. Highway Commissioner Russell provided an update on Road & Bridge Department and Assessor Holbert-Elston provided an update on the Assessor's office.

Adjournment

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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 None

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:13pm

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